

CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th December 2011 at 7.30 pm in Churchill Community Club.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Councillor Mrs J Bush	Councillor P Avery
Councillor B Hill	Councillor B Carruthers
Councillor Mrs D Powell	Councillor Pam Millward
Councillor R Vickery	Councillor N Lee
Councillor A Brown	Councillor A Morris
Councillor V Langley	Councillor G Fortune.

OTHER ATTENDEES District Councillor Liz Wells, RFO Lindsay Ireland, Parish Clerk Aleana Baird Parish Liaison Officer Seb Greene and PC Ray Bradley.

APOLOGIES Councillor Trudy Silverton.

11/12.107 Register of Interests No interests declared.

10/11.108 The minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 21st November 2011 were confirmed by those present at the meeting as correct and signed. (minor alteration to "Councillors Present")

11/12.109 The meeting was closed for public participation at 7.35 pm.

Police report: November was not the best month for crime on my beat with the following being reported. However no crime to report so far in December.

Blagdon	4 (3 X Thefts from Motor Vehicle)
Burrington	1 (1 X Theft from Motor Vehicle)
Butcombe	0
Churchill	11 (Although there were 3 thefts from house and 3 incidents at Churchill School all were detected with 2 persons being charged with multiple offences.)
Winford	13 4 X Criminal Damage 4 X Non Dwelling Burglaries 1 X Assault ABH 2 X Thefts 1 X Arson (Firework damage) 1 X Waste Police Time

In the last month I have been allocated 15 incidents to investigate and thankfully I have been able to resolve 14 of these with a total of 4 people appearing in court in the next few weeks. The problem has been that these offences have taken a massive amount of time to deal with and this has meant that I have not been able to patrol the area as much as I usually would. This has then had the knock on effect that I with no visible Police presence other offences have occurred. I can only re-assure everyone that I am working hard to redress the balance this month. Anyone interested in taking part in Speedwatch please contact PC Ray Bradley.

- **District Councillor's report.**

District Councillor Wells advised Councillors that the following applications had been called to South Area Committee.

11/P/2008/F – North Somerset Council, Land off Dinghurst Road opposite Pye Cottage, Churchill, BS25 5PJ. Change of use of agricultural land to highway carriageway and associated works.

11/P/1826/F – Mr. J Paynter, Orchard Cottage, Bath Road, Langford, Churchill, BS40 5DL. Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear elevations to provide garage and garden room.

In both cases the planning officers were recommending approval. The Clerk was requested to book Councillor Alan Brown to speak at South Area against 11/P/2008/F as a member of the public not as a Councillor.

- Parish Liaison Officer: Seb Greene was asked to chase up the two outstanding signs that need repairing, loose manhole cover at Churchill Rocks, potholes in Pudding Pie Close and in Langford Road just after the mini roundabout at Budgens. He also mentioned the trialing of plastic drain covers in Nailsea and will inform Councillors of the results. Councillors thanked Seb for his help in getting the Batch potholes repaired and for his help throughout the year.
- Items for South Area Committee. See District Councillors report.

The Parish Council meeting was reconvened at 8.10 p.m.

11/12.110 Planning

Planning Approval Notices

i) 11/P/1809/F – Mr & Mrs I Croker, Redshard House, Redshard Lane, Langford, BS40 5EZ. Erection of a two storey side extension to include first floor balcony.

ii) 11/P/1886/F – Churchill Academy, Erection of an extension to the existing Sixth Form Contrary to Parish Council recommendations.

Enforcement

Formal notification had been received from Enforcement Officer Dave Barrett that no enforcement action will be taken over the new access. Ladymead Lane is an unclassified road and as such no planning consent is required to form a new access. The new length of access could be considered an engineering activity that would require consent but as the amended access was an improvement on the previous one and it has no significant effect on the amenity of the area it was decided to be not expedient to take enforcement action.

Planning Applications

i) 11/P/2045/F_ Mr W Wickham, 10, Birch Drive, Langford, BS40 5HG. Erection of a single storey extension.

Resolved: Unanimously to recommend approval. Councillors did comment that the extension was built right up to the boundary of the property however, to date there were no objections the Parish had been made aware of and therefore considered the proposed extension to be acceptable.

11/12.111 Budget and precept for 2012-13.

Councillor Brown advised the Parish Council that the doctors surgery rent item below could not be considered, as the lease states that the rent is reviewed every six years and it is only two years since the last rent review.

Councillor Carruthers commented that he had hoped to suggest that a provision for donation to the Citizen Advice Bureau be made in the budget and councillors advised that it should be put forward at the Finance meeting, of which he is a member, prior to the Council meeting at which the budget is presented for approval.

