

## **CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30 pm in Churchill Community Club, Ladymead Lane Churchill

### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

(Chair) Councillor Jackie Bush	Councillor Sue List
(Vice Chair) Councillor Brenden Hill	Councillor Alan Lovell
Councillor Dev Clutterbuck	Councillor Trudy Silverton
Councillor Ruth Bruton	Councillor Simon Hegarty

### **Other Attendees**

Clerk of the Council- Martin Dolton

6 members of the public

**1718/C/085: Apologies - to receive apologies from Councillors for non-attendance.**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Graham Fortune, Simon Glanfield, James Hoddell and Bill Caruthers.

District Councillor Liz Wells NSC also sent apologies.

**1718/C/086: Declarations of interest: To receive alteration/amendments to the register of interests: To receive declarations of interest on agenda items.**

NIL.

**1718/C/087: To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 had been previously circulated to all members and were agreed as an accurate record.

**RESOLVED:-**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 were confirmed by those present as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**1718/C/088: Public Participation.**

A resident addressed the meeting about ongoing and recent pollution of the Langford Brook. The Clerk agreed to write to the Environment Agency to ask for action.

A resident spoke about his objections to the planning application for four dwellings along Bristol Road (17/P/2438/F) (Minute 1718/C/090 (c) (iv) below refers) relating particularly to traffic and road safety matters.

The applicant of planning application 17/P/2386/F (Minute 1718/C/090 (c) (ii) below refers) spoke in explanation and purpose of the proposals.

**1718/C/089: North Somerset Council Matters**

Members ask that the area officer of NSC assess the road safety situation at the junction of Pudding Pie Lane and Broadoak Road, particularly during school arrival and pick up times.

**1718/C/090: Planning Matters**

**(a) To Receive NSC Planning Decision Notices**

- 17/P/2016/F : Land Opp The Cottage, Church Lane, Churchill  
Access Track, all weather surface, erection of fence  
CONSENT GRANTED
- 17/P/1072/F : Richmond House, Langford Rd, Churchill  
Single Storey rear extension following demolition of existing.  
CONSENT GRANTED
- 17/P/2039/F : Bramble Cottage, Dinghurst Rd, Churchill  
Conversion/Change of use-swimming pool building to dwelling  
CONSENT GRANTED
- 17/P/2172/F : Beech Barn Annexe, Dinghurst Rd, Churchill  
Conversion of garage/store to living space  
CONSENT GRANTED
- 17/P/2141/F : King Cottage, King Road (Congresbury / Churchill)  
Erection of a four bed roomed dwelling & Garage  
CONSENT REFUSED

**(b) To Receive Planning Information:-**

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

Councillor Simon Hegarty as chair of the committee summarised the main current issues:-

*PPL 2* :- No news on any latest proposals by developers, NSC had been asked for an update with no response to date.

*Says Lane* :- Now at Reserved Matters stage – to be considered later in meeting as a planning application

*Burge 2* :- Not now going before NSC committee in November, further news awaited

*Instruction to Landscape Consultant*:- this is being worked on by Cllr James Hoddell, it is clear they are only willing to provide general strategic comment rather than specific sites

*W of E Joint Spatial Plan*:- Consultation on latest version commences on 22 November, NSC event at the primary school on 22/11/17 – all are encouraged to attend

*Letter from MP J Penrose* :- Request from other organisations that the Parish Councils countersign the letter – agreed that this would have to come back to full

council for consideration – agenda item December 2017

*PPL 1 :- Councillor Alan Lovell updated members with the latest developments on the drainage and flooding issues, he is meeting with Crest Nicholson 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and will report back.*

The next formal meeting of the committee is on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018, at 7.00pm.

**(c) Planning Applications for Decision :-**

**(i) 17/P/2344/O : Lostwood, Bye Pass, Langford, BS40 5JQ**

*Outline Planning for the erection of up to 25 dwellings together with associated access improvements and creation of new vehicular access. All other matters reserved for subsequent approval.*

Members considered this application and examined the plans provided. After considerable discussion and debate, members decided by vote :-

**RESOLVED:-**

The Council Does Not support application 17/P/2344/O due to the impact and issues relating to drainage, flooding, highways, outside settlement boundary, landscaping, proximity to AONB, cumulative effect of the proposed development with other already approved and in process applications, and sustainability. The Planning & Development Strategy Committee will forward a detailed submission to NSC as a full further response.

