

CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th October 2011 at 7.30 pm in Churchill Community Club.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES Councillor Pam Millward, Councillor Alan Brown and Councillor Bill Carruthers.

11/12.74 Register of Interests Councillors Silverton and Powell both declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 12 as they are both employees of the Wrington Vale Medical Practice and a personal interest in Agenda 4 under "South Area Committee" under which the medical practice application may be mentioned but only as information. Councillor Powell declared a personal interest in Agenda item 10 as she is Parish Council Liaison for the Allotment Association .

10/11.75 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th September 2011 were confirmed by those present at the meeting as correct and signed.

11/12.76 The meeting was closed for public participation at 7.35 pm.

- **Police report:** PC Bradley updated Councillors with the crime figures for September. They were as follows Blagdon 1, Butcombe 0, Burrington 1, Winford 5 and 8 in Churchill including 1 dwelling burglary. A number of crimes have focused on theft of bikes with the victims being followed home and the criminals watching where they store the bikes. The police advice is to be aware of being followed and secure bikes to a ground anchor.
- **District Councillor's report.** District Councillor Wells following a request from Councillor Lee to gain some information on The New Homes Bonus and North Somerset view of the Draft National Planning Policy Framework. She advised the Council of information on these and the Community Infrastructure Levy. There was also an update on the number of people in the Parish who had received help from the Citizens Advice Bureau and the part lighting plans that will effect Stock Lane. Councillor Hill thanked District Councillor Wells for her help with correcting the signs in Dinghurst Road.
- **Parish Liaison Officer:** Seb Greene had no report for the Council.
- **Items for South Area Committee.** Councillor Hill was to attend on 20th October with Councillor Brown to speak in support of the WVMP application. The Clerk had informed North Somerset Council they were attending.

The Parish Council meeting was reconvened at 8.05 p.m.

11/12.77 Planning

Councillor Lee gave a report on the Historic Towns workshop he had attended on the Draft National Planning Policy Framework. He highlighted the large amount of work needed on the framework and it may take up to four years to implement.

Planning Approval Notices

- i) 11/P/1386/F Dr Hyde, Hopedale, Blackmoor, Lower Langford, Churchill. Demolition of existing single storey garage and erection of new double garage with cycle store room with games room/annexe in the roof with new tarmac driveway.
- ii) 11/P/1321/F Mr Watson, Acacia House, Blackmoor, Langford, Churchill. Erection of a first floor rear extension. Construction of garage and workshop to the rear of the property.
- iii) 11/P/1311/F Mrs Whittington, Gardeners Arms, Stock Lane, Langford, BS40 5EX. Erection of a two storey rear extension.
- iv) 11/P/1209/F Mr Pearson, Jubilee House, Jubilee Lane, Langford, Churchill. Erection of a front porch, two storey side extension, garage extension with annexed accommodation over link with existing house. New window to west elevation and new boundary wall to west side of entrance area (retrospective).
- v) 11/P/1554/WT – Tree works at Redstones Langford Road, Lower Langford, Churchill. Various reduction work to 6 trees. The application had also tried to seek TPO's on the trees but this was not agreed. Pass to the Tree Wardens
- vi) 11/P/1531/NMA – Langford Veterinary School, Langford Road, Langford, Churchill. Changes to internal works associated with lift shaft and doorways.

Applications Withdrawn

- i) 11/P/1283/MMA Monaghan Mushrooms Ltd, Stock Lane Langford. To reduce the size of the development by omitting first floor and associated stairs/lift.

Applications Refused

An application to obtain a TPO (no 989) at Wisteria House, Langford Road, Langford had been refused and therefore the TPO was not confirmed . Pass to the Tree Wardens.

Enforcement

Conformation had been received that Enforcement Officers were investigating the widening of the entrance at Churchill Park Farm. Case No 2011/0630.

Planning Applications

- i) 11/P/1669/F – Mr. R White, 3, Clifton Wood Crescent, Clifton Wood, Bristol BS8 4TU. Erection of a replacement timber cabin and caravan used in association with mixed use of land comprising agriculture, woodland and children's outdoor activities and camping.

The Parish Council have already commented on the previously approved application and they noted the minor change that has been made on 11/P/1669/F.

- ii) 11/P/1623/F – Mrs S Wilcox, Hazeland, New Road, Churchill, BS25 5NP. Conversion of garage, store and workshop into annexed accommodation for use in association with main house to include alterations to fenestrations.

Agreed unanimously.

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

Agreed unanimously

11/12.78 To discuss the updating of the Parish Council website.

The item was discussed with Assistant Clerk Janet Mortimer and sections were to be monitored and the Assistant Clerk informed of any necessary updates.

Sections allocated as follows;

Parish Clerk – Services, Parish Diary and the “Your Parish Council”

Councillor Powell – Health Councillor Hill –Recreation and Housing
Councillors Fortune and Bush – Education
Councillor Carruthers- Business Councillor Millward – Churches
Councillor Brown – Meeting Places Councillor Morris – “The Area”.

