

CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13th April 2015 at 7.30 pm in Churchill Community Club.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Councillor Pam Millward	Councillor Valerie Langley
Councillor Brenden Hill	Councillor Bill Carruthers
Councillor Sue List	Councillor Simon Hegarty
Councillor Alan Brown	Councillor Trudy Silverton
Councillor Neville Lee	Councillor Jackie Bush
Councillor Phillip Avery	Councillor Graham Fortune

Other Attendees – Clerk Aleana Baird District Councillor Liz Wells and Mr Mark Lewis.

14/15.180 Apologies Apologies were received from Parish Liaison Mark Macgregor.

14/15.182 Declarations of interest: To receive alteration/amendments to the register of interests: To receive declarations of interest on agenda items.

Councillor Jackie Bush declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the Edward Ware proposal under development matters in the Parish as her land was adjacent to the land which formed part of the proposal. Councillor Phillip Avery declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 15/P/0583/O as he was a tenant of the application land.

14/15.183 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th March 2015 were confirmed by those present at the meeting as a correct record and signed.

14/15.184 Public participation.

NONE

14/15.185 To receive a presentation regarding the prospective planning proposals for the former doctors surgery.

Mr Lewis outlined the process he had undertaken to date in promoting the building under its current permitted use. His favoured future plan for the premises was to apply for change of use to residential and to convert it to 4 units of rented accommodation with priority given to local people. He wished to seek an extension to the current lease and would provide the Council with references of his credentials as a registered landlord.

The Parish Council discussed the proposal and instructed the Clerk to qualify the references and to correspond with their designated agents. The proposals would be on the next agenda for further consideration.

14/15.186 District Councillor's report.

Councillor Wells advised she was standing in the May elections.

14/15.187 Parish Liaison Officer Report.

NONE

14/15.188 Planning

To Receive Planning Decision Notices and Information

Planning approval decision notices.

- i) 15/P/0354/F – Mr & Mrs Edwards, Dinghurst Cottage, The Batch, Churchill, BS25 5PP. Proposed two storey and single storey extensions and part demolition.
- ii) 15/P/0580/PDA – Land to the west of Ladymead Lane, Langford. Erection of a building on land used for forestry/storage of logs.

Planning refusal decision notices.

i) 15/P/0239/CUPA – Oaklands Partnership, Oaklands, Pudding Pie Lane, Langford, BS40 5EL. Prior approval of proposed change of use of a building from B1 (a) office to 2no bungalows Class C3 (dwelling).

General Planning Information.

i) The Chair of Congresbury Parish Council had contacted the Clerk to ascertain if any joint action by communities under threat from speculative developments might be of interest. The Clerk was asked to respond to Congresbury and contact Wrington, Winscombe and Banwell to seek their views.

ii) Today's Parish register had an application 15/P/0770/F. Councillor Valerie Langley agreed to review it.

****** At this point in the meeting Chair Jackie Bush left the room due to her declared interest in the following item. Vice Chairman Alan Brown took the chairing of the meeting for the following item. The item was confidential but no members of the public were present.**

Matters regarding development in the Parish.

To consider the proposal from Edward Ware Associates for Parish Council land on Pudding Pie Lane.

Members wished to consult the community through a public meeting, this was to be arranged if possible for the second week of May (after the Annual meeting of the Parish Council) with the details arranged by the Annual Parish Meeting in order to publicize it then.

****** Chair Jackie Bush returned to the meeting and she took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting. At this point Councillor Phillip Avery left the room due to his declared interest in the following planning application.**

Planning Applications

i) 15/P/0583/O – Strongvox Homes & Mr M Thatcher, Mr J Thatcher & Ms A Thatcher. Land to the north west of Sandford Primary School off Greenhill Road, Sandford, BS25 5QB. Outline application for 118 dwellings including 35no affordable housing units (30%) along with the provision of informal open space, car parking, a new community hall, sports pitch, vehicular access from the A368 and associated works with details of access. All other matters reserved for subsequent approval.

RESOLVED: to recommend NOT supporting application 15/P/0583/O.

The Parish Council considered this proposal to be another in a series of speculative planning applications targeting villages i.e. Banwell, Congresbury, Yatton, Claverham and Winscombe. They have mostly been on green field sites outside the settlement boundaries and are a significant size of between 80 to 170 dwellings. They constitute urbanization of the countryside and the infrastructure is not capable of sustaining this level of development either within each village or cumulatively. The increase in traffic the Sandford proposal generates will impact directly on the parishes of Churchill and Banwell as there will be a high level of out-commuting and both villages have junctions that currently experience heavy congestion. It is also quite evident that it is not community led from the number of objections submitted and this with the unsustainability of a development of this size within a designated infill village make it contrary to policy CS33.

