

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 25th November 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)
Mrs. Teresa Martin (Clerk)

Present:

Cllr Patrick Keating
Mr. Craig Husher
Mr. Clive Rides

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence - Mr. Mark Northcott

2. Questions from the Public – there were none.

3. Minutes – of the Parish Council meeting held on the 23rd September 2024 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.

4. Matters Arising:

4.1 Burrington Inn Site –

No further update at this stage. Awaiting planning application.

4.2 Highway Issues in the Parish:

4.2.1 **Bristol Airport Grant** – every two months, applications can be made to the Airports Local Community Fund for a grant up to £1,000. The request should be from applicants within a six mile radius of the airport and must be for projects that are in some way connected to the Airport. Before we can apply for a grant to assist in the purchase of Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) support from NSC is required regarding signage and locations, placing on existing mirror poles could be considered. Support is also required from Avon & Somerset Constabulary and the Clerk undertook to write to the police and NSC, copying in Cllr Keating. The cost of purchasing a VAS will be investigated. Churchill PC have provided details of their supplier.

Mr. Clive Rides a local resident attended the meeting to express his concern at the excessive speeds of vehicles (in particular motorbikes) along the A368 and it is felt that the installation of a VAS might help the situation. The weight limit on local roads is being exceeded by quarry lorries and the local PCSOs/Auto Speedwatch team will be approached to see if any enforcement can be provided.

Whilst writing to NSC we will ask them to look at the following:

– lack of speed repeater signs along the A368 and positioning of speed signs when turning out of Burrington Combe - the 30 mile limit painted on the road is not so obvious

- signs to be cleared of any vegetation currently obscuring them

- road markings at the junction of Ashy Lane and A368

- reinstate 'The Batch' road sign

- ask for temporary 'no parking signs' to be placed by the mobile library parking space. These could be supported by sandbags as opposed to being fixed. Alternatively, the Parish Council will consider organising their own signs to place on the wall.

4.2.2 **Nichols Facilities Management** – traffic speed indicators will be considered as in 4.2.1 above.

4.2.3 **Issues in Lower Langford** – Problems with drainage, bollards and rubbish were noted. The safety issue of pedestrians passing the Langford Inn were also noted and the Clerk undertook to write to Richard Branchflower at NSC, copying Cllr Keating.

4.2.4 **Speed Limit Bath Road**- see 4.2.1 above

4.2.5 **The Batch & Ford Signage** - damage to property is being caused by vehicles driving to the end of Rickford village and drivers realising they cannot get through the Ford. Therefore, they attempt to turn in a tight spot which is resulting in garden walls being damaged or knocked down. NSC have advised that the Ford signage will not be installed until the next financial year because of budgetary constraints. All agreed that the signs should be positioned at the beginning of the village, before the Plume of Feathers, allowing more space to turn around.

4.2.6 **Bath Road Pavement & Bridge Repair** –the reduction in funds at NSC indicates that no further action will be taken at this time.

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4.3 **NSC Local Plan** – Following the election, North Somerset need to find land for a further 8,000 homes. Sensible land offerings need to be presented otherwise Officers will do the selecting. First step proposals include Weston-Super-Mare, Yanley Lane, Yatton, Banwell and Churchill behind Jubilee Lane. A new national framework will be put forward before Christmas and more detailed information will be shared during December/January. Currently nothing affecting Burrington or Lower Langford.

4.4 **Tidying Burrington Square** – Works to the Square have been completed and favourable comments have been received. The new free standing Notice Board is due to arrive this week.

4.5 **Wedmore Charity Group Meeting** – A meeting will be held just before Christmas to allocate donations.

4.6 **Community Bleed Kits** – the Parish has been offered a free ‘Bleed Kit’ and the Langford Inn was considered to be an appropriate place for it to be positioned. The Clerk undertook to check that the manager had no objections.

4.7 **A368/A30 Churchill Junction Consultation**– an Executive decision will be made in January following feedback. Cllr Keating will forward a copy of the feedback.

4.8 **Bristol Airport Meeting - 8th October** – PKeel attended and received an update on the past year’s activities including numbers of passengers, airlines operating, destinations, staff employed etc. Parking issues were raised but these are being managed with the help of NSC. The Airport’s new Master Plan was made public today (25th November).

5. **Burrington Combe Toilets** – Problems continue with the lighting in the ladies’ toilets. We have applied for a Mendip Hills grant and, if we are successful, this will be used to redecorate and update the facilities. Mud and debris are causing problems at the entrance to the toilets and this will need to be moved shortly.

