

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on **MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2025** in The Parish Room, Burrington

PRESENT: Councillors:
Mrs. Helen Jackson (Chair) (HJ)
Mr. Roger Daniels (Vice Chair) (RD)
Mr. Richard Dors (RDors)
Mr. Andrew Grey (AG)
Mrs. Sophie Stead (SS)
Mrs. Teresa Martin (Clerk)

PRESENT: Mr. Craig Husher
Mrs. Julia Counsell
Mr. Larry Hughes

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Mr. Patrick Keating

2. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** – Mr. Hughes enquired whether the Parish Council had more information on the Burrington Inn application than that showing on the NSC website. HJ advised that James Hoddell has submitted all that is required by NSC planning department and the delay is being caused by discussions with lawyers regarding the Section 106 agreement – which confirms the amount of money that will be used on infrastructure etc. There is concern that the comments made by several residents, and supported by the PC, regarding the possible noise level from the residential pods are not being taken into consideration. It was suggested that raising the boundary fencing would help a little by deflecting sound but would not solve the problem completely. Concern was also expressed regarding the safety along Ham Link where it is very narrow and vehicles travel at speed through to Burrington Square, particularly at school drop-off/pick-up times. Hedge cutting has taken place on the side owned by farmers, but the opposite side remains uncut causing poor visibility. The Clerk undertook to check who is responsible and will contact the relevant owner. SS undertook to contact the school secretary and ask that they remind parents to drive with care and consideration through Ham Link and the village. RD advised that a memo taken from the NSC website includes a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit which will cover some of the above points. RD undertook to draft an email to the Case Officer. Mr. Hughes was given the email addresses of Patrick Keating and James Hoddell who would be happy to discuss his concerns.

3. **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th September 2025 were approved by all. Copies have been placed on the website and notice boards.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

4.1 **Burrington Inn Site** – Yeo Valley have provided NSC planning with all the information requested and are still waiting for a decision. See paragraph 2 above. It was noted that monies from the Section 106 agreement could be used to improve Cophorne Lane as a foot/cycle path linking Burrington with the A38 bus stops.

4.2 **Highway Issues in the Parish**

4.2.1 **Rickford Signage** – still awaiting replacement of Rickford sign.

4.2.2 **60 mph Speed Limit A38** – Highway improvement request form completed, and NSC have confirmed we have been added to the Stage 1 Long List to be evaluated and scored by officers. If successful, our request will be added to a future works programme.

4.2.3 **Parking Restrictions – Mobile Library** - Having given our preference on the limited options, NSC have now confirmed that they will paint double yellow lines on either side of the road and a box saying 'library van parking only' in the hope that it will deter others from parking there when the van is not in situ.

4.2.4 **Speed Limit Lower Langford** – PKeating had undertaken to submit the form requesting 20mph limit and traffic calming in Lower Langford. The Clerk will chase for an update.

4.3 **NSC Local Plan** – RD has already submitted our comments on the Local Plan, focusing on matters relevant to our Parish.

4.4 **Parish Online – Website** – all email addresses will shortly be changed to gov.uk The website has been moved to the new site in its original form. AG & SS will be updating on an on-going basis.

4.5 **NSC Community Governance Review 2025** – the review should be complete by the end of the year.

4.6 **Green Canopy Project – Forest of Avon Trust** – after taking advice from local landowners, it was agreed that Rickford Lane was not wide enough to accommodate a row of trees, as it could eventually lead to tarmac lifting and the roots blocking drains. Access for the mechanical hedge trimmer would be restricted, and there would be an ongoing cost to the maintenance of the trees.

4.7 **NSC Town & Parish Forum – 23rd September** – no-one attended.

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5. **BURRINGTON COMBE TOILETS** – the broken yellow tag on the 'Bleed Box' on site has been repaired, and an electrician has sorted a problem with the lighting. It is hoped that we will shortly be given a £1,500 grant from Mendip Hills/Somerset Community Foundation to assist in the ongoing repairs and decoration of the facilities.

6. **LOCAL CRIME** - fly tipping is of concern, and we will continue to report to NSC and remove what is practical.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1 NSC Introduction of booking system for recycling centres - Noted

7.2 Yew Tree Close junction –

Mrs. Julia Counsell, a resident of Yew Tree Close, joined the meeting to discuss what could be done about the junction from Yew Tree Close onto the A38 – a fast road where the speed limit is 60 mph. The bus markings on the slip road on the approach to the junction are non-existent and the bus stop sign is in the hedge. Consequently, large lorries are using the layby to park obstructing the view out of the junction onto the main road. The layby is also used as a drop-off/pick-up for school buses, again causing difficulties for drivers emerging from Yew Tree Close. It was noted that the slip road is necessary for deceleration when turning left into the Close. It was agreed that we would complete a traffic form requesting: the bus stop markings be reinstated; the sign be replaced; double yellow lines painted to prevent lorries/coaches parking and reiterating our request for the speed limit to be reduced. It was suggested that monies from the Airport fund might be available if that would speed up the process with NSC.

