

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 6th November 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:

Tim & Sarah Mead – Yeo Valley
Cllr Patrick Keating
Phil Smith – Chair, Blagdon PC
Jim Hardcastle – Mendip AONB
Cllr Abi McGuire
18 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence – None

The Chairman welcomed all. Cllr Abi McGuire, who is an Independent contender for the next Parliamentary elections (for the new Wells & Mendip Hills constituency), introduced herself and advised that she was there purely to listen.

2. Questions from the Public – there were none.

3. Burrington Inn Site - Tim Mead explained the planning application process and the issues that had caused a delay in putting forward plans for the Burrington Inn site. It is hoped that the planning application will be submitted for consideration in April next year. The plan would include demolishing the existing building and replacing with a hotel, restaurant/café/WCs, overnight 'pods', more parking, visitor centre, retail units, office accommodation, activity/climbing facility. It was not considered economic to restore the existing building and they were surprised to learn that some officers at North Somerset Council thought that the Inn should be retained. It is not known whether the previous drinks licence has elapsed but, if so, one will sought for the new restaurant.

Concern was expressed about the visual impact on properties overlooking the Combe. Mr. Mead advised that they are aware it is the Gateway to the Mendips and they want to improve the area and provide facilities that will be used. The hope is to benefit the area as well as being commercially viable. Additional car parking will be provided for use by hotel guests, and airport parking will not be allowed. Concerns over extra traffic in the Combe were mentioned and National Highways have advised that a survey/assessment will be undertaken.

Traffic flow and accident statistics in the Combe will be requested from the Highways Department. This will be highlighted at the planning application stage.

With additional hotel and pods being erected, sewage and drainage were of concern, but all proper installation measures will be taken. It is hoped that the activity centre, and the pods, would be used by Scouts, Guides and school trips. When asked how optimistic they were that the plan would be approved, Mr. Mead said they were hopeful.

Mr. Mead asked that any concerns/feedback be forwarded to them and he would be happy to discuss any matters at Yeo Valley HQ (Adrian.fenton@yeovalley.co.uk). This email address will be placed on the village Facebook and PC website for use by residents. The Chairman thanked Mr. Mead for his time.

4. Minutes – of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4th September 2023 were proposed by PK and seconded by RD as a true record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman and have been displayed on notice boards and the website.

5. Matters Arising:

5.1 **Burrington Inn Site** – the Chairman advised that we have not, at this stage, been asked to comment on the application as the Parish Council cannot comment formally on the environmental assessment/impact.

5.2 **Mobile Library Parking, Rickford** – NSC to reinstate yellow lines, and provide parking restrictions signs - work will not take place before the next financial year.

5.3 **Traffic Calming Measures A368** – Cllr Patrick Keating undertook to raise our issues and it is hoped a meeting with the Highways team can be arranged.

5.4 **Speed Limit Enforcement** – awaiting a response/commitment from North Somerset Council to install a 'black box' that records the speed and registration number of cars exceeding the speed limit.

5.5 **NSC Local Plan** – was approved last week for submission to the Planning Inspectorate for examination. The latest local draft plan has reduced the target level of housing.

5.6 **ALCA – AGM – 7th October** – nothing relevant to our PC

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5.7 **Jubilee Engraved Stone for village** – hoping to be installed in the Spring with a local gathering. Old records and maps will be displayed in the Parish Room at the same time.

5.8 **Town & Parish Forums 12th & 13th September** - noted

5.9 **Tidying Burrington Square** – residents were asked for suggestions for the Square.

5.10 **Signage at Rickford Ford** – signage has been requested and NSC will install in due course once the most relevant sign has been selected pointing out the dangers.

6. **Burrington Combe Toilets** – PK advised how the Parish Council became ‘owners’ of the facilities. Keeping them open is a financial challenge. Two local companies make monthly donations, and three grants over the past couple of years have helped. PK has negotiated with Bristol Water – water2business – a reduction in an outstanding water bill, reducing the amount from £2,796 to £1,500 and all Councillors agreed we should pay this amount. It was agreed that a direct debit should be set up for future monthly payments. The annual water bill is likely to be in the region of £1,000. We are approaching Visit Somerset requesting a donation towards the upkeep of the facilities. It is not possible to make this a charity.

7. **Police Report** – can be viewed online. HJ & PK are meeting with local officers from Nailsea Station to find out their priorities and to talk about fly tipping, poaching and other issues in our local area.

