

# BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in The Parish Room, Burrington

### Attendees:

Mrs. Helen Jackson (Chair) (HJ)  
Mr. Roger Daniels (Vice Chair) (RD)  
Mr. Paul Keel (PK)  
Mr. Richard Dors (RD)  
Mr. Mark Northcott (MN)  
Mrs. Teresa Martin (Clerk)

### Present:

Cllr Patrick Keating  
Mr. Craig Husher  
Mr. Andrew Gray

The Chairman welcomed Andrew Gray to the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – there were none.

**2. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** – there were none.

**3. MINUTES** – of the Parish Council meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were proposed by PK and seconded by HJ as a true record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman and have been displayed on notice boards and the website.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING:**

#### **4.1 Burrington Inn Site –**

A planning application has been submitted, and a notice will be issued shortly inviting residents to attend a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Room to discuss the application with the Parish Council. A link to the NSC planning portal will be placed on the Parish Council website, facebook and group WhatsApps. Comments will be included in the Parish Council response to NSC but residents will be encouraged to respond personally.

#### **4.2 HIGHWAY ISSUES IN THE PARISH:**

**4.2.1 Vehicle Activated Signs** – Churchill PC have provided details of their supplier and we will obtain a quote to include in our application to the Bristol Airport Fund for a contribution towards the purchase of a VAS. Although NSC and the police are aware of the Churchill VAS, permission was not sought to install. They have also contributed to the cost of other safety signs within Lower Langford. As one of the requirements for submitting an application, the support of local Cllr Patrick Keating will be sought.

**4.2.2 Pedestrian Safety – Lower Langford** – a request form has been submitted to NSC asking for thought to be given as to how to improve safety outside the Langford Inn. Churchill have provided a map of where their signs have been positioned and it is considered that one could be moved closer to the Inn.

**4.2.3 The Batch - Ford Signage** – NSC have confirmed that the ‘Ford’ signs must be positioned close to the Ford. ‘No Through’ road signs will be placed at the entrance to Rickford village and at the top of The Batch. Signs to be installed during the next financial year. The broken sign at the top of The Batch has been reported.

**4.2.4 Weight Limits/Speed Repeater Signs/Worn Paint** – relevant forms have been submitted to NSC, awaiting response.

**4.2.5 Mobile Library Parking** – NSC advised that requests are considered twice a year. Councillors agreed to purchase ‘No Parking’ signs to be placed on the wall by the current library parking bay, and further into the village. This will hopefully make it easier for vehicles to access Rickford.

**4.3 NSC Local Plan** – there is likely to be significant additional development in Churchill. Long Ashton/Yanley Lane discussions are ongoing. Possibly some additional development in Backwell. Currently nothing affecting Burrington or Lower Langford.

**4.4 Burrington Square** – the new free standing Notice Board will be installed this week.

**4.5 Wedmore Charity Group Meeting** – HJ & PK joined a recent meeting where two £50 donations were made to widow/widower. The Wedmore Charity group has advised the Charity Committee that it is still running.

**4.6 Community Bleed Kits** – the Police are liaising with the Manager at the Langford Inn to arrange installation.

**4.7 A368/A30 Churchill Junction Consultation** – following further consultation, the proposed south bound A38 bus lane is likely to be removed from the plan. This will go to the Executive in the coming weeks and a deadline extension on the provision of funds will be requested to allow works to be undertaken.

**4.8 Parish Online – Website, Emails & Cloud Storage** – this service ensures the website is fully compliant and offers a sharing of emails as well as cloud storage. The cost would be £315 +VAT pa. Andrew Gray undertook to look at what is on offer and what our existing system allows. Further discussion to follow.

**4.9 NSC Town & Parish Workshop – 11<sup>th</sup> December** – in view of technical problems a number of people were unable to join the meeting.

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**4.10 NSC Delivering Together Mtg 28<sup>th</sup> November** – HJ attended. NSC are looking to offload responsibility for certain functions to Parish Councils including litter bins/playgrounds. The Public Rights of Way Department are short of money Parish Councils are being asked to contribute towards the staffing levels. The amount of contribution has been calculated pro-rata according to the length of footpath in a Parish – our contribution could be £1,000. There is uncertainty as to whether this contribution is voluntary. NALCA have advised that it would be illegal to force payment for a statutory service. Comments from other Parish Councils differ, one saying the service they receive is very good and therefore they are happy to pay for it to remain, and another not wanting to pay but use the money for other environmental projects within their Parish. A formal consultation will be held before a decision is made. Currently the landowners look after the land the footpath crosses, but styles and signage are managed by NSC along with other issues. A decision as to whether we pay will be reached after further discussion and information.

**4.11 Bristol Airport Master Plan Consultation 9<sup>th</sup> December** – RD has read the publication. The Master Plan does not adequately consider potential impacts of airport expansion on the local area. NSC will not be involved until an application is submitted, but it is felt that the request to increase passengers to 15million is likely to be approved.

**4.12 Consider Additional Councillor** – Andrew Gray joined the meeting having expressed his interest in becoming a Councillor the last time we recruited. We will advertise for a second Councillor asking people who are interested, and have specific skills to bring to the Council, to write to the Clerk at [burringtonpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:burringtonpc@yahoo.co.uk). Councillors can suggest anyone they feel may be interested.

