



CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Churchill Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Monday 13 July 2020 at 7.15 pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Councillors: Jackie Bush (Chair) Bill Wilkinson Bill Carruthers
Simon Glanfield Rick Brafield Jan Murray
Robin Jeacocke.

Also Present:

Ann Boote (Parish Clerk) Sarah Shaw (NS Parish Liaison Officer)
Trevor Smallwood, Ian Beadle,
Patrick Keating (NS Councillor) Jill Maycock
Omaima Mimi Simpson

1920/C/157 Apologies - to receive apologies from Councillors for non-attendance.
Councillor James Hoddell

1920/C/158 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/159 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2020
The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 15 June 2020 had been previously circulated to all members and were agreed as an accurate record.

RESOLVED:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2020 were confirmed by those present as a correct record and signed by the Chair

1920/C/160 To consider the Co-option of a resident, Omaima Mimi Simpson as a Parish Councillor.
Following consideration and vote by the council it was unanimously agreed that Omaima Mimi Simpson be co-opted by the Parish Council as a Councillor.

1920/C/161 Public Participation

Jill Maycock informed the meeting that Churchill Conservation Area, which covers Front Street, parts of Dinghurst Road and surrounding fields was officially designated by North Somerset Council on 30 January 2020.

She put forward a proposal for the Parish Council to consider funding several types of signage, including a '#interpretation board' to provide an overview of the Conservation Area.

It was agreed that this item be put forward as an Agenda item at the September Parish Council Meeting.

1920/C/162 North Somerset Council Matters

Sarah Shaw (NS Parish Liaison Officer) addressed the meeting to say that the majority of North Somerset Council services were now 'up & running'. However, a large number of staff was still working remotely from home.

Councillor Bill Carruthers requested that Sarah investigate the longstanding issues with the introduction of a 30mph traffic sign on the A38 at the Bellway, Blagdon Gardens, Housing Development. He also requested assistance with the introduction of working pedestrian lights and crossing. The situation is now critical, as the houses are inhabited and residents are unable to cross the busy road safely.

Councillor Simon Glanfield reported issues with antisocial behaviour behind his house. He has noticed people gathering on the small grass area behind his home and using it as a public lavatory. He suggested a solution may be for him to adopt the small area to enable him to manage the issue. Sarah agreed to find out who owns this area and the feasibility of Simons suggestion.

North Somerset Councillor, Patrick Keating addressed the meeting to confirm that the 'Planning Consultation' would become live on 22 July 2020 on the NSC website. He advised that this would be an ideal opportunity to put forward any ideas & thoughts on the local plan.

He advised that no further information was currently available on a decision at the proposed planning development at Dinghurst Road. He understood environmental tests had taken place recently. He agreed to chase up the Planning Officer(s) responsible for this application over the next few weeks. PK reiterated that he had informed the officers that if they were minded to recommend approval, he would call it in to the P&R Committee.

PK advised the meeting of a recent conversation with Churchill Academy regarding the possibility of connecting it with the Strawberry Line (cycle track) to provide safe travel for students. A small amount of government funding may be available. He also mentioned possible help with funding by the charity, Sustrans.

PK mentioned the planning application for a 5G telecoms mast. It appears to be using the same footprint as the current mast. However, he would look into whether any other more suitable sites had been explored.

Councillor Jan Murray expressed her concerns regarding the grant determination agreement for funding the Banwell by Pass. She also mentioned the 'Business Case' which had been approved. She expressed residents' concerns regarding housing developments such as the 'Garden Village' proposal. She expressed her concerns regarding the impact of the Banwell by pass on Churchill village, in particular the increase of commercial traffic on narrow local roads such as Dinghurst Road. This road, like many others have little or no pavements for pedestrians. JM reiterated that Churchill Parish Council needs assurances that they will be involved and provided with information on any proposals which affect the local area.

1920/C/163 Planning Matters:-

(1) NSC Decision Notices

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

20/P/0901/FUH - Westleaze Says Lane Langford Bristol BS40 5EA
Proposed erection of a two story side extension and rear single storey extension to dwelling. Alterations to approved garage/home office to use a garage/home office/guest annexe and erection of 2no dormer windows to front elevation of building.

Decision by NSC: **Approved**

20/P/0745/FUL - 14 Pudding Pie Close Langford Bristol BS40 5EN
Retrospective application for change of use from dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a house in multiple occupation (HMO) for seven people

Decision by NSC – **Approved**

20/P/0084/OUT - Winston Hotel Bristol Road Churchill Bristol BS25 5NL
Outline planning application for the erection of six dwelling houses together with associated hard/soft landscape works with access to be approved (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for subsequent approval.)

