

# BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on **MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024** in the Parish Room, Burrington

Present:

Councillors:

Mrs. Helen Jackson (HJ) - Chair      Mr. Roger Daniels (RD) -Vice Chair      Plus 11 members of the public  
Mr. Paul Keel (PK)                      Mr. Richard Dors (RDors)  
Mr. Mr. Mark Northcott (MN)      Mrs. Teresa Martin – Clerk

1. **WELCOME** - The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - there were none.
3. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** - there were none.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held on 17th April 2022** approval was proposed by PK and seconded by RD and were signed by the Chair.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 17th APRIL 2023** - there were none.

### 6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In addition to the report contained in the recent newsletter, the Chairman expressed thanks to the following:

- all members of the Parish Council for their work over the last year. In particular, Roger Daniels for his planning expertise keeping the PC informed and also for drafting responses to the numerous NSC consultation papers that are received, and Teresa Martin for her work as Clerk to the Council
- Paul Keel for overseeing the running of the public conveniences in Burrington Combe and collecting/banking monies donated in the safestop box at the facilities; and the Husher family for continuing to keep the toilets clean and presentable, often attending several times a week
- Jeff & Teresa Martin for keeping the burial ground neat and tidy all year and Pete Marshall, our village orderly, for keeping hedges cut and bus shelters tidy
- Bob Shapland for continuing to audit the PC accounts.

7. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - None. Patrick Keating has been extremely helpful in chasing any issues.

### 8. REPORTS ON COMMITTEES

- **Parish Council's Airport Association** - support Parish Councils who are affected by airport development. RD has attended a number of meetings. A main concern is the 'pop-up' car parks around the airport where those creating the car park have 28 days before enforcement action can be taken. Although it is the airport's responsibility to pay for the works, NSC should be more proactive in improving service access to cope with the increased number of visitors to the airport e.g. the Downside junction onto the A38.
- **Wedmore Charities** – no payment has been made this year.
- **Conservators** – look after the Commons. They have not met this year. Recently 65 bags of rubbish were picked up through Burrington Combe by the landowners and NSC collected the following day. As there is no footpath, and the road has a 40mph speed limit, the Parish Council cannot arrange litter picks in this area as we are not insured. There are currently cattle, sheep and goats grazing on the Hill and everyone is reminded to please keep the gates shut. Thanks was given to those who helped on the recent litter collection in Rickford.
- **Churchill & Langford Minibus Association** – we donate £100 annually. Great organization which is providing a much wider service in the area although not many people from Burrington are using the facility. They arrange hospital visits, prescription deliveries as well as regular shopping visits. The minibus is available for group outings for a nominal fee.
- **Burrington Parish Room** - run by a charitable board. A lottery bid was awarded recently, and works have commenced on the damp issue within the Parish Room. Rooms used regularly by Cubs, Beavers and the 1<sup>st</sup> Burrington Village Scouts Group.
- **ALCA** - we pay an annual subscription and receive regular newsletters and information on courses to attend and they are helpful with any legal issues.

9. **POLICE REPORT** - crime reports available online and can be accessed through the Parish Council website, there is not much to report in our area – thefts from sheds, car break-ins are main areas of concern and also fly tipping which is covered by NSC not the police. We are covered by two PCSOs based at Nailsea station. Despite not having a police presence in the Parish, HJ & PK were assured (at a recent meeting) that any problems would be dealt with from Nailsea or from the team of police officers based at the airport. They would also hope to provide support at the village fete, or any other public function. PK sits on a police committee covering Rural Crimes and weekly reports of problems in the area are sent out to local farmers.

10. **ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2024** – the Chair went through the Accounts which were shown at the meeting. Approval for sign-off was proposed by RD and seconded by PK. We have increased our precept to £8,000 per annum which is still at a relatively low level in comparison with other local parishes.

On showing the figures for the running of the public conveniences the suggestion was made that rather than looking for a one-off grant from Mendip Hills they could perhaps make regular monthly contributions as they are actively publicising the area of outstanding natural beauty. Burrington Combe have the only public conveniences on the Mendips.  
The meeting closed at 8.03 pm.