11/12.79 To consider supporting Banwell Parish Council in their proposal to North Somerset Council that the A368 should be removed from the freight route network.

Councillors sympathised with the position of Banwell Parish Council, however it was felt that if the proposed change to the National Freight Route was successful the result could be more traffic being pushed onto Stock Lane in Churchill. The current position means that at least that weight of traffic is spread around the network.

Councillors felt that the decision on changes to the Freight Route would be better if they were wider based taking into account the impact on the surrounding area roads.

11/12.80 North Somerset Council review of members allowances.

Churchill Parish Council reviewed the letter and they wished the Clerk to state to NSC that they comply with ALCA guidelines for allowances, they have a Chairman’s allowance and will pay Councillors travel expenses if claimed. These allowances are reviewed annually.

11/12.81 To update on progress with the purchase of Allotment land.

The Parish Council discussed the current position and instructed the Clerk to contact North Somerset Council with a new revised offer for the land. District Councillor Wells was also to talk with North Somerset officers regarding the purchase.

RESOLVED: to offer North Somerset Council £28,000 for the 1.8 acres.

11/12.82 To review Parish Council Standing Orders.

RESOLVED: to adopt the draft Standing Orders Issue 9. They will be brought back to Council following further work by Councillor Brown.

***** A this point in the meeting District Councillor Wells, a member of the press left the meeting and Councillors Silverton and Powell left the room as they had declared a prejudicial interest in the next agenda item. Parish Liaison Officer Seb Greene left as the next item was confidential.**

11/12.83 To discuss the Building Consultancy report and future options for Parish Council land and buildings. (Commercially confidential item)

Councillors deferred the item preferring to hold a meeting with David Burston of The Building Consultancy after the planning application is viewed at South Area Committee on 20th October. The Clerk will advise David Burston of this and contact Jose Tarnowski regarding the changes required to the lease and insurance.

***** At this point Councillors Silverton and Powell and Parish Liaison Officer Seb Greene were invited to return to the meeting.**

****** At this point in the meeting Councillor Avery declared a personal interest in the Hinckley C item on the Clerks report as he has a pylon on his land.**

11/12.84 Clerks Report

Further to the items on the agenda under Clerks report the following were mentioned;
Councillor Langley agreed to submit the Community Police awards nomination as the Clerk did not consider she had known PC Bradley long enough to nominate him in the quality way he deserved. Deposits for over half the Council were received for the Christmas dinner.
Councillors noted the Hinckley C briefings.

11/12.85 Reports

Installation of Play Equipment – Update by Councillor Hill

Councillor Hill, thanked Councillor Bush and Vickery for their help dismantling the fort. All the equipment was now installed but an area of matting, a frayed rope and a few scratches need rectifying before payment was to be released. A thank you was also given to Peter and Valerie Langley for the supply of refreshments and help with access for the workmen during the installation.

Draft National Planning Policy Framework - consider ways in which to respond. Councillor Lee.

Councillor Lee had updated Councillors on the planning framework workshop under the planning agenda item 6

He advised that the Council comments should support North Somerset Council's approach to the framework.

North Somerset Council's Consultation on Draft Weston Villages Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Update by Councillor Langley.

Councillor Langley updated Councillors on the above consultation and raised concerns with regard to infrastructure, public transport, hospital and doctors facilities, flood risk, traffic congestion at Junction 21 and how difficult an employment lead development will be to achieve. The Clerk would submit the comments.

Report on "The future of local service provision in North Somerset".

The Clerk had received the power point presentation, summary of questions and answers and a form to submit with ideas for possible areas the Parish could take on from NSC. It was therefore deferred as an agenda item for November's Council meeting.

Councillors Training.

Councillors Powell, Silvertown and Carruthers had all attended "Being a Good Councillor" training and found it very helpful.

11/12.86 Accounts.

These were **agreed** and signed. The total expenditure was £20,490.61

11/12.87 Matters for Information.

- i) A thank you card was read out from Lindsay Ireland thanking everyone who had sponsored her to do the Beach Walk.
- ii) Councillor Lee highlighted difficulties he had when reporting a dangerous raised manhole cover to North Somerset Council. Parish Liaison Officer Seb Greene agreed to look into the matter.
- ii) Councillor Bush reported a fridge freezer that had been fly tipped in Jubilee Lane and a TV on the left hand side after Jubilee House. Parish Liaison Officer Seb Greene agreed to look into the matter.
- iv) No report from the Rural group or the Environmental group that Councillor Langley was involved in. This was mainly due to financial constraints and lack of business to progress.
- v) Councillors were made aware that pigs were being kept on The Batch. They were contained at the moment but have wandered into gardens in the past and caused problems.
- viii) Councillor Vickery gave apologies for leaving the September meeting early.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

