

CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th July 2017 at 7.30 pm in Churchill Community Club, Ladymead Lane Churchill.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

(Chair) Councillor Jackie Bush	Councillor Alan Lovell
(Vice Chair)Councillor Brenden Hill	Councillor Simon Hegarty
Councillor Bill Caruthers	Councillor Dev Clutterbuck

Other Attendees

Clerk of the Council- Martin Dolton
11 members of the public

1718/C/035: Apologies - to receive apologies from Councillors for non-attendance.

Apologies had been received from Councillors Simon Glanfield, Sue List, Trudy Silverton, James Hoddell and Graham Fortune.

District Councillor Liz Wells NSC also sent apologies.

1718/C/036: 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 non-pecuniary interest in planning application 17/P/1521/F (Ladymead farm) due to the proximity to her residence.

Whilst not a required by Regulations or Legislation the Clerk indicated that in the interests of transparency he would absent himself from the meeting during consideration of Item Minute 1718/C/045 as it would involve discussion of his terms and conditions of work.

1718/C/037: To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2017.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 12th of June 2017 had been previously circulated to all members and were agreed as an accurate record.

RESOLVED:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th of June 2017 were confirmed by those present as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

1718/C/038: Public Participation.

A resident spoke to the members asking them to approve the request from NSC for funding the speed readings in Lower Langford (Minute Item 1718/C/044)

A resident asked members to approve the formal support of the efforts to protect hedgehogs in the village (Minute Item 1718/C/043)

A resident addressed the meeting on matters relating to the drainage and flooding issues in the planning of the Pudding Pie Lane site by Crest Nicholson, and urged the Crest Nicholson representatives and consultants present to note his written submissions and evidence to them.

1718/C/039: To receive a Presentation by Crest Nicholson & their Consultants relating to Drainage / Flood Prevention measures at the Pudding Pie Lane development.

Representatives and consultants of Crest Nicholson Developers addressed the meeting by outlining their latest plans and submissions to NSC on the detail of the reserved matters at the Pudding pie Lane site. Detail was provided in particular about their intended submissions and subsequent actions in relation to the drainage of the site. The developers would soon be distributing a newsletter to every household within the Parish.

In response to questions by councillors information was also given:-

That Wessex Water had told Crest Nicholson that the foul water sewer piping systems did have capacity to take additional foul water from the site. (This was expressed by some members as being unlikely until Wessex Water conducted the required works to correct the ground water infiltration being experienced in the sewer system)

Crest Nicholson's consultants will make the full detail of the location, nature and results of their drainage test holes available.

1718/C/040: North Somerset Council Matters

No members of NSC present – no matters raised.

1718/C/041: Planning Matters

(a) To Receive Planning Decision Notices

- 17/P/1191/LUP : Land/Stables opposite The Cottage, Church Lane, Churchill
Lawful Development Certificate for creation of access track, turning area, creation of all weather surface, erection of post and rail fence.
CONSENT REFUSED – not within permitted development Parts or Clauses.
- 16/P/2051/O : Land to NW of Lyncombe Farm, Churchill Green, Churchill
Outline consent for the erection of 3no. dwellings with new access. Appearance, landscaping and scale reserved for subsequent approval.
CONSENT GRANTED

(b) To Receive Planning Information:-

• **Report of the Planning & Development Strategy Committee**

Councillor Simon Hegarty as Chair of the committee reported that the committee members were currently concentrating on the formulation of the response to planning application 17/P/1200/O (Land near the traffic lights A38), which, in accordance with the deliberations of the previous meeting of the council would be to not support the application based on many and varied factors and issues.

During the coming months it was also likely that the next version of the West of England Joint Spatial Plan & Transport Strategy would be published for consultation and this would demand a great deal of work and deliberation to formulate a meaningful response.

Councillor Alan Lovell reported on his attendance at a meeting held at NSC as an update briefing to Parishes. The meeting included matters of:-

- *Sites Allocation Plan*
- *Joint Spatial Plan* - Additional NSC Property allocations likely as total of 10,700 incl Churchill-2800 & Banwell-1900.
- *North Somerset – New Local Plan 2018/2036* - NSC Planners spending considerable time on 'settlement profiles' - Details will be requested from Churchill etc on existing services, Quality of access, access to others, existing constraints, changes in last 10 years, etc, etc, etc - After comment & approval from parishes etc NSC will decide a Settlement Hierarchy, Settlement Boundaries, Housing Priorities etc, etc, etc.
- *Neighbourhood Plans* - NSC continue to promote this concept. - Success on the ground continues to be limited with only 11 parish areas participating & only 3 of these at plan prep stage. (Councillor Jackie Bush commented that she was aware of the interest of some residents to now progress a plan for Churchill – the Parish Council would support the idea of residents forming a group and would advertise this in the newsletter – however, the Parish Council do not have any available resource capacity to assist in any role other than support)

The next formal meeting of the committee is on Tuesday the 5th September 2017, at 7.00pm.

