

# CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 May 2011 at 7.30 pm in Churchill Community Club.

## PRESENT

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 D Powell
Councillor R Vickery	

APOLOGIES Councillor Mrs P Millward District Councillor Mrs E Wells

11/12.01 Councillor Mrs J Bush was proposed as Chair by Councillor A Brown and seconded by Councillor G Fortune. This was carried unanimously. Councillor Mrs J Bush then took the chair. Councillor A Brown was proposed as Vice-Chair by Councillor Mrs J Bush and seconded by Councillor B Hill. This was carried unanimously.

11/12.02 Councillor Mrs J Bush and Councillor A Brown signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office

11/12.03 Register of Interests All councillors were asked to complete Register of Interests. Councillor Fortune expressed a personal interest in the first item of correspondence.

11/12.04 The minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2011 were confirmed by those present at the meeting and signed.

11/12.05. Philip Avery, Aled Morris and Trudy Silverton were co-opted on to the Parish Council. They received forms to complete.

11/12.06 The meeting was closed for public participation at 7.40 pm.

- Peter Read, from the University of Bristol Vet School, explained the changes in the plans for new buildings. Reasons for the changes to plans for a new dwelling in Blackmoor were explained by the purchaser of the land.
- Police report P C Bradley spoke again of the thefts of gully covers and asked parishioners to be on the lookout for a red transit van with a registration similar to R4 33 CAE. A silver Renault Clio van WJ 03 NFP was believed to have been involved in shooting on farm land. Do not approach the occupants but call the police. Cars in Turnpike Close are still being vandalised with windows broken through the use of an air rifle. Residents have been asked for any information which would be treated in the strictest confidence.
- Dave Ward from the Police Traffic Unit at Weston spoke about measures taken to reduce speed on local roads. He spoke of setting up a Speed Watch. This needed 6 volunteers working 2 at a time. NSC would provide kit free. A Co-ordinator and vice co-ordinator would need to be appointed.

11/12.07 Items for South Area Committee The chair mentioned the poor state of the roads in North Somerset and thought a representation to South Area Committee on this subject by councillors could be undertaken in the future,

The Parish Council meeting was reconvened at 8.20 p m

11/12.08 Clerk's report

- Newsletter – deadline for copy from new councillors is 15 June. (Councillors Fortune, Carruthers, Silverton and Avery) Any ideas for the competition for the children?
- Matters of hedging and padlocks to be dealt with by relevant committees.
- Dog Waste: Seb Greene will try to get a meeting with all relevant parties to resolve the

problem. The Parish Orderly has said he is willing to take the dog waste to the nearest collection point.

- Signage: Fay Powell will get back on this matter.
- Shortlisting. Please send any outstanding marking grids to Cllr Brown asap.

#### 11/12.09 Correspondence

- The resignation of the Parish Clerk from 31 August 2011 was accepted.
- **Clerk to write to Mr Fortune, 12 Turnpike Close, stating the Parish Council was not responsible for any repairs to damage done by a cricket ball.**
- Councillors congratulated Rick Hyde on his persistence in getting the footpath across the farm land reinstated.
- The letter from Community Payback was given to Councillor Powell to take to the Allotment Association.
- No money for CAB had been allocated in the budget. **Clerk to ask for someone to speak to the Parish Council in the future.**
- **Clerk to ask for a date to meet with Pre-school representatives re patio area.**
- State of new ALCA. The office space in Coombe Lodge is very limited. Communication methods are not efficient.
- DCLG consultation.

#### 11/12.10 Committees and representatives

The committees will be as follows:

Open Spaces: Councillors Langley, Lee, Morris, Powell

Leisure: Avery, Bush, Hill, Vickery

Finance: Brown, Carruthers, Fortune, Millward

Representatives.

Parish Plan Area of concern	Personnel
1. Communication	Clerk & assistant Clerk
3. New Village centre	Councillor Hill
4. Health	Councillors Langley and Millward
5. Traffic and Transport	Councillors Brown, Millward, Vickery
7. Local businesses	Fortune
8. Improvement of Environment	Councillors Carruthers, and Langley
9. Sports centre	Councillor Avery
10. Young Peoples' Services	Councillor J Bush

Representatives	Personnel
Primary school governor	Councillor Bush
Community School representative	Councillor Millward
Rural partnership	Councillor Langley
Environmental Advisory Committee	Councillor Langley
ALCA	Councillor Langley
BIA	Councillors Brown and Vickery
Allotments Association	Councillor Powell
AONB	Councillor Lee

11/12.11 Chair's allowance. It was proposed by Councillor Hill and seconded by Councillor Lee that the allowance for the year 2011-12 shall be £475 This was agreed 8 for and 1 against.

#### 11/12.12 Pay for Council Employees.

- Parish clerk: £10.45 p.h.

- Assistant Clerk: £9.00 p h
- Parish orderly: increase by RPI (5.5%) from £7.25 to £7.65 ph. Any extra time relating to Dog Waste to be paid for at the same rate.

11/12.13 Reports.

Finance Committee. See minutes

- It was unanimously agreed to change to Aviva Insurance which is cheaper than our present insurer and gives better cover,
- It was agreed to use some of the underspend to refurbish the skateboard park and replace the 'fort' in the play area. This to go on Leisure Committee agenda in June. Funding is to be matched by the users.

Allotment Association meeting

- Councillor brought a list of queries from the association. She will send this to councillors. The next meeting is on 8 June. Councillor Powell to have a vote on the committee.

11/12.14 Survey of council owned assets.

**Clerk to send a letter to surveyors.**

11/12.15 Accounts. These were **agreed** and signed.

11/12.16 Matters for Information.

- **Clerk to book 3 places at the NALC conference on 16 June.**
- **Clerk to send letters of thanks to retiring councillors.**
- Cars are being sold on the verge near Says Lane/Budgens.
- Churchill sign near Stag and Hounds is missing.

11/12.17 Planning Applications

11/P/0649/F

Lockmoor Cottage, Langford, BS40 5HJ

Erection of a detached 4 bedroom dwelling with integral garage and live/work unit.

**Agreed;** unanimous

11/P/0764/WT

Hope Dale, Blackmoor, Langford, BS40 5HJ

2xsycamore – fell, 1xcedar - fell

**Agreed;** unanimous

The meeting closed at 10.25 p m.