

CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES Councillor Aled Morris, Councillor Phillip Avery, Seb Greene and PC Ray Bradley.

11/12.56 Register of Interests Councillors Silverton and Powell both declared an interest in agenda item 13 "Survey of Council's Land and Buildings" or Agenda item 4 under "South Area Committee" as they may include the doctors surgery for whom they both work.

10/11.57 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th August 2011 were confirmed by those present at the meeting as correct and signed.

11/12.58 The meeting was closed for public participation at 7.35 pm.

- Malcolm Lane spoke on the role of a Tree Warden and handed a written outline of the role to Councillors. He had attended a Tree Warden Network Launch on September 10th and found it very helpful. Councillors suggested he and the other volunteer could liaise with the Open Spaces Committee and incorporate a future agenda item for reporting by Tree Wardens.
- **District Councillor's report.** District Councillor Wells had received a written confirmation from Enforcement Officer Ian Wheaton that there had been no breach of planning control at Barrowfield Cottage.
A letter had been received from John Flannigan at North Somerset Council stating that the repair to the pothole will be done on 3rd October but that it was a "one off repair". Following discussion Councillor Brown was raising the matter at Parish Voice on 15th September.
- District Councillor Wells asked for confirmation of the following:
 - i) That the land the doctor's surgery is on belongs to the Parish Council. This was confirmed.
 - ii) If the Parish Council owned the building –
The WVMP owns the building; however the lease has 66 years to run, if no extension is requested for the ground lease, at the end of the 66 years the building would then become the Parish councils. A request had been received at the beginning of the process to;
 - i. Extend the lease
 - ii To lease additional land to enable extension of the current building.
 - iii. To purchase the land from the PC.The PC had agreed the possibility to extend the lease and to lease more land subject to receiving compensation to pay for the relocation of the play area and Skate board park. But they were not willing to sell the land.

Councillor Lee requested District Councillor Wells to ask NSC if they will be holding seminars for the Draft National Planning Policy Framework and to gain some information on The New Homes Bonus.

- Police report: PC Bradley updated Councillors with the crime figures for August. They were as follows Blagdon 1, Butcombe1, Burrington 1, Winford 6 and 3 in Churchill. There were no crime trends to report. In August the joint operation with the assistance of all Farm Watch members took place and suspicious vehicle numbers were passed to the police. Councillors and those present were urged to do the same. All non-emergency calls from September 19th will be on Tel: 101 this is across the whole country. The emergency 999 is retained. Parishioners still remain able to use The Police House number 01761 462098 or mobile 07881 787409.
Full details of this will be in the next edition of The Tower.

- Parish Liaison Officer: The Clerk read a written report from Seb Greene to the meeting. This covered The Batch pothole, missed green waste collections, signage update and the definitive map. The matter raised regarding the entrance access to Churchill Park Farm was referred to the Clerk to take up with Enforcement.

11/12.59 Items for South Area Committee The Parish Council agreed to send a representative to the next South Area Committee meeting 20th October 2011 to speak in support of the application for a new doctors surgery in Pudding Pie Lane. Councillor Hill was to attend with Councillor Brown to cover if he was unable to. The Clerk would inform North Somerset Council they were attending.

***** At this point District Councillor Wells left the meeting.**

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

11/12.60 To consider appointing Parish Tree Wardens.

The Parish Council were pleased to accept volunteers Malcolm Lane and John Simpson as Churchill Parish Tree Wardens.

11/12.61 Planning Applications

i) 11/P/1531/NMA – Langford Veterinary School Animal Surgery, Langford House, Langford, Churchill, BS40 5DU. Non material amendment to 09/P/1835/F – Erection of a new surgery facility. Propose to omit sterile services element and lift shaft, add equine access door with canopy, personnel door to x-ray office remove door to stair enclosure and amend materials.
Agreed unanimous

ii) 11/P/1554/WT – Redstones, Langford Road, Lower Langford, Churchill, BS40 5HU. Various reduction work to six trees. **Agreed unanimous.**

iii) An application for an Advisory Disabled Persons Parking Bay to be marked at 29, Stockmead, Langford, BS40 5JB.

The application was discussed and the necessary forms completed for submission to North Somerset Council.

11/12.62 To consider North Somerset Council's Consultation on Draft Weston Villages Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

Councillor Langley was to attend one of the public exhibitions and report back to the Parish Council.

11/12.63 To discuss a response to the Scoping Document for "Developing a sustainable framework for UK Aviation' with a focus on "Local Impacts".

Proposal: to support the PCAA views on "Local Impacts" in particular the effects to the roads and of noise in the Parish.

Agreed unanimously.

