

CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th January 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
Councillor Jackie Bush	Councillor Dev Clutterbuck
Councillor Alan Lovell	Councillor Valerie Langley
Councillor Simon Hegarty	Councillor Alan Brown.
Councillor Simon Glanfield	

Other Attendees – Clerk Aleana Baird, Parish Liaison Officer Mark Macgregor and 4 members of the public.

15/16.120 Apologies- to receive apologies from Councillors for non-attendance.

Apologies had been received from Councillor David Hurst, Councillor Graham Fortune and District Councillor Liz Wells.

15/16.121 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 application 15/P/2521/F as her land was next to the proposed development site; she left the room during the discussion and decision of the application.

15/16.122 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2015.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2015 were confirmed by those present as a correct record and signed.

15/16.123 Public Participation.

A member of the public wished to thank very much Parish Orderly Michele Miles for the excellent painting of the Fields in Trust plaque on the Broadoak green.

15/16.124 To receive report from District Councillor.

NONE.

15/16.125 Parish Liaison Officer Report.

The clearance of debris from the trash screens in Doleberrow had been arranged. Councillor Alan Brown raised the marking of the lines at the junction of Hilliers Lane and Front Street. It had been reported about three months ago. Parish Liaison Mark Macgregor was to investigate.

15/16.126 Planning

To Receive Planning Decision Notices and Information

The planning application for 118 houses at Sandford has been taken to appeal for failure by North Somerset Council to determine the application within the appropriate period (13 weeks).

Planning approval decision notices.

- i) 15/P/2493/F – Mr A Hydes, Woodcroft, Bath Road, Langford, BS40 5EB. Erection of a radio mast within the garden of Woodcroft.
- ii) 15/P/2660/WT – Devonshire House, Blackmoor, Langford, BS40 5HJ. T1 – Silver Birch Fell & T2 – Cypress Fell.

Matters for decision regarding development in the Parish.

Discussion took regarding the forthcoming P&R Committee meeting 13th January at which Councillor Simon Hegerty was speaking against the 141 dwelling application 15/P/1414/O; he was not speaking on behalf of the Parish Council (this was not permitted) but as a resident. The determination of the application on the basis of 'least worse' was a serious concern as North Somerset seek to regain control of planning policy by satisfying the shortfall in five year supply. The parallels between the PPL site and the Brinsea Road appeal decision were to be highlighted as far as possible within the very limited time frame for speaking at P&R. The drainage analysis by Howick was well worth the expense as a specific condition has been included in the Planning Officers report stating '*No development on the site shall take place until groundwater monitoring for a full year has been completed to inform the sustainable drainage design and submitted to the Local Planning Authority Reason: To establish a baseline profile; this will inform the development of the sustainable drainage system (pg. 33).*' It was imperative that this was included should approval be given. The Clerk was to contact Andrew Stevenson District Councillor Wells and the Drainage team to ask them to ensure this condition is included.

Councillor Alan Brown was to circulate to all members the letter he has sent to all P&R members to apply final pressure prior to the meeting.

Planning Applications

***** At this point in the meeting having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest Chair Jackie Bush left the room. In her absence Vice Chair Alan Brown chaired the meeting.**

i) 15/P/2521/O – Mr J Alderson, Land to the north of Pudding Pie Lane, Langford.

Outline application with all matters reserved except access for up to 35 dwellings with associated access, parking, hard/soft landscaping and open space, drainage and infrastructure.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council recommend **NOT** supporting application 15/P/2521/O.

COMMENTS will be attached as Appendix A on completion.

****** Chair Jackie Bush returned to the meeting and took the Chair.**

ii) 15/P/2774/F – Suzi Downs, 2, Somerlea Stables, Langford Road, Langford, BS40 5HU. Retrospective application for a porch.

RESOLVED: to recommend supporting application 15/P/2774/F.

iii) 15/P/2820/F – Mr J Murray, Little Court, Church Lane, Churchill, BS25 5QW.

