



CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Churchill Parish Council Meeting held remotely on
Monday 7 December 2020 at 7.15pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Councillors: Jackie Bush (Chair) Bill Wilkinson Mimi Simpson
Jan Murray Rick Brafield James Hoddell
Robin Jeacocke Harriet McBride Bill Carruthers
Theo Michael

Also Present:

Ann Boote (Parish Clerk) Councillor Patrick Keating (NSC)
Sarah Shaw (Parish Liaison, NSC) Jonathan Periselnis (Senior Project Manager, NSC)
Katie Park (Project Manager, NSC) 4 Members of the public

1920/C/221 Apologies - to receive apologies from Councillors for non-attendance.
Councillor Simon Glanfield

1920/C/222 Declarations of interest: To receive alteration/amendments to the register of interests and to consider any written requests for dispensations. To receive declarations of interest on agenda items.
None

1920/C/223 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2020
The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 9 November 2020 had been previously circulated to all members and were agreed as an accurate record.

RESOLVED:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2020 were confirmed by those present as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

1920/C/224 Public Participation

A member of the public addressed the meeting to discuss their concern about an extension to a neighbour's property, which appeared to have no planning permission. He also confirmed that he had received no notification that an extension was being built.

Sarah Shaw, Parish Liaison confirmed she was aware of this issue from a previous Parish Council meeting and confirmed she would investigate further with the Enforcement Team at NSC

1920/C/225 Banwell By-Pass Update

Jonathan Periselnis (Senior Project Manager, NSC) and Katie Park (Project Manager, NSC) introduced themselves.

Jonathan Periselnis proceeded to provide a presentation on the Banwell By-Pass project. He explained that this project was in the very early stages and expressed his wish to continue to involve the Parish Council going forward.

1920/C/226 North Somerset Council Matters

Councillor Patrick Keating informed the meeting that the Dinghurst Road planning application had been rejected by NSC. He also mentioned that he was sure the housing developer would appeal this decision.

The planning of the Banwell-By pass was ongoing.

The Choices Local Plan Consultation would be closing for comments very shortly.

PK reported that the North Somerset area currently in Tier 3 of COVID-19 restrictions was seeing a reduction in its case numbers. It was NSC's plan to request North Somerset be classed in its own right when deciding future tier categories.

PK reported that Bristol Airport plan to appeal against the NSC decision against their Expansion plan during Summer 2021.

Councillor Bill Carruthers asked PK if he could provide more information on 'Call For Sites'. This was a map showing pieces of land which local land owners had shown an interest in selling for possible future development.

PK agreed to update the Council on this information.

Councillor Jan Murray expressed her thanks to North Somerset Council for refusing planning permission at the Dinghurst Road development.

JM informed the meeting that she was regularly contacted by residents reporting surveyors on pieces of land around the village; they were concerned that the rural peace & beauty of the village was being eroded.

JM requested assistance from NSC to encourage Churchill Academy to engage with the Sports Centre Committee with regard to access. PK confirmed he was liaising with Jill Maycock (Sports Centre Committee) and colleagues within NSC regarding access.

PK informed the meeting that the new Executive Member for Leisure (Mike Solomon) would be involved in this project.

The next process by NSC is to be a survey to engage the public regarding the Sports Centre.

Councillor Bill Carruthers requested an update from Sarah Shaw on the lack of 30mph speed signs throughout Churchill. Sarah confirmed she had logged this request with the Highways Dept. at NSC. She will make enquiries.

Councillor Jan Murray requested clarification from Sarah Shaw on the landowner of the (bank) land at Churchill Green Academy. Trees have been felled, which would have provided a screen from the high security fencing. JM was told that the branches only would be cut back.

Councillor Mimi Simpson asked if Sarah would be able to investigate the very high wall which had been built on the property 'Homestead' located opposite the Petrol Station on Bristol Road (A38) near the junction of Says Lane.

MS had received a complaint regarding this wall, which is considered very high and not in keeping with the area. Sarah agreed to investigate.

Councillor Jan Murray asked Sarah if she would liaise with NSC to reinstate the 40mph speed sign back to its original position on the A368.

Councillor Jackie Bush requested that the drains be emptied and debris taken away on Ladymead Lane/Pudding Pie Lane, near the junction of Jubilee Lane. These drains were emptied in the past, the contents left on the side to re-block the drains.

1920/C/227 Police Matters

No issues were raised.

1920/C/228 Local Flooding

Councillor Robin Jeacocke discussed his most recent report on flooding within Churchill, which had been circulated to the meeting. RJ expressed the need for North Somerset Council to address these issues. In particular the flooding issues caused by the Newland Homes development.

