

# BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Applegarth, Rickford Rise, Burrington, North Somerset BS40 7AN

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## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in The Parish Room, Burrington

### Attendees:

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

### Present:

13 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Patrick Keating, Mr. Tim Mead
2. **Questions from the Public** – there were none.
3. **Minutes** – of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were signed by the Chairman and have been displayed on notice boards and the website.
4. **Matters Arising:**
  - 4.1 **Signage at Rickford Ford** – signage has been requested and NSC will instal in due course.
  - 4.2 **Burrington Inn Site** – Tim Mead, CEO of Yeo Valley, sent his apologies. They are due to submit their plans before the end of the year and we hope Mr. Mead will be able to attend our November meeting to give an update on their ideas for the site.
  - 4.3 **Burrington Combe Rubbish Problem** – recent fly-tipping in the Combe was removed quickly by NSC. NSC will clear up any rubbish if they are working in the Combe but not on a regular basis. The Parish Council is not insured for individuals to undertake litter collection as the Combe has no footpaths and the 40mph speed limit makes it dangerous to work alongside the road.
  - 4.4 **Mobile Library Parking- Rickford** – the arrival of a dedicated parking bay for the mobile library, which arrives every other Thursday, has been seen as an invitation for vehicles to park there on other occasions causing great problems for vehicles attempting to enter and leave Rickford village. Suggestions made to NSC to overcome this problem did not meet with their traffic restrictions. The Clerk undertook to respond to NSC confirming our requirements for yellow lines to be reinstated and the time restrictions needed, but we are advised that work will not take place before the next financial year.
  - 4.5 **Village Orderly Grant** – the grant has been reinstated and £100 has been received from NSC.
  - 4.6 **Traffic Calming Measures A368** – NSC have advised that these can only be implemented in a 30mph speed limit and in locations where there are streetlights, neither of which apply at the junction from Rickford Rise to The Batch. It was agreed that the Highways team should be asked to meet at the site, along with Cllr Patrick Keating, to review. A list of other problems would also be put forward for attention such as the junction into and out of Rickford Village where the speed limit continues at 40mph.
  - 4.7 **Speed Limit Enforcement** – RD is looking into the possibility of an Automated SpeedWatch camera being installed in the Parish. North Somerset Council officers have said that they don't currently have any process or policy for these on the Highway at present; that they are having discussions with the police regarding Auto SpeedWatch cameras; and they will come back to us when they have more information.
  - 4.8 **NSC Local Plan** – defer to November meeting.
5. **Burrington Combe Toilets** – monthly donations from local activity centres along with the safestop collections are helping with the cost of running the facilities. Problems with water bills being sent to the Wills Estate rather than the Parish Council has resulted in bills not being paid for six years. NSC had advised Bristol Water that the Parish Council had taken over responsibility for the facilities. Consequently, a reduced bill of £2,746 has been received and PK undertook to see if this amount could be reduced further and an 'easy payment plan' set up. It was felt that NSC should make some financial contribution towards the upkeep of the toilets as only visitors use them, not local residents. PK undertook to approach ANOB to ask if they could make a donation as they are currently advertising and encouraging visitors to the Mendips. RD suggested we also approach Visit Somerset to see if they are able to contribute towards the water bill.
6. **Police Report** – can be viewed online. Officers from Nailsea Police Station cover our area and it is hoped that a PCSO may be able to attend our net meeting.

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**7. District Councillors Report** – apologies received from Patrick Keating who has brought our attention to the Corporate Plan & Budget Engagement survey. MN will put a link on our website for anyone wishing to contribute.

**8. Correspondence:**

8.1 **Introduction of Woodland Expansion** – a scheme funded by Defra to encourage further planting of trees. In view of the position of our parish, no more trees are required.

8.2 **Avon & Somerset Police – Community Engagement** – to be invited to November meeting.

8.3 **NSC Electoral Services Annual Canvas 2023** – asking for recruits. Information will be placed on our website.

8.4 **ALCA AGM 7<sup>th</sup> October** – Noted.

8.5 **Town & Parish Forums 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> September** – RD to join zoom meeting.