(c) Planning Applications for Decision :-

(i) 17/P/1503/F : Willow Barn, Stock Lane, Langford
Single Storey side and rear extension

Members considered this application and examined the plans provided
Members decided :-

RESOLVED:-

The Council supports application 17/P/1503/F as it does not appear to have any detrimental effect on the neighbourhood or surrounding environment.

(ii) 17/P/1521/F : Ladymead Farm, Ladymead Lane, Churchill
Creation of new vehicular access track to include stock fence and 4no. field gates. Removal of stile to public footpath.

Members considered this application and examined the plans provided
Members decided :-

RESOLVED:-

The Council does not object to the vehicular access track, fence & gates in application 17/P/1521/F. However, any consent granted should be upon condition that there remains continuous and unfettered access and usage of the public footpath.

1718/C/042: To receive a verbal initial scoping report from the Clerk relating to Church Lane parking

The Clerk presented a bullet point briefing report to members and spoke to the report. Options were considered on potential ways to manage the parking issues outside the Churchill Academy in Church Lane. After consideration members

decided:-

RESOLVED:-

The Parish Council will take no further action in the immediate future as the use of substantial public funds (circa £40,000) are not justified when considered against the scale of benefit gained when considered across the whole Parish. The matter will be reviewed in mid 2019 when it will be known what on site development and provision is ensured at the school.

1718/C/043: To consider providing a letter of support to a resident relating to hedgehog preservation (road signage)

Members had received copies of correspondence and notes from a resident relating to potential measures to minimise the harm to hedgehogs on the road, and the resident had addressed the meeting during public participation. After discussion it was agreed that :-

RESOLVED:-

The Parish Council will provide a letter of support to be used by the resident in her efforts to have signs erected on suitable roadside furniture to protect the hedgehogs.

1718/C/044: To consider funding speed / traffic count data collection in Lower Langford re 20 mph speed limit petition.

The Council had previously written to NSC in support of a petition from residents in Lower Langford relating to the speed of vehicles and action required. NSC had responded that prior to any further action speed and traffic counts would be required at a total cost of £320.00. NSC have asked whether the Parish Council is willing to fund these counts.

RESOLVED:-

The Parish Council will fund the £320.00 cost of the speed counts in Lower Langford.

1718/C/045: CONFIDENTIAL ITEM : To receive a report and recommendation from the Finance & Personnel Committee relating to the CiLCA qualification and workload of the Clerk.

Members received a report from Councillor Dev Clutterbuck (Chair of the Finance & Personnel Committee) on the workload of the Clerk that had increased substantially in the past 12 months and was ever increasing. This was also coupled with the Clerk needing time to devote to completing a demanding course that would be essential for the future of the council in the long term. The committee will be considering the short, medium and long term strategy of staffing at the council at its' next meeting. In the meantime, members noted that the Clerk would be unavailable for normal duties for two 5 hour periods per month in order to complete some of the study work required.

RESOLVED:-

Members note that the Clerk will not be available for normal duties for two 5 hour periods per month for the coming three months. The members also wished their appreciation of the hard work, high service level, commitment beyond paid hours

and professionalism of the Clerk to be minuted.

1718/C/046: Accounts.- To receive and confirm the payments for July 2017.

The detail of payments for authorisation at the meeting had been listed on the agenda and circulated to all members and displayed on the Council's website and noticeboards.

RESOLVED:-

The payments were agreed and signed with total agenda expenditure of **£3,423.54**

1718/C/047: Clerk's Report

Members had been circulated with the full report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED:-

The report of the Clerk is noted.

1718/C/048: Matters for Information

- i) Councillor Brenden Hill informed members that the heritage road sign fingerpost would soon be re-instated at the junction of Dinghurst Road/ Hilliers Lane.
- ii) It was suggested that Councillor James Hoddell be asked to liaise with Crest Nicholson on the future use and designation of the area of land on the frontage of Pudding Pie Lane marked as community use.
- iii) Councillor Bill Caruthers informed he meeting that in correspondence with the local MP J Penrose he had received positive indications about the MP's stance on local development matters.
- iv) Councillor dev Clutterbuck raised issues about the public footpath that leads into land off Front Street. Councillor Bill Caruthers agreed to follow up with the land owner.
- v) Councillor Alan Lovell raised issues relating to future Section 106 submissions and potential projects, and the need to become proactive.
- vi) Councillor Jackie Bush discussed arrangements for a social function with members.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

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