****** Councillor Phillip Avery returned to the meeting.**

ii) **15/P/0732/HHPA – Mrs K Allsop, Wyndhurst Cottage, Langford Road, BS40 5HY.**
Prior approval request for the erection of a single storey rear extension that would 1) extend beyond the rear wall of the original house to 4.3 mtrs; 2) have a max height of 4.9 mtrs & 3) have eaves that are 2.5 mtrs high.

RESOLVED: to recommend supporting application 15/P/0732/HHPA. The proposed extensions had no negative impact on the surrounding area or neighbouring residents.

iii) **15/P/0739/F – Mrs T Rac, Land adjacent to the Nelson Arms, Skinners Lane Churchill.**
Change of use from agricultural to equestrian including the erection of stables/hay store, hardstanding, access track and parking

RESOLVED: to recommend supporting application 15/P/0739/F.

14/15.189 To consider forming a working party to work on editing the Tower newsletter.

A working group of Councillors Bill Carruthers, Graham Fortune and Sue List was formed to work on the newsletter.

To receive an updated report further to the Finance meeting, regarding the production of the Tower. Confidential item

The Clerk advised members of the resignation of the Media Assistant.

14/15.190 To consider quotes for a basket swing for the children's play area. Confidential item

RESOLVED: to accept the quote from Sovereign Play Equipment for £3,245.68.

***** District Councillor Liz Wells left the meeting.**

14/15.191 Accounts.

To receive and confirm the payments for April 2015.

The Clerk advised that in error on her part the vat refund of £1949.24 and £192.00 for the Thomas Caddick memorial had been received but had not been added to the agenda. They had been added by hand to the file copy for audit.

RESOLVED: The payments were agreed and signed with total expenditure of ££2,807.95

14/15.192 Clerk's Report

i) A weed killing schedule had been created by Chair of Open Spaces Cllr Valerie Langley, the Clerk and Parish Orderly. It can be carried out by West Country Groundcare Ltd for an additional £100 and invoiced with the grass cutting; it had been instructed in line with financial regulation 11.2.

ii) This same regulation had been applied to instructing Churchill Tree Care to grind out the stumps of the felled trees on the Hand area, they were obstructing the neighbouring resident renewing his boundary fence so was essential it actioned. The Clerk had liaised with Open Spaces Chair Valerie Langley and the resident, the cost was £150.

iii) It had been noticed that the painting of the inside of the bus shelter by the sixth form had gone over a lot of flaking paint and if the artwork was done over the top it was not likely to last very long. Any work to resolve this had to be done in the school Easter holidays so the Clerk had asked the Parish Orderly to do the work on overtime. It had been completed by the Orderly.

iv) The Clerk thanked Councillors Neville Lee, Pam Millward and Phillip Avery for all their help throughout the time she had worked with them as they were not standing for the next Parish

Council. All other Councillors gave them a round of applause as they had served for many years on the Council.

v) Annual Parish Meeting arrangements were raised and an offer of ALCA stationary (Cllrs labelled file dividers 50p per pack), these were to be ordered.

14/15.193 Matters for Information

i) Councillor Neville Lee had attended a War Memorial Trust workshop and learnt that there is funding for War Memorial buildings that require work to the fabric of their structure. The hall committee were to be informed.

ii) Councillor Simon Hegarty had spoken to Tree Warden John Simpson about a memorial to headmistress Val Tighe. It had been suggested that the 8th oak tree on the Broadoak green was a possibility. It was to be discussed at Open Spaces Committee in May. He was also meeting with Dr Wratten head of Churchill academy at the end of the month and would raise any matters members suggested. He was also asking MP John Penrose to attend the Pudding Pie Lane planning consultation.

iii) Councillor Bill Carruthers has attended the Minibus Society meeting and asked to view the accounts. He had also met with Phillip Tout and Jonathan Tout MD to talk about the parking and entrances. They wished to use the currently prohibited exit on to the A38 at the rear and to get TRO yellow lines in front of Buffy hairdressers to stop HGV's parking and blocking visibility. They wished to have in and out on both Langford side entrances and may alter/move the generator shed at the rear. There is no formal plan yet.

iv) Councillor Alan Brown reported surface break up from the A38 lights on New Road to Endersleigh Gardens that are forming potholes. The footway from Doleberrow to the North Somerset boundary had been cleared apart from a short part across the top of the steps to the valley and the steps themselves. The Clerk would report to the appropriate person. The arrow on the approach to the lights from Bath Road needs painting out, people are driving the wrong side of the dividing island.

v) An overgrown tree matter was raised, the Clerk was to look into a similar problem that had occurred in Yatton.

vi) The Cricket Club had been broken into and a new mower stolen.

Meeting closed 9.55 pm.

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