**(ii) 17/P/2386/F : Land Adjacent to Ash Green, Front St, Churchill**

*Change of use of barn into dwelling , including single storey rear extension.*

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

**RESOLVED:-**

The Council does not object to application 17/P2386/F as it does not appear to have any detrimental effect on the neighbourhood or surrounding environment.

**(iii) 17/ P/2423/F : Springfield, Front Street, Churchill**

*Single storey rear extension*

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

**RESOLVED:-**

The Council does not object to application 17/P/2423/F as it does not appear to have any detrimental effect on the neighbourhood or surrounding environment.

**(iv) 17/P/2438/F : Land Adjacent Churchill Lodge, Bristol Road, Churchill**

*Erection of 4 no. dwellings with double garages and associated external works.*

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

**RESOLVED:-**

The Council does not support application 17/P/2438/F as it will exacerbate existing road safety issues and dangers to others through the proposed access and exit from the site. The sight line from the proposed site is restricted, particularly to the left on site exit, onto a major A road. The proposal should also be considered as part of a cumulative effect of traffic and road safety issues on that side of the road when other already approved matters are accounted.

**(v) 17/ P/2560/RM : Land to west of Says Lane, Langford**

*Reserved matters :appearance / landscaping / layout & scale (outline consent for up to 43 houses)with means of access from A38 to be approved only – all other matters reserved for subsequent approval*

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

**RESOLVED:-**

The Council Does Not support application 17/P/2560/RM due to concerns and issues relating particularly to matters including highways and drainage / flooding, and the further cumulative effect approval of this proposal would have on those issues. The members of the Planning & Development Strategy Committee will forward a detailed submission to NSC.

**(vi) 17/P/2493/PDD: Churchill Academy, Churchill Green, Churchill**

*Prior notification of proposed demolition of three storey Churchill Tudor Block and adjacent three single storey buildings*

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

**RESOLVED:-**

The Council supports application 17/P/2493/PDD as it does not appear to have any detrimental effect on the neighbourhood or surrounding environment, and in fact the council believes that the demolition of the old buildings will improve the landscape. Furthermore, the planned provision of parking spaces will alleviate the severe road parking issues and dangers in the immediate area.

**(vii) 17/ P/2581/F : 70 Broadoak Rd, Langford**

*Erection of a rear single storey extension*

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

**RESOLVED:-**

The Council does not object to application 17/P/2581/F as it does not appear to have any detrimental effect on the neighbourhood or surrounding environment.

**1718/C/091: To consider new arrangements / contract for the emptying of Dog waste Bins**

Members noted from a pre-circulated report by the Clerk that the contract service fulfilled by NSC contractors will cease in early 2018. After research a new supplier had been sourced and the Clerk recommended use of their services, which also results in a cost saving for the service.

**RESOLVED:-**

The council will use 'Bin-It Dog Waste Solutions' to empty the dog waste bins in the Parish w.e.f. 01<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

**1718/C/092: To consider recommendations from the Leisure Committee :-**

Councillor Brenden Hill addressed the meeting as Chairman of the Leisure Committee.

**(a) Quote and expenditure for the implementation of a Trim Trail around the playing field, and authorising virement of budgets to cover the expenditure.**

Committee members had considered 2 quotes (3<sup>rd</sup> sought but not forthcoming) for the provision of the equipment for this project. Having examined the diagrams and illustrations of the equipment available and proposed by suppliers, the committee made recommendations to full council, who, after discussion agreed:-

**RESOLVED:-**

- The Council accepts the quote and therefore orders work from Sovereign Play Equipment to the value of £16,515.67
- The Council authorises virements of funds to cover the cost of these works by virement of :-
- £1,500.00 from EMR(Earmarked Reserve) 326 'Fitness Equipment' to EMR 322 'Trim Trail'
- £4,000.00 from current year budget code 4351 'Play Equipment' to EMR 322 'Trim Trail',
- and £6,016.00 from General reserves to EMR 322 'Trim Trail'.
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**(b) The creation of an Earmarked reserve for the long term replacement of the Turnpike Close cricket ball protection net**

The committee had considered the issue that the net is showing signs of serious wear and tear and will undoubtedly require replacement within the coming 2 years or so. The net will require considerable expenditure and the council should start setting money aside now. As there would be various options available, including a raise/lower net as now, but also a more permanent stronger net (which would require an application to vary the planning consent) it was agreed that residents of Turnpike Close would be invited to the next meeting of the Leisure committee to discuss such options with the committee members.