A discussion took place regarding previous flooding issues, which had been pointed out by CPC in the past, prior to any housing development going ahead.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that Robin would draft a letter be sent on behalf of CPC to NSC regarding our concerns on local flooding issues.

1920/C/229 NSC Virtual Workshop – 9 Dec (Priorities for Churchill)

Following a recently circulated letter from Jo Walker (Chief Executive) from NSC inviting two representatives from CPC, plus those in the community who it was felt my contribute to a discussion on strengths, challenges and/or opportunities within the Churchill area. Councillors Jan Murray, Mimi Simpson had volunteered on behalf of CPC. Trevor Smallwood was also invited as a representative of the Churchill Mutual Aid.

Several priorities were discussed, a request for no more massing housing developments, affordable housing for local people, better transports links to local town & cities. To improve facilities & reopen local Sports Centre.

The meeting was asked to submit any items for discussion at this meeting to Mimi or Jan as soon as possible. A deadline of 4.00pm on Wednesday 9 December please.

1920/C/230 Churchill Mutual Aid

Councillor Bill Wilkinson updated the meeting on the work currently being undertaken by CMA. A welcome letter was being delivered to all new residents informing them of the services available, should they need it. A letter was also being mailed to all longstanding residents with similar up to date information.

BW reported that there had been a drop in demand for food and meals during the most recent 'lock down'.

He also reported that the minibus service was not able to run this year, due to COVID restrictions.

1920/C/231 Land at Ladymead Lane, release of Covenant.

This item has been deferred to the next meeting to provide Councillors sufficient time to read the latest correspondence on this matter.

1920/C/232 Website Designer – Vision ICT Request £2500 from general reserves

Following a recent meeting to discuss the options of various website designers. The group agreed to put forward Vision ICT, a company which provides compliant website for many Parish Councils and who currently provide Churchill Parish Council with their website and email facilities.

RESOLVED

Councillors voted and agreed that funds in the sum of £2500 be made available from general reserves to employ Vision ICT to design a new updated CPC website.

1920/C/233 Planning Matters:-

(1) NSC Planning Decision Notices

The following Planning decision notices had been issued by NSC in the past month:-

20/P/2240/FUH - Linden Lea Bristol Road Churchill Winscombe BS25 5NL

Demolition of existing rear extension and conservatory. Erection of replacement single storey rear extension.

Decision: **Approved**

20/P/2203/FUH - Sunrising Bristol Road Winscombe BS25 5NJ

Proposed conversion of existing garage into an annex to serve the existing dwelling.

Decision: **Approved**

20/P/2025/NMA - Land To The West Of Says Lane Langford

Non-material amendment to planning permission 17/P/2560/RM (Reserved Matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to Outline Application 15/P/1313/O for the erection of 43no. dwellings and associated open space and infrastructure) to allow to for removal of dining room window (W15) in plot 8 only.

Decision: **Approved**

20/P/1710/FUL - Churchill Green Farm Churchill Green Churchill BS25 5QH

Change of use of existing annexe to a separate dwelling, sub-division of residential curtilage and the erection of a boundary wall.

Decision: **Approved**

20/P/1376/FUL - Churchill Academy And Sixth Form Centre Churchill Green Churchill Winscombe BS25 5QN

Proposed replacement of the existing fencing at Churchill Academy and Sixth Form with new 2.4m high perimeter security fencing, including the access controlled automated gates and CCTV cameras

Decision: **Approved**

(2). **Planning Applications for consultee comment by Parish Council:-**

20/P/2181/FUH -The Homestead, Says Lane, Langford, Bristol BS40 5DZ

Two storey rear extension, single storey rear/side extension with changes to existing roof pitch and new front bay window and porch.

RESOLVED

Members considered this application by viewing the application detail and plans. After discussion members decided by vote.

Churchill Parish Council has no objection to application 20/P/2181/FUH as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood.

However, comments were made that the recently built very high wall is not in keeping with the character of the local area

20/P/2388/FUH 12 Birch Drive, Langford, Bristol. BS40 5HG
First floor extension over existing garage

RESOLVED

Members considered this application by viewing the application detail and plans. After discussion members decided by vote.

Churchill Parish Council has no objection to application 20/P/2388/FUH as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood.

20/P/0056/FUL Appeal - Land North of Oakhill & Kewstoke Lodge, Front Street, Churchill
Construction of single dwelling house & garage with associated access, parking & landscaping

RESOLVED

Members considered this application by viewing the application detail and plans. After discussion members decided by vote.

Churchill Parish Council objects to application 20/P/0056/FUL on the grounds of

The proposed dwelling is sited outside of the village settlement boundary.

The proposed dwelling is sited within a Conservation Area (January 2020)

The proposal would substantially erode the village setting.