8.6 **Jubilee Engraved Stone for Village** – has now been completed and is ready to be positioned in the church field near the recently planted trees.

8.7 **Climate Change** – as the correspondence was not signed by any individual no action required.

8.8 **Bristol Airport Invitation 12<sup>th</sup> September** – noted.

**9. Planning**

**23/P/1226/FUH** – 1 Council Houses, Burrington Combe – proposed replacement of outbuilding at rear of property – application approved.

9.1 **New 23/P/1708/PIP** – Buildings adjacent to the Hill, Ham Link – permission in principle for conversion & extension of existing stable and storage building to create 1no. dwelling.

It was noted that this site is outside the settlement of the village. Concern was raised that any agreement to small building changes at this stage could lead to larger changes in the future, possibly linking up with the Burrington Combe site. If outline permission is granted, then an application to amend the plans could be sought. RD undertook to draft a response to NSC.

9.2 **Bristol Airport Expansion** – Noise Complaint telephone line to be replaced by a postal process.

9.3 **Blagdon Water Gardens** – The redevelopment proposals now have planning permission subject to some details, including highway works.

**10. Burial Ground** – Waste disposal – a black bin has been delivered and rubbish will be collected fortnightly. A direct debit has been set up to pay NSC monthly for this service.

- Inscription for Evan Lintern memorial was approved.

**11. Accounts (Receipts & Payments)** – the payment of accounts shown below was proposed by PK and seconded by HJ.

**12. Any Other Business**

12.1 Local residents have raised the state of the area in the Square next to the phone box. Suggestions from residents' welcome.

12.2 Hedges along Rickford Lane and the burial ground have been cut. The kissing gate has been painted.

12.3 Overgrown hedges along Ham Link from the church field are causing poor visibility for traffic. PK declared an interest and advised that landowners are not allowed to cut hedges until September. NSC are allowed to cut at any time for road safety measures.

12.4 Parish boundaries will change before the next Election and Burrington will move from Weston into Mendip.

12.5 Cllr Abi McGuire, Independent councillor in Shepton Mallet, has asked to attend a future meeting just to listen to the Council and she will be advised of the date of our next meeting.

12.6 All present are keen to hear Yeo Valley plans for the Burrington Combe site and PK gave some information on their original plans for an activity centre. Planning applications have been problematic because Yeo Valley enterprise covers three district councils.

**13. Date of Next Meeting – Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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### RECEIPTS & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT @ PC MEETING 4th September 2023

#### Receipts

Bank Interest - Business reserve A/c 6July-4Aug23 7.50

NSC Village Orderly Grant 100.00

Mendip Memorials - Inscription Evan Lintern 85.00

#### Burrington Combe Public Conveniences

Mendip Outdoor Ltd (DD) monthly donation 1Aug 80.00  
1Sept 80.00

Caving Services (DD) monthly donation 11July 10.00  
11Aug 10.00

Safepost Box cash collection Cash - June 23 243.22  
Sumup machine receipts (July23) 7.50

**Total Receipts** **£623.22**

#### Payments

Southern Electric Supply to BC Toilets (DD) - 31July 28.08  
- 27Aug 29.72

C Husher -Cleaning BC Toilets 4thSept-27thOct 8wks @ £50.00 400.00

T Martin - Clerk's Expenses - July-Aug23 34.24

J G & T Martin -Maint. Burial Ground - 272.80  
28July/11Aug/28Aug23 - 3 @ £55.00 = £165.00  
Painting Kissing Gate, Rickford Lane + paint = £107.80

P Keel - Purchase of Toilet Rolls for BC public conveniences - 53.68  
July/August

D J Brown Monumental Masons - Jubilee Stone 600.00

NSC - Recharge of Election Expenses May 2023 92.00

JustUs Annual Hosting & Website Maintenance Agreement 210.00

**Total Payments** **£1,720.52**

#### **BANK BALANCES**

Liquidity Account @ 7July2023 £8,267.89  
Business Reserve Account @ 4Aug2023. £6,677.50  
Current Account @ 4Aug2023 £2,187.22

Total £17,132.61  
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