Application for the removal of condition 6 (Code 3 Homes) and variation of condition 3 (time limit for demolition of existing building) of approval 13/P/1177/F (Erection of a replacement dwelling and associated access drive).

RESOLVED: to recommend supporting application 15/P/2820/F. The Parish Council's recommendation was subject to a condition being applied that set a time parameter for demolition to take place by the end of 2017.

iv) 15/P/2836/WT - University of Bristol, Langford House, Stock Lane, Langford, BS40 5DU. Various tree maintenance works and felling of 1 Beech tree in the conservation area.

RESOLVED: to recommend supporting application 15/P/2836/WT. The Parish Liaison Officer was to ask the Tree Officer to report the findings from the inspection.

15/16.127 To consider the comments on the Joint Spatial Plan & Joint Transport Plan.

Councillor Simon Hegerty was to work with Councillors Alan Lovell and Alan Brown on the two plans. The comments would be circulated to members for comment and submitted by the Clerk by the 29th January deadline.

15/16.128 To agree the budget and set the precept for 2016-17.

Final budget papers and a precept report by the Clerk had been circulated prior to the meeting with all updates including the confirmed Council Tax Support Grant figure. The agreed precept was to be added in prior to the publicising of the budget on the website.

RESOLVED: that the final budget was agreed and would include the agreed 1% increase to the precept to £57,717.55 below.

Note: It as requested by one Councillor that the voting was recorded as follows, 10 for the proposal to increase the budget by 1% and 1 against.

RESOLVED: that the precept be increased by 1% to £57,717.55. This would generate £63.50 per band D property. Together with the Council Tax Support Grant of £1,593.00 this would give a combined figure of £59,310.

15/16.129 To review and adopt the following policy:

- Health & Safety Policy.

RESOLVED: that the Health & Safety Policy be adopted by the Council.

To consider the action plan for the past year to be submitted to the Local Council Award Scheme.

RESOLVED: that the action plan be submitted as part of the re-accreditation to the Local Council Award Scheme.

***** The member of the public was requested to leave the meeting as the next item was competitive tenders and therefore a confidential item.**

15/16.130 To consider the tenders for the three year grass cutting contract 2016-18.

RESOLVED: to award the grass cutting contract for 2016-18 to West Country Groundcare Ltd.

15/16.132 Accounts.

To receive and confirm the payments for January 2016.

RESOLVED: The payments were agreed and signed with total expenditure of £11,699.01.

***** 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 to Howick Drainage Consultants £2,433.60 and 1 to DMS Solutions (Local Council Risk Scheme) for £120.41. Final total of payments £4,615.28.

15/16.133 Clerk's Report

i) A request had been received to split allotment plot 14 which was a full plot in half.

Members did not wish to do this as it was in an established row of full plots and there were also half plots available in field 2.

ii) The Clerk gave a brief over view of the new audit arrangements following the abolishment of the Audit Commission and the requirement to opt in or out of the new 'sector lead body'

(SLC) that was to be formed to procure the appointment of external auditors i.e. the SLC will do pretty much what the Audit Commission used to do and if you do not officially opt in then you are automatically deemed to have done so. The new SLB will not operate until 2018-19. The full report was to be sent to the Finance Committee members.

iii) A ballot form for Parish Council representative on the Mendip Hills AON+B Partnership had been received. Members wished to vote for the Burrington PC nominee.

15/16.134 Matters for Information

i) Councillor Brenden Hill reported that the Facebook page was now up and running with a few likes already and he would continue to add more information. He urged other Councillors to have a look at it and it was to be added to the website.

ii) Councillor Simon Hegerty reported that the newly formed CALRAG (Churchill and Langford Residents Action Group) was working hard with a spearhead committee of 8 people.

iii) Councillor Bill Carruthers raised that he wished to see a higher number of rental properties should any of the pending developments be approved and this should be pursued.

Meeting closed 9.30 pm.

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