

CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th February 2017 at 7.30 pm in Churchill Community Club, Ladymead Lane, Churchill.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

(Chair) Councillor Jackie Bush	Councillor Simon Hegarty
(Vice Chair)Councillor Brenden Hill	Councillor Trudy Silverton
Councillor Bill Caruthers	Councillor Sue List
Councillor David Hurst	Councillor Graham Fortune
Councillor Alan Lovell	Councillor Simon Glanfield
Councillor Dev Clutterbuck	

Other Attendees

Clerk of the Council- Martin Dolton, (no members of the public were present).

1617/C/144: Apologies - to receive apologies from Councillors for non-attendance.

Apologies had been received from Councillor Sarah Jarman.

Councillor Liz Wells & Mr M McGregor North Somerset Council had also sent apologies.

1617/C/145: Declarations of interest: To receive alteration/amendments to the register of interests: To receive declarations of interest on agenda items.

Councillor Jackie Bush declared to the meeting that she resided in the same road as planning application (iii) on the agenda (17/P/0076/F : Eastlands, Jubilee Lane, Langford) but the application was not in the immediate vicinity of her residence and would not be of any pecuniary affect to her property.

1617/C/146: To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2017.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 9th of January2017 had been previously circulated to all members and were agreed as an accurate record.

RESOLVED:-

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th of January 2017 were confirmed by those present as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

1617/C/147: Public Participation.

No members of the public were present.

1617/C/148: North Somerset Council Matters

Representatives from NSC had presented apologies to the meeting. Members asked the Clerk to communicate to the NSC liaison officer : Large Pothole in the road near Budgens, and clarify the position relating to flooding issues in Enderleigh Gardens.

1617/C/149: Planning Matters

(a) To Receive Planning Decision Notices

16/P/2822/TPO : Churchill Methodist Church, Front Street

Consent GRANTED to fell one Cedar Tree and replace by replanting a tree of the same species.

(b) Planning Information

- Councillor Simon Hegarty (as Chair of the Planning & Development Strategy Committee) updated members that the next meeting of the committee is to be held on the 21st February 2017. Matters to be considered would include Local considerations and the wider planning strategy.

(c) Planning Applications :-

i) 17/P/0002/F : Old Farm, Churchill Green, Churchill

Change of Use and conversion of stone barn into dwelling, formation of new access.

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

RESOLVED:-

The Council supports application 17/P/0002/F as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood.

(ii) 17/P/0014/F : Land off Stoney Lane, Bath Rd, Upper Langford

Change of use of land agricultural to equestrian, erection of 2No. timber field shelters (retrospective)

Members discussed the application and examined the plans provided
Members decided :-

RESOLVED:-

The Council supports application 17/P/0014/F as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood.

(iii) 17/P/0076/F : Eastlands, Jubilee Lane, Langford

First Floor Extension

After considering this application and examining the plans of the proposed development, members decided:-

RESOLVED:-

The Council supports application 17/P/0076/F as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood.

1617/C/150: To sign the contract for the adoption of the heritage telephone kiosk in Front Street

Members had previously resolved to adopt the kiosk which was being decommissioned by BT, due to its heritage appearance in the locality.

RESOLVED:-

The Council has signed the contract to adopt the heritage red telephone kiosk situated in Front Street, Churchill.

1617/C/151: To Consider a grant application (cricket nets) from the Churchill Academy

Members had received a copy of the grant application prior to the meeting. After discussion members agreed that they wished to receive further information about several aspects of the proposal, and a member of the Academy should be invited to the next meeting to assist in this, prior to a decision being made.

RESOLVED:-

The Council defers the decision on the grant of funds to the Churchill Academy, a member of the academy to be invited to speak to members at the next meeting.

1617/C/152: To agree the arrangements and theme for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 24th April 2017.

Members discussed the need to ensure that the Parish Meeting this year remained relevant and current to the needs of the Parish. After discussion it was agreed that the theme would be "Community Communication". Main speakers would include the village agent, a representative from the council speaking about latest planning developments, and a representative from the Council's Communication Strategy Working Group to lead an interactive session with parishioners on future communication methods.

RESOLVED:-

The theme for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday the 24th April 2017 will be 'Community Communication'.

1617/C/153: To receive an update report relating to Flood Prevention in Churchill

Members had received a previously circulated written report by Councillor Alan Lovell. Councillor Lovell spoke about his report and members thanked him for his work to date. It was agreed that he should continue his efforts and report further in due course.

RESOLVED:-

Councillor Alan Lovell will continue to work with the appropriate authorities to identify ways of reducing flood risk at Churchill, and report back to the Council prior to any

decision to join any authority in remedial activity or work.

1617/C/154: To agree the formulation & rationalisation of the Ear Marked Reserve funds.

Councillor Dev Clutterbuck (Chair of Finance & Personnel Committee) explained and outlined the proposed adjustments to the Earmarked Reserves of the Council. These were required in order to keep the reserves current, appropriate and correct to audit.

RESOLVED:-

The Earmarked Reserves of the Council are amended to include potential provision for a Trim Trail project, and future expenditure required on the clocktower wall.

1617/C/155: To consider a quote for urgent repair work to be conducted on the Clocktower Enclosure Wall, Front Street.

Members considered a quote for conducting this work, and noted that the Clerk had liaised with the conservation officer at NSC as the wall was a Grade II listed building. A quote had been obtained from a contractor who had given assurance that the work would be conducted within the specification required by the Conservation Officer. Should any further foundations / footing work be discovered once work has commenced, the contractor should inform the Council as soon as possible and not exceed the current quote without authority.

RESOLVED:-

The Council accept the quote from Back2Front Landscaping Ltd of £2100.00 for repairs and rebuilding of the Clocktower wall, noting that the contractor has given assurance that the work will be conducted within the required specification for a Grade II listed building.

1617/C/156: Accounts.- To receive and Agree the payments for February 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 for February 2017 were agreed and signed with total agenda expenditure of £4,676.48.

1617/C/157: Clerk's Report

Members considered the previously circulated report detailing implementation status of decisions of Council and other matters of Interest.

RESOLVED:-

The Clerk's report as circulated is noted.

1617/C/158: Matters for Information

i) ID Cards:- The Clerk outlined the process for members who wished to have new ID cards provided.

- ii) Future circulation of The Tower newsletter :- the Clerk and Councillor Simon Glanfield had been working on a revised system for future circulation, and details will be finalised in time for the next circulation.
- iii) Councillor Graham Fortune commented on the need to continue progressing options relating to the car parking in Church Lane, and the future placing of the speed sign.
- (iv) Councillor Bill Caruthers updated members on the current status of his work in liaising with other local Parishes on transport matters.
- (v) Councillor Simon Hegarty commented on the need for a professional traffic count to be conducted in future, and that the Planning & Development Strategy Committee would consider this.
- (vi) Councillor David Hurst expressed that further Speedwatch training is required for members, and the apparent confusion with the co-ordinator over membership from this Council.
- (vii) Councillor Alan Lovell commented that the recent advertisement and invitation to attend a flooding prevention conference in London, would not represent good value for money for the Council's resources.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.36pm

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