

Draft Minutes of the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Churchill Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Churchill on Monday 27th April 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor A. Brown Councillor Mrs J. Bush
Councillor B Hill Councillor N Lee
Councillor Mrs P Millward Councillor Sue List
Councillor Bill Carruthers Councillor Valerie Langley
Councillor Trudy Silverton
District Councillor Mrs E. Wells
Parish Council staff – Aleana Baird and Michele Miles
PCSO Marie Broomfield
60 Parishioners
2 North Somerset council employees (Mark Macgregor (Parish Council Liaison and Planning Officer Celia Dring, Jacqui Ramus St Monica's Trust
4 Visitors

1. Welcome – The meeting was chaired by Councillor Jackie Bush, Chairman of the Parish Council.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Graham Fortune, Simon Hegarty, newly elected Councillor Simon Glanville, Enid Plumley (Skittles & Social Club) Mark Branch Deputy Head of Churchill Academy, Julie Letts Methodist Minister and Peter Langley.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 28th April 2014 were proposed by Councillor Alan Brown and seconded by Councillor Valerie Langley. There had been errors in the formatting of the minutes in the Tower.

4. Chairman's Address – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. She highlighted that it had been another good year that was mainly due to the dedication of volunteers working within the Parish. The chair concluded by thanking all the councillors and staff and volunteers again for their work over the past year and especially thanks were to three Councillors who were standing down after many years of service. Neville Lee for all his work and particularly his knowledge and advice on planning matters. Councillor Pam Millward and Councillor Phillip Avery who have both been past Chairs and have been long standing members, their local knowledge of the Parish has been very valuable and all three members contributions were very much appreciated.

5. To receive the Parish Council's provisional accounts for the year to end 31st March 2015 The provisional accounts for the year ending March 2015 were circulated at the meeting, all balances had been reconciled and the accounts were currently with the internal auditor. The annual return was to be signed at the May 2015 meeting for submission to the external auditor thereafter. There were no questions.

6. Keynote Speakers

- **North Somerset Senior Planning Officer Celia Dring speaking on Neighbourhood Planning.**

Celia Dring gave the background to how Neighbourhood Plans came in to being through the Localism Act 2011 and an outline of the different stages the plans being carried out were at within North Somerset. This was followed by how the process of creating a plan works and the conditions and evidence it would have to satisfy primarily that it cannot be used to prevent development but could be a means to allocate sites, set design principles and gain finance from developers through CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy). An overview of the and pro's and con's for a community of producing a plan should be considered before starting the process.

A number of questions were asked regarding the referendum process, the consequences if a plan was not produced, the increased vulnerability villages faced from speculative developers because the housing numbers were not set and key policies were remitted within the NSC Core Strategy Development Plan.

- **Jacqui Ramus – St Monica's Trust, talk on the impact of Dementia.**

Jacqui Ramus gave an outline of what the disease is and its different forms, including statistics for the number of sufferers within different age groups and the numbers affected by which types of dementia. The impact on sufferers depended on the part of the brain affected; this may result in changes to memory, learning ability, visibility, hearing, movement, balance, language and behaviour of a person. The stages of the disease were discussed, the impact this had on the sufferer and their families and the do's and don'ts of how to respond. Finally Jacqui spoke of the services available at St Monica's and across North Somerset and how communities in other parts of the country had devised "Dementia Friendly" initiatives to help change the perception of the disease as well as offering practical help.

7. Serving the Parish – The District Councillor, Parish Council employees and Parish Liaison Officer.

District Councillor had no report to make but asked if there were any questions.

Parish Clerk Aleana Baird asked the meeting if anyone had any questions they would like to ask, none were forthcoming. .

Parish Liaison Officer Mark Macgregor attended but no matters were raised with him. Parish Orderly Michele Miles had just run the London Marathon and sponsorship of her designated charity was still possible if anyone wished to.

PCSO Marie Broomfield spoke regarding the low crime figures for the area and how the delivery of policing in the area had changed in terms of the beat being much larger with one Beat Officer Jason Foster and two PCSO's. One of them would always be on duty and could be reached through to 101 service. They had recently been targeting HGV weight limits in the Parish and of 96 vehicles stopped only 4 did not the required documents. There had been an increase in poaching and any assistance with

information would be welcome.

8. Community Groups - Speakers – The Parish Tree Wardens, The Allotment Committee and plot holders. Churchill Church Ministers, Churchill Music Jan Murray.

