

CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th April 2016 at 7.30 pm in Churchill Community Club, Ladymead Lane Churchill.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Councillor Brenden Hill	Councillor Trudy Silverton
Councillor Sue List	Councillor Bill Carruthers (7.34pm)
(Chairman) Councillor Jackie Bush	Councillor Dev Clutterbuck
Councillor Alan Lovell	Councillor David Hurst
Councillor Valerie Langley	Councillor Graham Fortune

Other Attendees

Clerk Martin Dolton, District Councillor Liz Wells, Mark McGregor (NSC Liason) and 1 member of the public.

15/16.167 Apologies - to receive apologies from Councillors for non-attendance.

Apologies had been received from Councillor Simon Glanfield, and Simon Hegarty.

15/16.168 Declarations of interest: To receive alteration/amendments to the register of interests: To receive declarations of interest on agenda items.

NONE.

15/16.169 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2016.

An amendment was agreed relating to the attendance list

RESOLVED:-

That after amendment relating to attendance the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2016 were confirmed by those present as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15/16.170 Public Participation.

No member of the public wished to address the meeting (Councillor Bill Carruthers joined the meeting)

15/16.171 To receive report from District Councillor.

District Councillor Wells reported that the Stoney Lane enforcement investigation had no reported with a no breach finding. After comments from Parish Councillors, Councillor Wells agreed to further investigate the planning consent position relating to the stables. Councillor Wells informed the meeting that she was now liaising with Highways Dept about weight restriction issues in Stock Lane and was trying to trace a petition from some two years back. Being aware of the concerns of the Parish Council of road safety issues relating to the A38 / Says Lane approved development, she was also attempting to assist in having those concerns directed to the appropriate officers. Councillor Wells noted the concerns expressed by some Parish Councillors about planning officers providing pre-application advice and then being the decision makers on applications.

15/16.172 Parish Liaison Officer Report.

The following were raised by the Parish Council;

A38 - water on carriageway outside Manor Hotel ; Church Lane – tractor damage to verge creating unsafe edge to the road along from the school; Church lane corner onto Front street curb damaged and sharp potential dangerous; Barrowfield cottage, Front street, defects on road require inspection.

Mr McGregor will action and report back to the Council.

15/16.173 Planning

(a) To Receive Planning Decision Notices and Information

Decision notices:-

16/P/0415/F - Churchill Academy & Sixth Form, ChurchillGreen,BS255QN
Erection of a new business studies and IT block. Approved.

Information :-

16/P/0694/E1A2 – Proposed route of new water mains by Bristol Water, passes through North edge of the Parish – currently environmental scanning only – not an application – information only.

(b) Matters for decision regarding development in the Parish.

- (i) To discuss the drafting of the Section 106 form relating to the latest Pudding Pie Lane application :-

Members discussed various matters that should be considered within the drafting of the document. Councillor Alan Lovell will collate the drafting and report back.

- (ii) To discuss a potential request to ALCA, through NALC and the CPRE, that consideration should be given to seek a legal challenge.

The Clerk updated members that a request had been sent to ALCA as a result of some members voicing that such a request should be made, but ALCA had responded that such a matter would only be considered if it were a formal resolution of the Council.

RESOLVED:-

That this Council requests ALCA, through NALC and the CPRE, that consideration should be given to seek a legal challenge for the loss of protection suffered by communities since the Localism Act. In particular the inconsistency of allowing the use of two different methods of calculating housing numbers which has undermined local development plans and neighbourhood plans.

- (iii) Planning Applications:-

i) 16/P/0595/LB & 16/P/0596/F – Mr I Hoddell, St Mary’s House, Langford Road, Langford, BS40 5HU. - External alterations.

Members considered the detail of the application and felt that the proposed work was in keeping with the character of the building and would have no negative affect on the surroundings.

RESOLVED :-

This Council recommends supporting application 16/P/0595/LB & 16/P/0596/F

ii) 16/P/0686/F – Mr A Cashman, Rosadene, Bristol Road, Churchill, BS40 5HJ. Erection of a single storey rear extension.

Members considered that the proposed development was in keeping with other houses in the road and would not affect the surroundings.

RESOLVED :-

This Council recommends supporting application 16/P/0686/F

iii) 16/P/0701/F - University of Bristol, Langford Veterinary College, Stock Lane Langford, BS40 5DU. Erection of a single storey building to house MRI scanner for the adjacent small animal hospital

Members considered that this was a replacement for an existing scanner site in a similar location, and would not be visible to, or affect, the surroundings.

RESOLVED :-

This Council recommends supporting application 16/P/0701/F

iv) 16/P/0716/F – Mr D Healy, Orchard Vale, Bristol Road, Churchill, BS25 5NL. Erection of a single storey garage extension.

Members considered there would be no impact on surroundings.