6. **District Councillors Report** – the new budget is challenging and has left NSC with a £25m shortfall. It is uncertain what, if any, additional contribution towards the increase in National Insurance will be received from Central Government. It is likely that redundancies will be necessary. Currently NSC are looking to see what can be passed over to Parish Councils. Highway issues will get worse. Parking charges imposed in Clevedon and Nailsea have not been well received. Discussions will take place regarding increasing council tax.

7. Correspondence:

7.1 **Mendip Hills Grant** – awaiting acceptance of application

7.2 **NSC Footpath closure – Bourne Lane** - noted

7.3 **Bristol Airport Press Release re: Community Fund** – RD to pursue

7.4 **Rebrand & Refurb bus stop at Yew Tree Close** - noted

7.5 **Integrated Transport Scheme Pipeline Mtg 19th November** - problems with the system therefore unable to join the meeting

7.6 **Road Safety Focus Group** - noted

7.7 **Parish ‘Keep in Touch’ Meeting 6th November** – no-one available to attend.

7.8 **PCAA Further objections to Planning Application on behalf of EPIC** - noted

7.9 **PCAA Meeting 21st November** – RD gave feedback. He suggested that the PCAA should try to concentrate on local environmental issues not mainly global climate change.

7.10 **NSC Town & Planning Workshop – 11th December** – RD to attend

7.11 **Parish Online – Website, Emails & Cloud Storage** – the facilities offered are specifically geared up to support parish councils. RD will look into the detail and investigate costings.

8. Planning

8.1 **New - 24/P/1597/FUH** – Langford Inn, Retrospective application underground sewage storage tank - noted

Update - 24/P/1726/EA1 – Solar Farm (EIA screening application) – Wrington Hill – nothing to report. RD will keep watch.

9. **Burial Ground** – Burial-Mrs Esme Ford – 9th November. Interment - Mrs. Doris Mitchard 11th December

10. Accounts (Receipts & Payments)

– the payment of accounts shown below was proposed by PK and seconded by RDors

- NatWest further reduction in interest rates – noted

11. **Precept** – discuss at January meeting

Any Other Business

- Grit bin in Link Lane – check in position and full of grit

- NSC Delivering Together 28th November – HJ & RD to attend

- Bristol Airport Master Plan consultation – 9th December – RD attending

- Tessa Munt has shown an interest in attending a PC meeting. Clerk to advise of date

- NSC Event Planning Information – keep on file

- Triangle at top of Burrington Village – needs tidying up – Clerk will look into

- All agreed we should look to increase the number of Councillors on the PC and HJ undertook to contact those we have on file from the last recruitment exercise.

12. **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 13th January 2025

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

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RECEIPTS & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT@ MEETING 25th NOVEMBER 2024

Receipts

Bank Transfer from Business Account	1,000.00
Bank Interest - Business Reserve A/c 6Sept-4Oct	8.35
5Oct-31Oct	8.08
Liquidity A/c 6July-7Oct	70.51
Avon Local Council – refund of subs (paid twice)	151.47
Michael Rose Fun. Directors – re: Burial Esme Ford	135.00

BURRINGTON COMBE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Mendip Outdoor Ltd (DD) monthly donation 1Oct/Nov 2@£80	160.00
Caving Services (DD) monthly donation 11Sept/Oct/Nov 3@£10	30.00
Safepost cash collection – Oct/Nov	206.24
Sumup machine receipts - Sept £44.50 / Oct £93.50	<u>138.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>£1,907.65</u>

Payments

NSC monthly DD - Burial Ground waste 1Oct&Nov 2@ £13.68	27.56
Southern Electric Supply to BC Toilets (DD) – Sept	24.16
Oct	24.16
Water2business monthly DD for water bill Burrington WC - 1Oct	127.00
- 1Nov	85.50
T Martin, Clerk's Expenses April-Nov24	115.67
J G & T Martin – Maint of Burial Ground 5Oct & 7Nov 2@ £80	160.00
C Husher Cleaning BC Toilets 3Nov-28Dec24 - 8 wks@£55	440.00
Harwoods Electrical Services works to BC toilets	144.00
Paul Keel – Purchase of Toilet Rolls (taken from safepost)	42.84
R W Phippen – Hedge cutting through Burrington Lane	330.00
M Babbage & Son – works to The Square Burrington Village	3,120.00
Welmedical – replacement pads for defibrillators	80.25
GeoXphere Ltd – Parish Online Annual Subs	45.00
Helen Jackson – purchase of bench for The Square	<u>395.00</u>
Total Payments	<u>£5,161.14</u>

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