The proposal would adversely affect the setting of the 3 surrounding listed buildings (one is Grade 1, another is a listed building but also an historic Park/Garden) and the third is an old coach house next door to the Grade 1 listed church. These buildings are **not** within the Conservation Area.

The proposal will substantially adversely affect the tranquillity and views from Windmill Hill.

Concern that this application could set a precedent for other applications close by which are already in the pipeline such as 20/P/2553/OUT.

20/P/2723/FUH - Glyn Cerris, 11 Pudding Pie Close, Langford, Bristol
BS40 5EN

Proposed side/end extension. Raise height of roof and construct rear
dormer extension. Convert garage to living space

RESOLVED

Members considered this application by viewing the application detail and plans. After discussion members decided by vote.

Churchill Parish Council has no objection to application 20/P/2723/FUH as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood.

20/P/2553/OUT - Land Adjacent To Barrowfield Cottage, Front Street
Churchill

Outline application for the erection of five dwellings with all matters reserved for subsequent approval.

RESOLVED

Members considered this application by viewing the application detail and plans. After discussion members decided by vote.

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(3) Other Planning Matters

The meeting discussed the need to respond to the appeal by Bristol Airport, following the refusal by North Somerset council.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that Jan Murray, as lead on PCAA would draft a letter on behalf of the Parish Council to be circulated to all Councillors for agreement.

James Hoddell updated the meeting on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. Grant funds have been received by the PC.

James will be organising a meeting with the Landscape and Planning Advisers. Several Councillors expressed an interest to join this meeting; James agreed to forward meeting details to the Planning Committee members.

- 1920/C/234 Accounts - To receive and confirm the payments for December 2020**
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 as per the agenda. Total expenditure of £6,235.85
- 1920/C/235 Finance & Personnel Committee - members, and appointment of Chair of Committee**
The meeting discussed the need to reform the 'Finance & Personnel Committee and appoint a Chair.
- RESOLVED**
The Council voted and appointed the following Parish Councillors to the Finance & Personnel Committee, Harriet McBride, Theo Michael, Richard Baker, Jackie Bush and Bill Carruthers . James Hoddell is appointed as Chair of the Committee on a temporary basis, until the next Annual meeting of the Council.
- 1920/C/236 To consider and note the report of the Independent Internal Auditor**
The meeting discussed the Independent Internal Auditor's report and noted its findings.
- RESOLVED**
The meeting agreed to the Auditors recommendation of sending a pdf file of all invoices, plus a BACS list every month, for noting and checking by appointed signatories. A confirmation email will be returned to the Finance Officer stating they have seen the invoices and payment arrangements and are happy with them.
- 1920/C/237 To retrospectively note the payments of the council made in April 2020 (no meeting held in that month).**
Due to the COVID pandemic, the Parish Council meeting due to take place in April was not held. However, a copy of the Payments made in April 2020 were circulated to all Councillors. Two authorised signatories confirmed in writing by email that the payments were approved and authorised.
- RESOLVED**
The payments were agreed as per the Finance Schedule. Total expenditure of £21,270.60
- 1920/C/238 Clerk's Report**
Members had been circulated with the full report of the Clerk.
- An enquiry was made as to the delay in repair of the lighting in the Community Club & Burial ground car parks.
- A request was made to request the hedges be cut in Church Lane, opposite Churchill Court. The hedges are owned by the residents of the Cottage in church Lane.
- It was reported that the Cricket club had not received an invoice for their use of the cricket field during 2020.
- RESOLVED:-**
The report of the Clerk is noted.

The Clerk agreed to contact the Electrician for an update. If unsuccessful an alternative supplier would be sourced.

The Clerk agreed to contact the owners of the Cottage & request overgrown hedges in church Lane to be cut back.

The Clerk agreed to contact the Finance Officer with regard to issuing an invoice to the Cricket club.

1920/C/239 To receive matters for information and future Agenda items

Councillor Bill Wilkinson

BW informed the meeting that the Churchill Mutual Aid group were working with the Churchill Inn to deliver a number of Christmas meals locally.

Councillor Rick Brafield

RB informed the meeting that he had noticed some hedging on Dinghurst Road had been cut back, as per Parish Council request.

RB informed the meeting that the air quality pole located on the grass area of Bath Road (A38), opposite Jews Lane had loose wiring.

The clerk agreed to contact those responsible & request the wires be secured.

Councillor Bill Carruthers

BC advised the meeting that the Churchill Sports Centre group were asking for support from other local Parish Councils.

Councillor Jackie Bush

JB informed the meeting that a resident had brought to her attention the damaged tree in the hedge area between the children's play area and field.

Clerk agreed to investigate.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.00 pm

The date of the next Remote Parish Council Meeting – Provisional Date Monday 11 January 2021

CHAIR.....

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