

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 23rd September 2024 in The Parish Room, Burrington

Attendees:

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

Present:

Mr. James Hoddell – Development Manager
Mr. Chris Donoghue – Wotton Donoghue Architects
Mr Adrian Fenton – Yeo Valley
Mr. Craig Husher
Mrs. Sarah Gell
+ 31 Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence – Kathy Wilson

2. Questions from the Public – Revd David Gent asked if the Parish Council would be happy to support this year's Remembrance Service on the 11th November. He advised that last year there was a very good turn out with over 100 parishioners attending. All agreed that the PC would support this occasion.

The question was asked when the drains would be jet washed as the latest heavy rains have again caused flooding. The Clerk undertook to write again to NSC, copying in Cllr Patrick Keating who is going to bring the issues to the attention of the Executive member responsible for Highways (see 4.2 below). Parishioners were also encouraged to report issues online directly to NSC. The issue of flooding in The Combe and Ham Link was also raised, and concerns regarding how the proposed redevelopment of the Burrington Inn site will impact on this.

It was noted that although the cattle grid had been emptied last year it is again full as the drains have not been cleared and the debris settles in the grid.

The drainage engineer for the Burrington Combe development had responded and it was clear that the role of NS Highways in keeping gullies clear would be essential, even after measures to control run-off from the Burrington Inn site. The Parish Council undertook to contact NS Highways and Cllr Patrick Keating.

3. Minutes – of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15th July 2024 were proposed by RD and seconded by PK as a true record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman and have been displayed on notice boards and the website.

4. Matters Arising:

4.1 Burrington Inn Site –

James Hoddell gave an overview of the Yeo Valey planning application and explained how difficult the site is for a commercial project with resident bats, flooding and little sunlight. The proposal will include mix uses including farm shop/food hall/café (open lunch times only)/visitor centre/reception/check in area and exhibition hall. The second phase would involve outdoor activities in the quarry area providing climbing/ high rope facilities for children. The current flat and lodge on the site will, in effect, be relocated to the Hill.

Chris Donoghue continued with the slide presentation and more detailed information. Some of the main areas of concern from residents present at the meeting were: the siting of the pods, which may impinge on the privacy of the houses in Ham Link; also the lighting and noise level at night – the suggestion was made that the pods be located at the Hazel Manor site. One parishioner expressed the view that 140 parking spaces would be inadequate and there was concern that if people could not park on site they would attempt to do so on The Combe Road, Ham Link or park in Burrington Square. Coaches will be able to drop off at the site but will continue to park further up The Combe. The question was asked whether the provision of public transport had been considered and maybe an arrangement with a local bus company would be a good opportunity to bring more people into the area without increasing traffic levels. The presentation ended at 8.45 pm in order for the Parish Council meeting to take place.

The presentation can be found on the parish council website www.burrington-pc.org.uk and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1446113792189807>) for all to view. The Chairman asked that any further questions, queries or concern be sent to the Clerk (burringtonpc@yahoo.co.uk) who will forward them to James Hoddell & Chris Donoghue. When the formal application is submitted for consideration the Parish Council will be commenting on any concerns and residents will be given the opportunity to submit their own concerns personally online.

4.2 Highway Issues in the Parish –

The **mobile library parking space** continues to cause problems as people think they can park there if the bus is not in residence making the entrance into Rickford village very difficult, and dangerous. Raise again with NSC requesting that the markings be replaced with a 'No Parking' sign and double yellow lines.

Drainage - NSC will be asked to investigate what the problem is where the drains are concerned in The Combe and also on the A368 and to hopefully sort the problem.

Signage at The Ford – the Clerk undertook to confirm the position of the new signs one of which will be at the bottom of Stocking Lane or the wall of the old painting centre – whichever is deemed most visible.

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4.3 **NSC Local Plan** – The government’s planning reforms have major implications for the proposed Local Plan, therefore they are ‘working hard’ to review the draft plan.

4.4 **Tidying Burrington Square** – Works will commence in The Square during week commencing 28th October – half term week. A budget of £1,200 was agreed to purchase a hard wood bench and a notice board to be fitted at the same time as the new base is installed. Concerns were raised about the state of the footpath from the school to the burial ground. Action will be taken to clear the area.

4.5 **Bath Road Pavement & Bridge Repair** - NSC will be chased again as, no action has been taken. There was a suggestion that the boundary belongs to Bristol Water.

4.6 **Wedmore Charity Group Meeting** – PK has completed the necessary report. A meeting will be held just before Christmas to allocate donations.