**RESOLVED:-**

The Finance and Personnel Committee of the Council will review current and future Earmarked Reserve Funds and report further to full Council in due course.

**1718/C/093: To consider a Grant Application :- Churchill Pre-School**

Members had received a pre-circulated copy of the application. After discussion it was agreed that :-

**RESOLVED:-**

The council grants £500.00 to the Churchill Pre-School

**1718/C/094: To consider the provision of a Christmas Tree / Decorations**

Members noted from a pre-circulated report by the Clerk that following a request from the Leisure Committee, Crest Nicholson developers have offered a donation of £300.00 towards cost of such provision. Further costs were expected to be in the region of £150.00. After discussion members decided:-

**RESOLVED:-**

The council will accept the donation of £300.00 from Crest Nicholson Developers and authorise further expenditure of up to £150.00 for the provision of a Christmas tree and lights for the Parish.

**1718/C/095: To consider the results of the traffic / speed count in Lower Langford, and resulting action.**

Members noted from a pre-circulated report by the Clerk that the traffic speed counts recently conducted by NSC and funded by the Parish Council has resulted in NSC agreeing that the area was suitable for a 20mph speed restriction. However, it is unlikely that NSC will have the funds to implement this in the foreseeable future, and NSC invite the Parish Council to consider contributing to the overall cost of £6-8000.00. After discussion members agreed:-

**RESOLVED:-**

The council will write to NSC Highways Dept stating the commitment to contribute the sum of £2,000.00 (Two Thousand Pounds) towards the cost of implementing a 20mph speed limit in Lower Langford. This commitment is time limited and if implementation has not taken place by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 the matter and commitment will be reviewed.

**1718/C/096: To consider the future use of the Telephone Kiosk in Front Street**

The Telephone Kiosk in Front Street had now been adopted into ownership by the Parish Council. Members discussed various options for the future use of the kiosk, and decided:-

**RESOLVED:-**

The council will invite both of the schools in the parish to run a competition among their pupils of the best ideas / projects for use of the kiosk. The winner from each school (as judged by the schools) will then be invited to a future Parish Council meeting to present their idea to members for decision.

**1718/C/097: To consider requesting a consultation by NSC relating to house numbering in Front Street.**

A resident had approached the Parish Council asking that they indicate to NSC that consideration should be given to a consultation to number the houses in Front Street due to difficulties being experienced by delivery vehicles and potentially emergency services. Members discussed this and decided:-

**RESOLVED:-**

The council holds the view that several roads / streets in the parish do not have numbers, and therefore declines to take further action.

**1718/C/098: Accounts.- To receive and confirm the payments for November 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 £5,598.82

**1718/C/099: Clerk's Report**

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

**RESOLVED:-**

The report of the Clerk is noted.

**1718/C/100: Matters for Information**

- i) Councillor Brenden Hill informed the meeting that the Langford fingerpost sign had now been repaired.
- ii) Councillor Alan Lovell stated that he will be attending NSC Town Hall on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November to meet with officers to consider the update on the Parish Settlement Plan. There was space for three members to attend, and asked that others join him. No one was available.
- iii) Councillor Simon Hegarty informed members of a Village Fete / Event to be held on the recreation field on the weekend of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018.
- iv) Councillor Dev Clutterbuck commented that this council was asset rich and the finance and personnel committee will be considering ways in which the council can gain a return on those assets in future.
- v) Councillor Trudy Silvertown informed members of her attendance at a recent meeting of the Strawberry Line Group

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.41pm.

**CHAIR**.....

**DATE** .....