The other issue in Yew Tree Close is airport parking. Regularly pick-ups/drop-offs are taking place early in the morning with doors slamming and suitcases being wheeled, and vehicles are being left parked for some days, often causing poor vision for residents when pulling off driveways. One suggestion is that 'residents only' parking be applied to the Close, but this would need to be investigated and there may be a cost involved.

7.3 Town & Parish Workshop – 4th December, 2.30 pm – RD will attend

7.4 NSC Carers' Consultation – place poster on notice board

7.5 PCAA Mtg 20th November - noted

7.6 Weston Hospicecare – place poster on notice board

7.7 NSC Invitation for Community Engagement - Noted

7.8 Planning Mtg with Tessa Munt – 8th December – RD & SS hope to attend.

7.9 Wessex & Bristol Water – Drop-in Sessions Cheddar – Jan-Mar 2026 - place poster on notice board

7.10 Churchill & Langford Minibus AGM – 2nd December – Noted.

8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

New: **25/P/1970/TRCA** – Brook House, Langford Road, Cherry Tree felling – noted, leave to case officer.

25/P/2160/FUH – Ploverfield, Bath Road, Burrington – retrospective application for the demolition of 1no. timber barn and erection of a double garage in place – our comments and objections have been forwarded to NSC. The proposed new building is clearly contrary to Policy DM38 of NSC's Development Sites and Policies Plan in terms of massing, scale, proportions, materials and overall design and character which are not appropriate for a domestic garage; harm to the local area, including negative visual impacts on the Mendip Hills National Landscape Area; and prejudice to the amenity and living conditions of neighbouring residential properties. Planning permission should therefore be refused and enforcement action taken to require removal of the unauthorised steel frame that has been constructed without planning permission.

25/P/2183/TRCA - Milfort House, Langford Road – Felling Copper Beech – noted, leave to case officer.

25/P/2188/FUL - Leigh & Clifton Cottages, Langford Road – proposed demolition of existing fire damaged dwellings and erection of 2no. new dwellings in place – Noted – no comments.

Updates:

25/P/0971/FUH – Grey Gables, Ham Link, Burrington – planning permission has been granted on second submission, without addressing all the issues raised.

9. **BURIAL GROUND** – scattering of ashes – Mrs. Dorothy Blair. Burial – Mr. Paul Wren

10. **ACCOUNTS - RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS**

Payment of the accounts shown below was proposed by Helen Jackson and seconded by Roger Daniels.

BANK STATEMENT BALANCES

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|---------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Current A/c | £4,938.06 | @5Nov25 |
| Business A/c | £4,357.29 | @31Oct25 |
| Liquidity A/c | <u>£8,849.36</u> | @31Oct25 |
| Total | <u>£18,144.71</u> | |

Consider our request for Precept 2026-27. Decision to be made at January meeting.

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11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mike Dennett has agreed to become our Internal Auditor
- The possibility of holding film nights in the Parish Room was raised again. The Clerk undertook to write to the Chairman of the Parish Room committee to gain his thoughts. Craig Husher undertook to price up the cost of purchasing a screen, projector and sound equipment.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS** – Monday, 19th January & Monday, 2nd March 2026

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS PC MEETING 24th NOVEMBER 2025

Receipts

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| Bank Interest - Business Reserve A/c Sept/Oct | 7.75 |
| - Liquidity A/c - Sept/Oct | 33.44 |

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| NSC Precept part two | 5,000.00 |
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BURRINGTON COMBE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

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| Mendip Outdoor Ltd (DD) monthly donation Sept/Oct/Nov 3@£80 | 240.00 |
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| Caving Services (DD) monthly donation Sept/Oct | 30.00 |
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| Safepost cash collection – Sept/Oct | 246.00 |
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| Sumup machine receipts - Sept/Oct | 108.12 |
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| N Blair – Scattering of ashes Mrs. Dorothy Blair | <u>85.00</u> |
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| TOTAL RECEIPTS | <u>£5,750.31</u> |
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Payments

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| NSC monthly DD - Burial Ground waste Aug/Sept/Oct 3@ £14.31 | 42.39 |
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| Southern Electric Supply to BC Toilets (DD) – Sept | 27.54 |
| - Oct | 41.33 |

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| Water2business monthly DD- water bill Burrington WC –Aug/Sept/ 2 @ £85.50 Oct increase to £86.50 | 257.50 |
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| C Husher Cleaning BC Toilets 20Oct-2Jan 11 wks @ £55 | 605.00 |
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| J G & T Martin – Maint of Burial Ground – Sept/Nov 4 @ £80 | 320.00 |
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| T Martin – Clerk’s Expenses – Aug-Nov | 79.96 |
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| T Martin – Clerk’s salary July-September | *750.00 |
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| R W Phippen – Hedge cutting Rickford Lane | *270.00 |
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| Parish Online Annual subs | *45.00 |
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| B Dimond – works to BC toilets and cleaning cover | *1,101.00 |
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| Local Authority Technology CIC (Parish Online) Website service | <u>*258.00</u> |
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| TOTAL | <u>£3,797.72</u> |
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**Already paid online*

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