Tree Wardens – Tree Warden John Simpson had circulated a draft parish tree walk and the wardens welcomed any views from parishioners of the route or other interesting points that could be added. Comments were to be sent to any tree warden or the Clerk

Pastor George Beacham of Langford Evangelical church highlighted the success of a male voice choir concert held recently and that though the church was small it was very much there for the community. The coffee morning every 4th Saturday in the month was still very well supported especially by the residents of the Jubilee homes.

Allotments – Councillor Sue List mentioned that there were currently allotments available to rent.

Churchill Music – Ursula Dornton gave an overview of the concerts and the musicians who performed during the past year. There had been music workshops with A level students and sponsorship of violin taster classes for Year 2 local primary school children as they continue to promote music through the curriculum. The Young Musician of the Year competition was won by flautist Amy Irvine and the composition project was again a great success with pupils hearing their work being performed by a quartet from Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

9. Education – Churchill Academy and Sixth Form, Churchill Primary School and Churchill Pre-school.

Churchill Primary School – Chair of Governor's Sally Furness gave an update on the current position regarding the school. Following the sad loss of head teacher Val Tighe the interim head Jenny Benning had done a fantastic job at such a difficult time. She was remaining as head for the moment as the recruitment process for a replacement head and other staffing issues had been problematic over the last year. The school continued to be a hive of activity with 200 children accommodated in one class per year of about 30 pupils. They had received a good Ofsted report and the September 2015 reception class was full. The school did share concerns regarding the scale of the proposed development on Pudding Pie Lane as it was predicted to generate approx 60 primary age pupils (though that figure was a difficult to be accurate about) and the school only had current capacity for 210.

Churchill Pre-school and Churchill Academy had both submitted reports for the Annual Parish Meeting booklet.

10. Village Organisations – Speaker – Wrington Vale Medical Practice, a new surgery update. The Mini-bus Society, War Memorial Committee, The Village Fund.

Wrington Vale Medical Practice – Dr Donleavy and Dr Portas spoke of how the practice had flourished since they had moved in 2012. They were able to offer a wide variety of services which now included the District Nursing Team (formally in Stockmead) all under one roof. This had made a significant difference to the ease of communication between the different care areas making a much more joined up system of care for patients.

Question – Where is the NHS going? The doctors were not able to say at present but they did feel they had the building that could respond to whichever direction it headed in.

Question – Did the doctors think patients would have to pay a proportion of their care in the future? The doctors could not answer definitively but it had become much more difficult to get some procedures done that were at one time considered routine i.e. tonsils, grommet's and some skin related issues. They were congratulated for getting the District Nurses into the building especially now more services were being provided in the community rather than hospital.

Churchill Mini Bus Society – The society stressed that there was growing need for the minibus as the aging population unable to drive increased. They had a problem recruiting new drivers as they were to lose eight shortly as they were too old under the insurance age limits. If anyone was able to spare 4 hours a week to drive they would be very welcome.

A "Good Companions" project aimed at socially isolated people took passengers on Cream Tea outings once a month and this was sponsored by Debbie Fortune, Alvis's and Thatchers. It was a very rewarding social event not only for the passengers but also for those who drove them.

War Memorial Committee – Anne Williams had submitted a report on behalf of the Committee.

The Village Fund – Leslie Hegarty spoke about a forthcoming mobile Quiz 6th June 2015 and also about the Harvest Home to be held on the evening 12th September after the Village Show. It had been a very successful event last time and it was great for bringing the community together.

11. Youth Organisations – Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

Organiser Tim Cochran spoke about the thriving scout group's in the Parish. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for 50 boys and girls from Churchill and Sandford. They use the ski centre and attend district events building up their equipment as they progress. They would like storage for their trailer in the parish if any one had any space available.

12. Sports and Social Clubs – Football and Cricket Clubs, Skittles Club.

Chairman of the Football Club John Binding though at the meeting declined to speak as this season's results were not a subject of celebration!

Chair Jackie Bush closed the meeting with the announcement that there would be an Open Evening 13th May 2015 at the Primary School about development in the parish. Flyers were to be distributed throughout the parish.

Reports had been received from the following organisations and were available in the booklet:

Skittle and Social Club
Cricket Club
Church Groups (3) *
Parish Tree Wardens*
Parish Orderly
The Mini bus Society*
Churchill Music*
Churchill Preschool
Tone Leisure
Tuesday Gang
War Memorial Hall

Copies of these reports can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.
A representative from those marked with * spoke at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.