



Draft Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Churchill Parish held in the Memorial Hall, Churchill on Monday 23rd April 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs J. Bush (Chair of the Parish Council)

Clerk of the Parish Council : Martin Dolton

Village Orderly ; Michele Miles

Ms Sarah Shaw : Parish Liaison Officer: North Somerset Council

42 Parishioners

1. Welcome – The meeting was chaired by Councillor Jackie Bush, Chair of the Parish Council who extended a warm welcome to all present.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Sue list and Graham Fortune.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 24th April 2017 were proposed and duly seconded as being an accurate record of that meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

4. Chair's Address – The Chair 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. Her annual report to the residents along with reports from all the Chairs of the council's committees were included in the latest edition of The Tower newsletter which had been circulated to all households in the village. Mrs Bush expressed that she was of the view that whilst there had been considerable opposition to the major housing development now taking place within the Parish, the incoming householders would now be part of the community and their presence and contribution to the community is to be welcomed. The chair concluded by thanking all the councillors and staff and volunteers again for their work over the past year.

5. To receive the Parish Council's provisional accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018

The provisional accounts for the year ending March 2018 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 2018 meeting of the Parish Council for submission to the external auditor thereafter. There were no questions.

6. Keynote Speakers

(a) Councillor Alan Lovell – The Planning Scene

Councillor Alan Lovell, as chair of the Parish Council's Planning & Development Strategy Committee addressed the meeting. The committee deal with all the major planning issues and applications and are delegated to respond to North Somerset Council on all applications of 10 or more houses.

Alan ran through the many applications now being processed and was able to state that over 200 houses had already received outline approval in the Parish and it was highly likely that more would follow.

It was felt useful and appropriate to provide residents with a summary update on the progress and status of all the current larger planning applications within the village.

North Somerset Council had submitted their contribution to the West of England Joint Spatial Plan (JSP - which outlines future development plans from 2026 to 2036) on the 13th of April this year, which included a large new 'Garden settlement' in the Churchill area. The plan will be subject to a public Inspector's hearing and examination to take place on an unknown date, potentially in late 2018 or early 2019. The Parish Council had submitted a long and detailed paper objecting to the proposals.

(b) Martin Dolton – Clerk of the Council : 'Community Infrastructure Levy'

Martin delivered a presentation to the meeting in which he outlined the new levy on housing development within North Somerset. The levy would be payable on all (with certain specific exemptions) building development that exceeded 100 square feet. A fixed fee will be payable by the developer per square footage to North Somerset Council, and 15% of that fee is payable to the Parish Council. This new income stream for the Parish Council can only be spent on very specific projects based around improving the infrastructure and core facilities for the community. It only applies to development where the outline planning consent was awarded after January 2018, and therefore the large approvals for development already in progress would not be affected.

(c) Bristol Airport (Expansion Plans)

Representatives from Bristol airport gave the meeting an outline of their expansion plans for the future to increase the capacity of the airport to some 21 million passengers by the year 2021. The next stage in this growth process will be to apply to the planning authorities to increase the capacity to 12 million passengers per annum (currently 10 million). Residents were informed of a consultation event and opportunity from the 26th June 2018 to make any comments they wished.

(d) National Grid

Representatives from National Grid and Western Power addressed the meeting outlining the need to construct a new network of power provision between Avonmouth and Bridgewater that would have to pass through the Parish. On the 4th of June 2018 work will commence on upgrading and extending the Churchill Sub-Station to enable increased capacity and updated methods. Whilst some additional vehicle traffic and minor disruption was inevitable this would be minimised and any residents likely to be in any way directly affected would receive letters and be consulted.

7. Community Groups / Speakers

Scouts :- Claire Mees informed the meeting that there were now 6 active scout groups, with Cubs and Beavers also provided. She asked that all residents be aware that there were only 9 adult leaders to service and operate these groups and more were needed. Accommodation for holding the group evenings and events was also an issue and any offers or suggestions would be most welcome.

Messy Church :- Claire Mees told those residents present about this group which met once per month and often had 30-35 children attend. It is a fast growing group and any offers to help would be gratefully received.

Conservation Area :- Mrs Jill Maycroft informed the meeting of current work being undertaken by her and other residents to try to establish conservation status for Front Street, and potentially extending this to Windmill Hill.

Langford Chapel :- George Meacham invited all residents to join them at the regular coffee mornings held at the Langford Chapel.

Churchill & Langford Residents Action Group (CALRAG) :- Jan Murray updated the residents present on the work undertaken by members of CALRAG. The Group had the aim of acting on behalf of residents to protect the village from over development and are of the view that the JSP proposals for a settlement of some 2800 houses in Churchill would have a devastating effect. They had now established a core team of some 40 members and had a contact and interest list of many residents.

Chair Jackie Bush closed the meeting at 9.32pm inviting all present to remain at the hall and meet other residents and councillors in an informal atmosphere with light refreshment provided.

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

Skittle and Social Club
Cricket Club
Parish Orderly
The Mini bus Society
Churchill Music
War Memorial Hall
Langford Evangelical Church
The Village Fund
Churchill Pre School
The Village Agent
CALRAG

Copies of these reports can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.32 pm.

Signed **Chair of the Parish Council**

Date