RESOLVED :-

This Council recommends supporting application 16/P/0716/F

15/16.174 To consider the adoption of a filming policy for the Council

A draft policy taking account of new legislation relating to filming, audio-recording, photographing and reporting of Council and committee meetings had been previously circulated to members. Members agreed that the the policy should now be adopted.

RESOLVED:-

The Council adopts the filming policy as circulated with this agenda with immediate effect.

15/16.175 To consider instructing Bennet’s Solicitors of Wrington to act as our representative in negotiating the lease. (Old Doctor’s Surgery)

Members were apprised of the recent efforts to appoint a solicitor to act on behalf of the Council in this matter, and appoint a consultant to advise the Council in the formulation and eventual acceptance terms.

RESOLVED:-

- (a) That Bennet's Solicitors of Wrington be instructed to act for the Council, all fees to be met by the leaseholder.
- (b) That Mr David Burston be formally instructed to act to advise the Council of terms of the lease.

15/16.176 To consider an app (Vonage) being added to the Parish Council mobile that would allow the current Parish landline number to be used via the Parish mobile. Cost £15 per month.

Members were aware that the new mobile telephone for the Clerk was now operational and in use. Previous consideration had resulted in research into the possibility of also having the previous local 824801 number ported to the new mobile. The research had concluded that this can be achieved via Vonage, the cost to callers on the local number would not increase, and there would be no tie-in contract. Costs of £15 per month, £5 set up fee, and a basic handset for the adapter. It was agreed to trial this system for six months and then review it.

RESOLVED:-

To acquire the Vonage system to enable a local number to be ported to the Clerk's mobile telephone. To be reviewed in six months.

15/16.177 To make the final arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting – 25th April 2016.

Members agreed allocation of roles for the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 25th of April 2016. Emphasis was placed on the need for speakers to be succinct.

15/16.178 To consider quotes for the improvements to the left hand side allotment hedge in field one.

Members were provided with two quotes that had been received. There was unanimous agreement to accept the quote from TCV (The Conservation Volunteers).

RESOLVED:-

The quote from TCV (The Conservation Volunteers) is accepted to conduct work to the left hand side hedge in field one at the allotments.

15/16.179 Accounts.- To receive and confirm the payments for April 2016.

RESOLVED: The payments were agreed and signed with total agenda expenditure of £2,378.41 + late additional payments as below.

- *** **NOTE** the Clerk had written 2 cheques for invoices not on the agenda that had arrived between the publishing of the agenda and the meeting.
1. IRH Electrical £405.60 - for electrical supply work to container.

2. North Somerset Council £288.00 – Dog Bin emptying.

Final total of payments £3,072.01 approved.

15/16.180 Clerk's Report

i) The Clerk had received a request from a resident relating to the parking of vehicles in the car park on the 23rd July 2016. No objections were raised. The Clerk to ensure that the resident understands the loss/damage policy and no space can be guaranteed.

ii) The Clerk informed members that the Statutory Notices for the vacancy on this Council will be commencing the display period on 18th April 2016.

iii) The Clerk requested that members approve the purchase of a HiViz waistcoat for his use and claim on expenses. This was agreed. Members also commented on the need for ID badges to be provided to all members and the Clerk – Clerk to progress.

15/16.181 Matters for Information

i) Councillor Alan Lovell updated members with his new email address – Clerk to arrange display amendments as required. He also commented on the need for the Council to re-visit the resolution relating to the suspension of the Neighbourhood Plan progress and consider amending the wording. Councillor Lovell will bring to the agenda of the next meeting.

ii) Councillor David Hurst updated those present on the progress of the Site & Allocation response paper – not yet completed – will be sent to the Clerk for circulation to all members when completed.

iii) Councillor Bill Caruthers raised the use / non-use of brown field sites in the Parish

iv) Councillor Dev Clutterbuck suggested that in the current environment of several significant planning applications, a small working group could be appointed to consider Section 106 needs prior to such applications so that the Council would always be prepared. This was agreed, and Councillors Clutterbuck and Fortune will work together.

Councillor Clutterbuck also raised the issue of the state of the recycling bins at The Churchill PH. The Clerk will raise this with the NSC liaison and area officers.

v) Councillor Graham Fortune commented on the road safety dangers apparent for pedestrians in Front Street.

vi) Councillor Jackie Bush (Chairman) informed the meeting that the Council had, last week, been informed that it had been awarded 'Quality Council' status under the Local Council Award Scheme. She congratulated all members and the previous Clerk on this fine achievement. The matter of the award would be placed on the agenda of the next meeting for formal noting.

Councillor Bush asked all members to give consideration to committee membership and nominations for Chairman, Vice Chairman, in readiness for the Annual General Meeting of the Council to be held on the 9th of May 2016. Distribution of The Tower newsletters for delivery then took place.

Meeting closed 9.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

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