4.7 **Community Bleed Kits** – The seal is broken on the kit box and the Clerk undertook to contact AONB and Avon & Somerset Constabulary to establish who is responsible for its upkeep.

5. **Burrington Combe Toilets** – A final certificate has been received confirming the 5year check on electrics. MN will return the sum-up card reader to HJ to reactivate.

6. **District Councillors Report** – there was none.

7. Correspondence:

7.1 **A368/A38 Churchill Junction Consultation** – having been advised that the scheme was on hold it is now back into consultation phase. Parish Council will reiterate, and add to, their earlier comments.

7.2 **PCAA comments to Bristol Airport Planning Application (additional Gate)** – noted. They are seeking to convert one Gate into two under Permitted development.

7.3 **PCAA re: Proposed development in Long Ashton affection airport traffic** – the site has been acquired by an American company for office development. No comment.

7.4 **NSC – nomination for the Standards Sub-committee** – Helen Jackson has been nominated.

7.5 **WERN – Rural Housing Support** - Noted

7.6 **Bristol Airport Invitation – 8th October** – PK will attend

7.7 **NSC upcoming Town & Parish Forums** – RD will attend the Forum on the 15th October.

7.8 **Launch of NS State of Ageing Report – 1st October** – Noted.

7.9 **NSC Adult Services Housing Policy Inquiry Day 17th October** - Noted.

8. Planning

8.1 **New - 24/P/1597/FUH** – The Old Posts, Rickford Lane, proposed erection of a 2 storey extension to NW elevation and siting of PV panels to West elevation. **No Comments.**

25/P/1502/TRCA - Wistaria House, Langford Road, felling of Robinia tree – Approved - **Noted**

24/P/1726/EA1 – Solar Farm (EIA screening application) – Wrington Hill - a Canadian company is looking at agricultural land suitable for solar panels as Wrington Hill is being considered. The proposed site is bigger than Bristol Airport, who have objected to the application as glare from the panels could cause problems for aircrafts. RD will draft a response from the Parish Council on the scope of an EIA but it is not yet the time to object as there is no planning application.

8.2 **Update - 23/P/1708/PIP** – Buildings adjacent to the Hill, Ham Link – the application has been refused.

9. **Burial Ground** – The inscription for Mrs. Leech was agreed.
It was agreed that the gates to the burial ground should be painted.

10. Accounts (Receipts & Payments)

- the payment of accounts shown below was proposed by PK and seconded by HJ
- Payment of invoices Online – the Clerk was authorised to do so
- NatWest reduction in interest rates – noted
- The Clerk will provide figures relating to the running costs of the facilities

11. Any Other Business

- New grit bin in Link Lane – MN will put into position shortly
- Website updating – MN to pass over relevant information to the Clerk
- PK is looking into burial fees with a view to increasing ours in the new financial year.

12. **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 25th November 2024

The meeting closed at 9.37 pm.

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Receipts

Bank Interest - Business Reserve A/c 6Aug-5Sept	8.07
NSC – 2 nd part Precept	4,000.00
<u>BURRINGTON COMBE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES</u>	
Mendip Outdoor Ltd (DD) monthly donation 1Aug	80.00
2Sept	80.00
Caving Services (DD) monthly donation 11July	10.00
12Aug	10.00
Safepost Box cash collection Cash – July-Sept	257.59
Sumup machine receipts July24	44.00
August 24	51.50
Total Receipts	<u>£4,541.16</u>

Payments

North Somerset Council monthly DD - Burial Ground waste 1Aug	13.78
2Sept	13.78
Southern Electric Supply to BC Toilets (DD) – 29July	12.44
28Aug	26.84
Water2business monthly DD for water bill Burrington WC– 1Aug	127.00
- 2Sept	127.00
T Martin, Clerk's salary July-Sept 24 (includes £25 underpayment from last quarter)	*775.00
J G & T Martin – Maint of Burial Ground 27Jul/6&28Aug/16Sept 4@ £80 + Hedge cut on 16July @£25.00	*345.00
C Husher Cleaning BC Toilets 1Sept-2Nov 9 wks @£55	*495.00
Harwoods Electrical Services works to BC toilets (paid online)	273.14
Paul Keel – Purchase of Toilet Rolls (taken from safepost collection)	<u>29.28</u>
Total Payments	<u>£2,238.26</u>

*Payments made online

Bank Balances @ 31st August 2024

Current A/c	£2,932.04
Business Reserve A/c	£6,783.04
Liquidity A/c	<u>£8,579.26</u>
Total	<u>£18,294.34</u>