Councillor Hill enquired about the provision for Clerks holiday cover (this was to allow for the cost of the RFO or assistant clerk covering the Clerk Holiday/illness) and the village mini bus insurance (this is the Parish Council's contribution to the provision of this valued facility).

To agree the proposed budget for 2012-13.

RESOLVED: unanimously to accept the proposed budget with the doctors rent increase removed and therefore the precept for 2012-13 was raised to £56,500 from £55,000.

To consider Doctors Surgery rent – See above.

To consider training by Yatton RFO on HMRC.

RESOLVED: to agree unanimously to Yatton RFO training with Churchill RFO.

***** The Clerk left the room to allow Councillors to consider her probationary period.**

To consider confirming the Clerks position following completion of the probationary period.

RESOLVED: to confirm that the Clerk had completed a satisfactory probationary period and that her position be made permanent.

11/12.112 To consider making a contribution towards the RFO's new computer.

RESOLVED: to allocate the new laptop in the NSC IT package to RFO accounts. The RFO was to receive £25 per quarter for the use of her computer for Parish work back dated to July 2011 up to when the new laptop was set up for the Parish accounts package.

11/12.113 To update on progress with the purchase of Allotment land.

The Clerk had received an email from Assistant Valuer Richard Dillon suggesting a site visit early in the New Year. Meeting dates 5th/6th/12th January 2012. Councillors Bush, Lee, Powell and the Clerk to attend.

11/12.114 To consider granting permission for the Jubilee Committee to organise a Jubilee Beacon and to consider insurance arrangements for the celebrations.

The Parish Council considered that the Recreation field was not a suitable site to light a beacon due to the damage it would cause to the land and it would be difficult to position it in order to comply with insurance stipulations, therefore permission was declined.

The Parish Council did not wish to form of a Committee to become sole organiser of the Jubilee Celebrations due to level of time commitment this would require in addition to Parish business. The Clerk had obtained the forms for a quote to insure the Jubilee event as a stand alone event not involving the Parish Council's policy. Councillor Hill took the form to consult with the Jubilee Committee. It was advised by Councillor Avery that they should contact Avon Wildlife and the National Trust should they wish to consider Doleberrow as a possible site for a beacon.

11/12.115 Agreement and signing of Risk Assessment and Crisis Management Plan and to set a date for next review.

Resolved: the Assessment and Crisis Plan were agreed unanimously, signed and dated 12th Dec 2011. The next review will be in December 2014.

***** The Chairman suggested moving the following agenda item 13 to the end of the meeting. All Councillors agreed.**

Agenda item 13 Christmas Card Competition

11/12.116 Tree Officers Report – as circulated to Councillors for comment.

Councillors were very pleased with the work the tree officers had done and advised that they should report to the Open Spaces Committee in the first instance and be included in the mapping group.

Councillor Avery and Assistant Clerk were also invited to join the mapping group.

The Clerk was asked to check if we had received the tree work application to fell two trees at the Jubilee Homes, Langford Road.

11/12.117 To consider three quotes for the external electrical socket.

RESOLVED: to accept the IRH Electrical quote. The Clerk to inform all three of the decision.

11/12.118 To consider three quotes to install the benches to the rear of Turnpike Close.

RESOLVED: to accept the B2F quote. The Clerk to inform all three of the decision.

11/12.119 Clerks Report

Further to the items on the agenda the Clerk raised the following items:

All Councillors wished to thank Lindsay for the lovely Christmas arrangements she had made for everyone at the Christmas Dinner.

The Clerk had spoken to James Chalk about forming a working party or raising some funding to finish off the Skatepark grass area next spring.

The email requesting a wheelie bin to carry grit up to the top of the Batch was discussed. It was considered that as The Batch already had two grit bins to serve quite a small number of properties another vessel for grit was not a purchase the parish Council wished to make. The suggestion to move one of the bins higher up was unlikely to be favoured by NSC as they have to go up there to refill it.

11/12.120 Accounts.

These were **agreed** and signed. The total expenditure was £28,967.17

11/12.121 Matters for Information.

Councillor Brown updated Councillors of the outcome of the meeting with Gareth Withers regarding the clearing of the swallet hole on the Batch. It is on the Mendip Cavers Register and Gareth Withers now has to investigate the best way to clear it and also create the means to channel rainwater into the swallet.

The car park light at the Doctors surgery is on all the time, a PIR was to be proposed to the Village Hall Committee.

Councillor Carruthers enquired why the bends into the Doctors car park were so sharp. Councillors advised that they had been designed like this to slow traffic down.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

Christmas Card Competition

Competition winners

Preschool - 40 entries –Under 3yrs Milo Andrews £5
Under 4yrs Freddie Maitland Round £5
Over 4yrs Marcus Pearce £5

1st Churchill Rainbows - 13 entries

Mia Wakeling £5 Jackie to present in assembly at school.