Councillor Brown to draft a response which the Clerk would submit.

****** At this point in the meeting Councillor Vickery gave his apologies and left the meeting.**

11/12.64 To update on progress with the purchase of Allotment land.

A discussion of the current position resulted in the Clerk being instructed to contact John Brentall of Wards Solicitors to call a halt to any further progress with the purchase until clarification had been received on a number of questions. A letter from the Allotment Association was read to the meeting.

As a result the Clerk was requested to contact Allan Cavill of the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd to gain information on land purchase for the provision of allotments.

11/12.65 Clerks Report

Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012 Update.

The Clerk had obtained two brochures on signs for the Parish to commemorate the Jubilee. Councillor Brown was to review.

Review of Parish with Streets & Open Spaces Officer Fay Powell arranged for the week commencing 19th September 2011.

Items for autumn edition of "The Tower".

These include New Clerk, Jubilee celebrations, Police Reports, the launch of a Christmas competition to make a Christmas card for pre-school children up to Key Stage Two. Suggested additions include a Play area update with picture of the new equipment, Councillor Hill will provide this. An update from the Sports Centre. The Clerk to contact them.

Confirmation of a letter being sent to The Crown re the signage – no response to date.

11/12.66 Correspondence

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

Deadline 17th October.

Councillor Lee gave an outline of the framework and the Clerk was requested to contact North Somerset Planning Office and ascertain if they were willing to give a seminar on the framework. The Clerk was to circulate a planning journal for Councillors to consider.

Strawberry Line Project – request for a contribution for 2012/13 financial year.

This item was referred to the Finance Committee.

11/12.67 Reports

Survey of Council's lands and buildings.

The Stage 1 strategy document had been received and Councillor Lee gave Councillors an outline of the contents.

Proposal: to instruct Stage 2 at a cost not to exceed £1,000 as this will allow the Parish Council to be fully prepared to take a proposal to the medical practice and begin negotiations.

RESOLVED to instruct The Building Consultancy to carryout Stage 2 of the proposal.

Unanimous

The new Clerk was to make the instruction.

Installation of Play Equipment

Councillor Hill updated the Council that the equipment was to be installed on the 26th September. Arrangements were in place and Councillor Langley was to provide a limited access for the contractors to use the Club.

11/12.68 To consider nomination for the Community Policing Awards.

Resolved: to nominate PC Ray Bradley. Unanimous.

11/12.69 The distribution of The Tower.

Councillor Carruthers wished to suggest that there were other methods of delivery for the Tower that may offer an opportunity for Councillors to opt out of the task if they wished to. Councillor Carruthers stated that he wished to opt out of the task and the matter was discussed. A number of councillors were disappointed that Councillor Carruthers was unwilling to participate in delivering the Tower, as the current system offered parishioners the opportunity to meet councillors informally. In addition, this system carried a good deal of kudos in the PC's Quality Council evidence for community engagement. Councillor Hill stated that was willing to deliver Councillor Carruthers round with other Councillors offering assistance if it was needed.

11/12.70 To consider formulating comments on the Public Consultation on North Somerset Council Supported Bus Services.

The Clerk was requested to pass the following comments on to the Public Transport Team; Churchill Parish Council do not wish to see any reduction to the 121 service from Weston to Bristol or to the three other supported bus services that serve the rural villages of the Chew Valley (the 834, 791 and 835) they are one day a week services funded jointly with BANES it is hoped that as the costs are shared they are more likely to be retained.

11/12.71 To discuss the venue and time of the Christmas dinner.

The Langford Inn was chosen as the venue for 9th December 2011. Book for around 30 people a three course menu for £20 per head.

11/12.72 Accounts.

These were **agreed** and signed. The total expenditure was £6,415.16

11/12.73 Matters for Information.

- i) To report the hedge on the footway that is between the bus stop at the Churchill lights and the substation on the corner of Ladymeade Lane.
- ii) To check which evening the Weston Carnival is on as the November meeting may be able to take place on the second Monday as usual.
- iii) To report two gullies that need clearing, one on the corner of the pavement adjacent to The Hand opposite the fish and chip shop and also opposite the tree outside the Nelson.
- iv) To report a pothole outside the Nelson in Skinners Lane. There is also one on the mini roundabout at Budgens and on Langford Road outside the entrance to Bristol University.
- v) Contact Kelvin Harwood urgently to repair the outside light in the car park at the surgery.
- vi) To report the lines outside the school which are very faded, they are an important safety measure that if left may encourage unsafe parking.
There are overgrown brambles opposite the allotment site that need reporting to North Somerset.
- vii) The Parish Council have applied to become members of the Public Sector Mapping Agreement.

The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.