

# BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on **MONDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025** in the Parish Room, Burrington

Present:

Councillors:

Mrs. Helen Jackson (HJ) - Chair	Mr. Roger Daniels (RD) -Vice Chair	Cllr Patrick Keating
Mr. Paul Keel (PK)	Mr. Richard Dors (RDors)	Reverend David Gent
Mr. Mark Northcott (MN)	Mrs. Teresa Martin – Clerk	Mrs. Mary Keel
Mr. Andrew Gray (AG)		Mr. Craig Husher

As Paul Keel was retiring after this meeting, the Chairman said a few words on his illustrious career with the Parish Council which spanned over 30 years and thanked him for his commitment to the Parish Council and the parish in general. A gift was presented to Paul and his wife, Mary.

1. **WELCOME** - The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Mr. & Mrs. Shapland & Miss K Wilson
3. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** - there were none.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held on 8th April 2024** - approval was proposed by PK and seconded by RD and were signed by the Chair.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 8th APRIL 2024** - there were none.

### 6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In addition to the report contained in the recent newsletter, the Chairman expressed thanks to Teresa Martin for her work as Clerk to the Council and to all Councillors for their input over the past year, in particular to:  
Roger Daniels for his planning expertise; Paul Keel for overseeing the running of the public conveniences in Burrington Combe in particular, and for agreeing to be available in his retirement to help with any queries; Richard Dors for his work in organizing the improvement to The Square in Burrington village; Mark Northcott for managing the website.  
Thanks were also expressed to Jeff & Teresa Martin for keeping the burial ground neat and tidy all year; Pete Marshall, our village orderly, for keeping hedges cut and bus shelters tidy; the Husher family for continuing to keep the public toilets in good shape and to Bob Shapland who has audited the PC accounts for the past 15 years but has now decided to retire from this role.

7. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - Patrick Keating announced that funding for the Banwell Bypass is secured and construction has started, with completion expected in 18-24 months. Churchill roundabout application has been approved and a plan of how traffic will flow during construction will be published in due course. The Local Plan is awaiting further consultation results before going to the Inspector. Budgets are tight.

### 8. REPORTS ON COMMITTEES

- **Parish Council's Airport Association** - support Parish Councils who are affected by airport development. The airport puts in plans for expansion, the PCAA object but invariably the Government gives approval.
- **Wedmore Charities** – one payment has been made this year.
- **Conservators** – look after the Commons. They have not met this year. Goats, horses and cattle are on the hill.
- **Churchill & Langford Minibus Association** – we donate £100 annually. Great organization which provides a much wider service arranging hospital visits, prescription deliveries as well as regular shopping trips. The minibus is available for group outings for a nominal fee.
- **Burrington Parish Room** - run by a charitable board. Rooms used regularly by Cubs, Beavers and the 1<sup>st</sup> Burrington Village Scouts Group and it is hoped that a Squirrels Group for 4–6-year-olds will be set up shortly. There will be no Village Fete this year.
- **ALCA** - we pay an annual subscription and receive regular newsletters. They have been very helpful with recent queries.

9. **ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025** – the Chair went through the Accounts which were shown at the meeting. Bank interest rates are currently low. It is suggested to explore options for transferring the Liquidity account funds into an account with higher interest rates. We have increased our precept to £10,000 per annum, which is still at a relatively low level in comparison with other local parishes.

An increase in the burial fees was discussed and all agreed to accept the new figures submitted by PK and to review charges annually.

Approval for sign-off was proposed by RD and seconded by RDors

The meeting closed at 8.01 pm.