

# CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13 June 2011 at 7.30 pm in Churchill Community Club.

## PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES Councillor A Morris

11/12.18 Register of Interests None

10/11.19 The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16 May 2011 were confirmed by those present at the meeting and signed.

11/12.20 The meeting was closed for public participation at 7.35 pm.

- Wington Vale Medical Practice. The planning application is ready. The members of the practice are happy with what has been included and there is the capacity for 'add-ons'. There are adequate parking spaces.
- District Councillors' report. District Councillor Wells informed councillors that there were to be road closures on Ashley Lane and on A38. She will follow up the legal liability of North Somerset with regard to repairs to The Batch.
- Police report P C Bradley. There were 4 break ins to outbuildings/garages and 3 in the neighbouring parish of Winford. There are no suspects and nothing was seen or heard. The number of people signing up to Farm Watch is increasing and the number of messages sent out will soon lead to an arrest. A local resident fell from her horse in Old Hill and, despite CPR by myself and a member of the public before the paramedics arrived, she died of her injuries. The incident has been greatly exaggerated on websites. I will gladly tell anyone who contacts me the correct details as I was on the scene within 3-4 minutes.

11/12.21 Items for South Area Committee None

The Parish Council meeting was reconvened at 7.57 p m

11/12.22 Clerk's report

- Councillor Fortune offered to be the Parish Council's representative to Churchill Community School. He will inform the school of the change of personnel.
- Dolberrow dog waste collection. The Parish Orderly is doing this at present. A larger dog bin may be available at the bottom of Dolberrow.

11/12.23 Correspondence

- **Clerk to display leaflets about Tree Wardens.**
- The play area inspection has taken place and several issues need addressing.

11/12.24 Annual Return

- The Annual Return was received by the Parish Council and signed by the chair.

11/12.25 Appointment of Parish Clerk.

- All the councillors' grids ranking the applicants had been reviewed and 5 applicants selected for interviews.
- Questions had been chosen and all applicants would be asked the same ones.
- Councillor Lee expressed his concern as he did not consider that any of the candidates were worthy of an interview and hoped that the panel was not just trying to get 'bums on seats'. Councilor Brown asked him to withdraw this comment and Councillor Lee refused. The Chair assured councillors that an appointment would only be made if the panel was convinced that there was a competent candidate. If no appointment was made then the present clerk had

stated that she would remain in post until a substantive appointment was made.

#### 11/12.26 Reports

- Leisure committee – see minutes on website. Councillor Hill has applied to Wilkinsons for a grant towards the Skatepark. It was proposed by Councillor Bush and seconded by Councillor Hill, and agreed – unanimous, to pursue the purchase of a new skate park halfpipe. It was proposed by Councillor Bush and seconded by Councillor Fortune, and agreed - unanimous, to pursue the purchase of a new piece of climbing equipment to replace the wooden fort.
- ALCA meeting. Councillor Langley reported on the AGM and General Meeting held at Banwell Village Hall June 7 2011: The new ALCA Management Team/ 11 people now in place including the Leader and Secretary. Leader gave a short progress Report. New constitution is being written. ALCA will be a more focussed organisation with the team working on the day to day management. The old group were near to bankruptcy when larger Councils decided not to continue as members. Most of the money earned was being taken up by salaries. There is only one secretary now (Janet Wallis). Training and Advice areas are still difficult to sort out. ALCA needs to know from PCs what they need in these areas; e.g. training for new Councillors etc. They also need more venues for training to continue. There is still £35000 in reserves. If dissolution comes about members will not be responsible for any redundancy payments. The present team have four years to improve themselves!

#### 11/12.27. Allotments.

- It was agreed that Councillors Brown, Bush, Lee and Powell would meet with the Allotment Association Committee on 12 July at 7.30 pm to discuss the queries they had raised. **Clerk to check with venue.**
- It was agreed that the chair and vice-chair can sign Deed of Covenant for the allotment land when it is ready without waiting for a Parish Council meeting.

#### 11/12.28 Survey of Council's lands and buildings.

Councillor Lee reported that he had received details from firms in Bristol but not from any local ones. **Councillors Brown, Carruthers and Vickery offered to look at the details and discuss their relevant merits with Councillor Lee prior to the next meeting.**

#### 11/12.29 Accounts. These were **agreed** and signed.

#### 11/12.30 Matters for Information.

- Copies of all minutes for last two years to be available on the website. **Clerk to inform assistant clerk.**
- **Clerk to ask Andy Rains if he will empty 'The Pound'.** Terms of reference for Open Spaces Committee needs to include this area.
- **Grass cutting. Clerk to check how often cuts are made to cricket and football fields.**

#### 11/12.31 Planning Applications

Allotments. Planning permission granted Car park plans are to be submitted and within 12 months gaps in the hedging along Pudding Pie Lane to be filled with native species.

#### 11/P/0906/F

Land at Batch Farm off Lyncombe Lane, Churchill.

Erection of a replacement timber cabin following removal of existing timber cabin and caravan used in association with mixed use of land comprising agriculture, woodland and children's outdoor activities and camping.

**Agreed: 8 for, 4 against**

#### 11/P/0843/f

Marford, 2 Pudding Pie Lane, Churchill, BS40,5EL

Alteration of roof line to existing building

**Agreed: unanimous**

#### 11/P/0795/F

Corner House, Bristol Road, Churchill, BS40 5JE

Construction of a children's play area with a 1.8m high fence to front boundary (retrospective)  
**Agreed: 10 for, 1 abstention.**

11/P/0961/F

Langford Stores, Langford road, Langford, BS40 5HU

Erection of first floor storage area above existing shop to include increasing the ridge height with 3 dormers to north elevation and 4 rooflights to rear and alterations to shop front

**Agreed: 9 for, 3 abstentions**

11/P/0963/F

Suzi's Salon, Langford Road, Langford, BS40 5HU

Erection of a first floor to create a first floor flat above a shop and to include 1 front dormer window and 4 rooflights with access off lobby to ground floor of shop.

**Agreed: 9 for, 3 abstentions**

**The 2 applications above were considered together.**

11/P/0965/RG3

Churchill Sports Centre, Churchill Green, Churchill, BS25 5QL

Erection of 3m high fencing around perimeter of replacement artificial turf pitch.

**Agreed; unanimous.**

The meeting closed at 9.45 p m.