

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 3rd March 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)
Mr. Andrew Gray (AG)
Mrs. Teresa Martin (Clerk)

Present:

5 Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed all 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 13th January 2025 were proposed by HJ and seconded by PK 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 –

The Parish Council have submitted their comments to NSC Planning and await further updates.

4.2 HIGHWAY ISSUES IN THE PARISH

4.2.1 Vehicle Activated Signs – As one of the requirements for submitting an application for the Bristol airport grant, the support of local Cllr Patrick Keating has been obtained. RD will continue to pursue, and consideration to be given as to where the signs should be positioned.

4.2.2 Pedestrian Safety – Lower Langford – a request form has been submitted to NSC and Cllr Keating has also submitted a request. No response.

4.2.3 Weight Limits/Speed Repeater Signs/Worn Paint - NSC have advised weight limit permits are issued to vehicles requiring access. We have been informed that keeping road signs visible in hedges is the responsibility of the hedge owners not NSC. Owners will be contacted once the hedge cutting season is over as necessary. The road markings at the junction of Ashy Lane onto A368 have now been repainted.

4.2.4 Mobile Library Parking – ‘No Parking’ signs have been purchased and placed on the wall leading into Rickford village. When budgets allow, NSC will assist with further signage.

4.3 NSC Local Plan – Additional sites are required to accommodate a further 8,000 houses and the suggested sites do not relate to existing sites. RD will show maps at next meeting.

4.4 A368/A30 Churchill Junction Consultation- the scheme has been approved.

4.5 Parish Online – Website, Emails & Cloud Storage- RD & AG to liaise. Look into providing new email addresses and a way for all to view documents.

4.6 NSC Delivering Together (PROW) – following consultation, the initial suggestion of devolving certain aspects of the Public Rights of Way process to Parish Councils will not proceed.

4.7 Consider Additional Councillor – Andrew Gray agreed to join the Parish Council, and his co-option was proposed by HJ and seconded by PK. It was noted that Cllr Paul Keel will stand down after the April Annual meeting and that Cllr Mark Northcott will be moving from the parish shortly, creating two vacancies. Governance says at least 7 Councillors are required. Advertisements for Councillors will be placed on Whatsapp/Facebook/Website. Councillors can approach people who may have skills they can bring to the Parish Council. The formal process of advertising through NSC Electoral Services will be followed. It would be helpful to find representatives from Lower Langford and Rickford to join the team. It was suggested that a ‘friends of the PC’ group could be created for those people with skills to assist and advise as and when matters arise, rather than committing the time to become a Councillor.

4.8 Briefing and Q&A Session re 3-weekly bin collections – HJ joined a recent meeting where it was noted that 45% of black bin rubbish could be recycled, 27% is food, half of which is still in wrappings. Out of 40,000 tons of black bin rubbish 18,000 could be recycled which would make a saving of £1.1m p.a. Recycling bags will replace boxes. Start date is scheduled for 9th June provided new recycling vehicles are in place. The new vehicles will have space for textiles and electrical items. Plastic carrier bags will be recycled. NSC anticipates an increase in visits to recycling centres and therefore it is likely a booking system will be put in place.

5. BURRINGTON COMBE TOILETS – All lights are now LED. A new sensor has been installed along with an emergency light in the case of a power cut. A quote has been requested for painting and repairs to the roof. The SSE electricity contract expires at the end of April and a new contract will be sought. PK will check readings on the meter.

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6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – No report - Cllr Keating was not present.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 **NSC Community Governance Review 2025** – takes place every 10-15 years and a consultation is currently in place ending 30th April, leading to a draft proposal by the end of June, and any changes implemented by 25th November 2025. There is a questionnaire online for Councillors and members of the public to complete. Amongst other things the Review looks at the merits of merging Parish Councils and changing boundaries - do you need to border each village? Churchill and Blagdon PCs are much larger and very different. There are a number of PCs smaller than ours. Councillors requested to complete the questionnaire.

7.2 **The Great British Spring Clean** – Noted – we have a number of ‘litter picks’ each year organised by local residents.

7.3 **NSC Free Flower Scheme** – Noted.