**4.13 Integrated Transport Scheme Pipeline** – money shortage has slowed progress whilst waiting for next financial year.

**5. BURRINGTON COMBE TOILETS** – Mendip Hills grant of £2,000 has been received and this will be put towards repairs and painting of the facilities, including some roof repair. Some of the mud at the entrance to the toilets has been removed and it is hoped that in the spring gravel can be laid and large boulders placed to prevent cars causing damage.

**6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT** – the new budget is to be approved in February, and it is unlikely to fill all the gaps. A savings proposal will be presented mid February and PKeating will keep us updated, there are likely to be cuts on everything that is not statutory. An increase in council tax is still under consideration. The reduction in headcount will lead to an inefficient service.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

**7.1 Briefing and Q&A session re 3 weekly bin collections 28<sup>th</sup> January** – HJ will attend. Fly tipping has increased lately, and the concern is that it will only get worse with less frequent rubbish collections. The school bin is being used by some individuals for personal waste, which may again get worse. Additional bags will be provided for 'soft' plastic waste. It is hoped a better service will be provided. There is no change to the weekly recycling collection.

**7.2 Bristol Airport Scoping Application – Zoom Mtg 16<sup>th</sup> January** – RD will try to attend.

**7.3 GWR Community Fund** - Noted

## 8. PLANNING

**8.1 New – 24/P/2470/FU2** - Burrington Inn – demolition of existing buildings & redevelopment of site. The question was asked whether NSC were intending to consult further locally. PKeating will check but feels it is unlikely. There is a possibility that the Committee could visit the site. Parish Councils have the right to speak at any Committee meeting. See further comments under 4.1 above.

**8.2 Update - 24/P/1726/EA1** – Solar Farm, Wrington Hill – an EIA screening application has been submitted – RD will keep watch.

**9. BURIAL GROUND** – Burial-Mrs Patricia Hobbs burial 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

PK has been looking into burial fees charged in other Parishes and will put forward recommendations to increase ours at the next Parish Council meeting. Currently NSC maintains the closed churchyard at Burrington Church and there was concern as to whether this will continue.

## 10. ACCOUNTS (Receipts & Payments)

– the payment of accounts shown below was proposed by PK and seconded by HJ

- All agreed that, if necessary, the Clerk should transfer £1,000 from the Business A/c into the Current A/c proposed by PK & seconded by RD.

**11. PRECEPT** – in view of the likely need to purchase road signs, speed camera and the demands from NSC it was agreed that the precept should be increased from £8,000 to £10,000 per annum. It was noted that we have the lowest precept in North Somerset.

## 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Fencing around damaged properties in Langford Road will be checked and secured again (has already been done 3- 4 times) to keep young people out and away from danger. The repair of the properties is in the hands of the Insurers.

- Grit bin in Link Lane – is now in position, awaiting grit delivery from NSC

- Clear Council Insurance has a new partner – Ecclesiastical – no action required; more information will be provided on renewal of annual insurance cover - Noted

- Events & Security advice update - noted

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025      The meeting closed at 9.11 pm

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### RECEIPTS & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT @ PC MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025

#### Receipts

Bank Interest - Business Reserve A/c 6Nov-5Dec	6.52
6Dec-3Jan	6.87
Liquidity A/c 8Oct-7Jan	65.25

Somerset Council – Grant 2,000.00

D J Brown Stone Mason – Headstone D M Parkes 165.00

C V Gower – Funeral Mrs. Edith Mitchard 90.00

#### BURRINGTON COMBE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Mendip Outdoor Ltd (DD) monthly donation 1Dec/1Jan 2@£80 160.00

Caving Services (DD) monthly donation 11Dec/11Jan 2@£10 20.00

Safepost cash collection – Dec24 105.00

Sumup machine receipts - Nov £9.50 / Dec £33.00 42.50

Total Receipts £2,661.14

#### Payments

NSC monthly DD - Burial Ground waste 1Dec/1Jan 2@ £13.68 27.56

Southern Electric Supply to BC Toilets (DD) – Nov 24.99

- Dec 24.71

Water2business monthly DD for water bill Burrington WC – 171.00  
2Dec/1Jan 2 months @ £85.50

T Martin, Clerk's Salary Oct-Dec24 \*750.00

T Martin, Clerk's Expenses Dec24/Jan25 \*92.95

A Phillips – Collecting and siting grit bin in Link Lane \*25.00

C Husher Cleaning BC Toilets 29Dec24-28Feb25 - 9 wks @ £55 \*495.00

Paul Keel – Purchase of Toilet Rolls (taken from safepost) 14.28

R Earth Anchors Ltd – Purchase of Notice Board for The Square 1,136.40

Total Payments £2,761.89

#### **Bank Balances @ 31Dec24**

Liquidity A/c £8,667.83

Business Reserve £5,812.86

Current A/c @10Jan25 £2,833.26

NB/ of the payments listed above only 4\* (totaling £1,362.95) have not yet gone through the bank. When these payments have been made the balance will be £1,470.31

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