8. **District Councillors Report** – PKeating talked about general highway issues as three major schemes are coming together at the same time. Road work at both ends of Brockley Combe by the airport is causing major headaches for road users. The highway improvement plan includes changes to the Churchill traffic lights and new bus lanes will be installed to cater for a bus service to the new development in Banwell.

P Keating will continue to chase our issues with NSC where staff are under pressure. Noncompetitive salaries are making it difficult to recruit and retain staff.

9. **Correspondence:**

9.1 **Well Being Workshop with Churchill PCC** – all felt this was a health issue and not a PC matter and the Clerk undertook to advise accordingly.

9.2 **Avon & Somerset Police** – HJ & PK meeting with local officers shortly.

9.3 **Road Signage Lower Langford** – Lower Langford falls in both Churchill and Burrington Parishes. Churchill PC asked if we had any objections to them putting signs up warning of pedestrians. We have advised we have no objections.

9.4 **Mendip Hills Fund – Community & Environmental Grants** – noted. We are waiting to see if we qualify to apply for a grant to deal with litter in the Combe, either by provision of bins/collections, or a professional litter clearance. As this is a statutory duty of the Parish Council it is unlikely we will get any funding. However, we are unable to organise volunteers to litter pick as there are no pavements in the Combe and our insurance will not cover this. We understand that this is also true for other organisations.

9.5 **Mendip Hills AONB** - Press release regarding Nature Recovery Forum on 11th November.

9.6 **Burrington Inn Development** – see Item 3.

10. **Planning**

10.1 **New**

23/P/2021/CQA – Langford Green Farm, Bath Road – prior approval for conversion of an agricultural building to form one residential unit. PK declared a non-pecuniary interest as his field is next door. As the Parish Council does not normally comment on prior approval applications, no comments were made.

10.2 **Update**

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. No update at this stage.

Bristol Airport Expansion – electric car charging units will be installed in the Silver Car Park and a building where refreshments will be available. Primarily for users of the airport but no restrictions on other road users. RD had drafted a positive response which differed from the approach of the PCAA.

Blagdon Water Gardens – no update.

11. **Burial Ground** – Direct debits for removal of waste have been activated.

12. **Accounts (Receipts & Payments)** – the payment of accounts shown below was proposed by PK and seconded by RD. It was agreed that the Precept would be discussed at the January meeting.

13. **Any Other Business**

12.1 Churchill Sports Centre has now been taken over by the school. The swimming pool will be filled in providing an additional Hall for the school, and some parts may be available for public hire in due course.

13. **Date of Next Meeting – Monday, 15th January 2024**

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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RECEIPTS & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT @ PC MEETING 6TH NOVEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest - Business reserve A/c 5Aug-5Sept	7.95
6Sept-5Oct	7.50
- Liquidity A/c 8Jul-6Oct	62.66

GV Gower (via Burrington Parish Room)	200.00
Funeral fees for Mrs. Thornell & Mr. Croker	

Burrington Combe Public Conveniences

Mendip Outdoor Ltd (DD) monthly donation 2Oct	80.00
2Nov	80.00

Caving Services (DD) monthly donation 11Sept	10.00
11Oct	10.00

Safepost Box cash collection Cash - Sept/Oct	390.80
Sumup machine receipts - Aug	39.00
-Sept	<u>38.00</u>

Total Receipts **£925.91**

Payments

North Somerset Council - Burial Ground waste collection monthly by Direct Debit - 1Sept	13.78
2Oct	13.78

Southern Electric Supply to BC Toilets (DD) - 30Sept	32.31
- 28Oct	25.30

C Husher -Cleaning BC Toilets 30Oct -29Dec 23 9wks @ £50.00	450.00
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T Martin - Clerk's Salary July-Sept 2023 (£14.40 tax paid by Clerk)	625.00
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J G & T Martin -Maint. Burial Ground - 15Sept/6Oct - 2 @ £55.00	110.00
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P Keel - Purchase of Toilet Rolls for BC public conveniences - Sept/Oct	38.34
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GeoXphere Ltd - Parish Online digital Mapping annual sub	<u>45.00</u>
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Total Payments **£1,353.51**

Additional Payment	1,500.00
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Payment to water2business - water provision BC toilets

Payment to Bristol Water for supply to BC toilets to be discussed &
agreed

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