7.4 **Cycle Paths** – A local group are looking at opening/reopening cycle paths within North Somerset linking them to the Strawberry Line and between villages. An area of particular interest to Burrington is getting safely to the bus stop at Yew Tree Close. Discussions have taken place with NSC (sustainable transport) and Cllr Keating and some suggestions made. The most sensible option would be to drain and clear Copthorn Lane opposite Frys Lane to give access to walkers and cyclists accessing Burrington village and the Combe.

8. PLANNING

8.1 **New** –

24/P/2470/FU2- Burrington Inn - The Parish Council have submitted their comments to NSC planning officer and await further updates.

24/P/0064/FUH – Ploverfield, Bath Road, proposed erection of single-story side extension and external improvements to the cladding – no comments.

24/P/0256/LDE – Brookside, Rickford – Certificate of lawfulness re garage space – this is a matter for the planning officer.

25/P/0328/FUH – Grey Gables, Ham Link – Demolition of existing conservatory and proposed loft extension with 2 dormer windows and 3 rooflights at rear, flat roof dormer to front, Juliette balcony to the side – An ecology survey was undertaken but not before the roof and ceilings of the house had been removed, a couple of sheds demolished and the garage refurbished. This is a matter for the Enforcement Officer should NSC wish to pursue. Concern over the height of the dormer windows overlooking bedroom windows and garden of neighbours, and the permitted distance between properties. There is a large increase in ‘bulk’ and could this be mitigated by using the void under the ground floor? Concern over access to the site with large vehicles and traffic through Burrington Square, in particular during school drop off and collection times. The Parish Council will comment.

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** – Interment of Mrs. Yeats ashes – 17th February 2025

PK will circulated suggested new burial fees for approval with a view to increasing from 1st April 2025.

10. ACCOUNTS (Receipts & Payments)

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

11. **DRAFT ANNUAL ACCOUNTS** – Noted

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The works undertaken in the Square have been well received and is a vast improvement.

- The triangle at the top of Burrington village needs tidying up. A roundabout rather than a triangle would make access easier and prevent vehicles driving over the grass, but unlikely to happen due to lack of NSC budget.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 7th April 2025 – this will be the Annual Parish Meeting and members of the public will be invited to attend from 7.00pm for light refreshments.

The meeting closed at 8.39pm.

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS – 3RD MARCH 2025 MTG

Receipts

Bank Interest - Business Reserve A/c	5Jan-5Feb	6.55
	6Feb-28Feb	5.20
Liquidity A/c	Jan & Feb	39.52
Transfer from Business Reserve A/c		1,000.00

BURRINGTON COMBE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Mendip Outdoor Ltd (DD) monthly donation	3Feb/3Mar 2@£80	160.00
Caving Services (DD) monthly donation	11Feb/11Mar 2@£10	20.00
Safepost cash collection –	Feb	140.00
Sumup machine receipts -	Jan £26.00 Feb £12.00	<u>38.00</u>
Total Receipts		<u>£1,409.27</u>

Payments

NSC monthly DD - Burial Ground waste	3Feb/3Mar 2@ £13.68	27.56
Southern Electric Supply to BC Toilets (DD) –	Jan25	26.39
	- Feb25	28.21
Water2business monthly DD for water bill Burrington WC –		171.00
	1Feb/1Mar 2 months @ £85.50	
T Martin, Clerk's Salary	Jan-Mar 2025	750.00
T Martin, Clerk's Expenses	Feb/Mar25	33.98
C Husher Cleaning BC Toilets	1-31 st March 25 - 4 wks @ £55	220.00
H Jackson – purchase of 'No Parking' signs for Rickford		80.82
Burrington Parish Room Ltd – Hall hire	8 x £28.50	228.00
Harwoods Electrical Services Replacing LED bulb BC Toilets		99.12
Churchill& Langford Mini Bus – Annual Donation		100.00
Rickford Community Association – maintenance of Stocking Lane		50.00
A Phillips – Painting Burial Ground Gates		100.00
P Marshall – Village maintenance		295.00
Michelmores LLP – Annual ground rent on BC toilets		<u>5.00</u>
Total Payments		<u>£2,215.08</u>

Bank Interest rates are reducing from 24th April 2025

Business Reserve – from 1.25% gross to 1.10%

Liquidity A/c – from 2.72% gross to 2.47%

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