

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on **MONDAY, 27th APRIL 2026** in the Parish Room, Burrington

Present:

Councillors:

Mrs. Helen Jackson (HJ) - Chair
Mr. Roger Daniels (RD) -Vice Chair
Mr. Richard Dors (RDors)

Mr. Andrew Gray (AG)
Mrs. Sophie Stead (SS)
Mrs. Teresa Martin – Clerk

4 Parishioners
Cllr Patrick Keating
Mr. Craig Husher

1. **WELCOME** - The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Mr. Bob & Mrs. Moira Shapland
3. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** - speeding through Burrington Combe was raised by a resident, Dale Moore (DM) who, over the past couple of years, has been trying to get some action from NSC to deal with the constant breaking of speed limits through the Combe. A great number of HG Vehicles have been using this route despite signs indicating weight limits. DM has set up a website for residents to raise issues, and SS undertook to add DM to the Burrington Whatsapp group to advise locals on how to register their concerns. Volunteers are also encouraged to join a local speed-watch team which the police have suggested setting up. It is thought that action is more likely to be taken by the police than NSC to address the situation and any data that can be provided by the speed-watch team would be helpful. HJ congratulated DM for his efforts in achieving more than the Parish Council who must go through an NSC online portal to register issues. Cllr Keating advised that such requests are considered twice a year.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held on 28th April 2025** - approval was proposed by HJ and seconded by RD and were signed by the Chair.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 28th APRIL 2025** - there were none.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In addition to the report contained in the recent newsletter, the Chairman expressed thanks to Teresa Martin for her work as Clerk to the Council and to all Councillors for their input over the past year, in particular to: Roger Daniels for his planning expertise and Andrew Gray for setting up the new website and email addresses to make us legally compliant.

Thanks were also given to: Paul Keel for overseeing the public toilets, his involvement in the conservators and for his encyclopedic local knowledge; Craig Husher for setting up the Hall for meetings, his communication with the school and hall committee and, together with the Husher family, keeping the public conveniences up to a high standard; Jeff & Teresa Martin and Aaron Philips for keeping the burial ground neat and tidy all year; Barry Dimond for his handy work when needed; Matheson's Plumbers for undertaking work free of charge on occasions; Pete Marshall, our village orderly, for keeping hedges cut and bus shelters tidy. Thanks also to Patrick Keating who is a font of all knowledge, and for his help and support. A new Auditor has been appointed – Mike Dennett –taking over from Bob Shapland whose assistance we have very much appreciated over the years.

7. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - Patrick Keating advised that there are still unresolved cuts in the budget and although they were allowed to raise the council tax in North Somerset, the amount of funds raised was taken away by central government. Staff cuts continue. The latest submission of the Local Plan will be made on the 18th May. It is unlikely to impact on Burrington, Rickford and Blagdon. The airport application to increase passengers from 12 to 15mppa is likely to be approved. Work on creating the roundabout at Churchill lights will commence shortly. Initially, only one bus lane will be created, allowing NSC to use funds allocated for bus lane improvement. Speed signs are not being adhered to therefore it is more an issue to be dealt with by the police.

8. REPORTS ON COMMITTEES

- **Parish Council's Airport Association** - RD is our representative. The PCAA are proposing to spend money on objecting to the latest airport application. RD has suggested joining forces with other Parishes to have a united front.
- **Wedmore Charities** – one payment has been made this year.
- **Conservators** – look after the Commons. They have not met this year but have communicated by phone. 24 goats and ponies graze on common land; the cattle have been removed in view of problems caused on Burrington Combe road. Several campers have been moved on in recent times as they are not allowed to stay on common land.
- **Churchill & Langford Minibus Association** – has expanded greatly in recent years with volunteers providing a shopping service and day trips. We continue to donate £100 annually.
- **Burrington Parish Room** - run by a charitable board. No meetings were held this year. Repairs to the floor, roof and skittle alley have been undertaken.

9. **ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2026** – the Chair went through the Accounts which were shown at the meeting. We have increased our precept to £11,500 per annum, which is still at a relatively low level in comparison with other local parishes. Approval for sign-off was proposed by RD and seconded by RDors.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.