Decision by NSC – **Approved**

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

20/P/0228/FUL - Land To The South Of Dinghurst Road Churchill BS25 5NL
Retrospective application for the erection of a mixed use agricultural/equestrian building and the formation of an area of hardstanding

RESOLVED

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

The Council has **no objection** to application 20/P/0228/FUL as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood

20/P/1146/FUH - Managers Flat Winston Hotel Bristol Road Churchill

Two storey front extension, new roof over single storey element and new dormer to front elevation.

RESOLVED

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

The Council has **no objection** to application 20/P/1146/FUH as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood

20/P/1231/FUH - Sunrising, Bristol Road, Winscombe BS25 5NJ

Proposed single storey rear extension to existing detached dwelling

RESOLVED

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

The Council has **no objection** to application 20/P/1231/FUH as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood

20/P/1350/FUH - Rock Villa Doleberrow Churchill Winscombe BS25 5NS

Proposed first floor side extension to existing detached dwelling

RESOLVED

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

The Council has **no objection** to application 20/P/1350/FUH as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood

20/P/1368/FUH Orchard Cottage Bath Road Langford Bristol BS40 5DL

Proposed new garage and bedroom extension to side.

RESOLVED

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

The Council has **no objection** to application 20/P/1368/FUH as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood

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

RESOLVED

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

The Council has **no objection** to application 20/P/1376/FUL as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood. However, due to the fact that the application is within an area of outstanding national beauty (AONB) & adjacent to the new Conservation Area, the Parish Council would like the fencing to be sympathetic with its surroundings and would like sight of the type of fencing proposed.

(3) Other Planning Matters

Councillor Jackie Bush informed the meeting that she had received reports of 'The Stables', Stoney Lane, Bath Road, Upper Langford Churchill BS40 5DJ being used as living accommodation, plus reports of the building being used as a 'puppy farm'. Sarah Shaw (NSC) was asked to report & investigate.

1920/C/164 Accounts.- To receive and confirm the payments for July 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 £8123.50

1920/C/165 To discuss ongoing support for the Churchill & Langford voluntary aid work

Trevor Smallwood & Ian Beadle produced a report on the work of the 'Churchill and Langford Mutual Aid Group'. This group of volunteers have helped local vulnerable people throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Their services have included delivering medication and/or shopping to those in need. They have provided meals (many of which have been donated), to the elderly, school children and those on the North Somerset vulnerable list within the local community.

They confirmed that although the current situation had improved and the reliance on their services had decreased, they felt they would like to have a structure in place to help immediately, should another emergency arise in the future. This would require funds, which they have been investigating in the form of grants.

Several options for the future were discussed, at length. It was felt that the Parish Council was not in a position to provide the time required to take direct responsibility for the group.

The Parish Council felt a more favourable option would be to join forces & work together with other interested local Parish Councils in offering support for this group.

The meeting suggested that Ian & Trevor look at approaching the Minibus Society to consider taking responsibility for the Mutual Aid Group in the village.

Sarah Shaw informed the meeting that the Village Agent and Care Connect Services were available to offer advice & help.

RESOLVED

A request was made to Trevor & Ian to keep the PC updated on their progress through liaison with Councillors Bill Wilkinson & Jan Murray. It was also suggested that the Mutual Aid Group in the first instance should apply for a grant from Churchill Parish Council, to help continue their work.

1920/C/166 To discuss replacement of recently fire damaged trim trail equipment at the recreation field.

JB informed the meeting that following the recent vandalism of the trim trail equipment should was due to attend a meeting with some of those involved, their parents, the police and fire service. The suggestion is for 'restorative justice'. This would take the form of undertaking jobs around the Community Club, including painting the football dug out, cleaning the equipment in the children's play area. A request will also be made for parents to provide funds to cover our insurance excess fees.

A quotation has been received from Sovereign Play Equipment (original supplier) to remove damaged and replace equipment in the sum of £2266.46

RESOLVED:-

The Council voted and agreed that the damaged trim trail equipment be removed and replaced in the sum of £2266.46.

1920/C/167 Clerk's Report

Members had been circulated with the full report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED:-

The report of the Clerk is noted.

1920/C/168 To receive matters for information and future Agenda items

Councillor Bill Wilkinson

BW commented on the fact that several residents of Front Street had cut their hedges back to provide more room on the road for pedestrian. However, the hedge on one particular property appeared to be at least 1 metre into the road.

Actions:

BW agreed to let the Clerk know the address. She could then send an official letter to request the hedge be cut back.

Councillor Rick Brafield

RB requested an update on the 'no dogs allowed' sign for gate in Turnpike Close, as the field was still being used by dog owners to exercise their animals. The Clerk confirmed the sign had been ordered and delivery was imminent.

RB mentioned again, the hedging at the rear of the 'Old Vicarage' on Dinghurst Road, close to the Clock Tower enclosure. The fact that it is so overgrown pedestrians cannot see vehicles approaching and the hedge is making a narrow road even smaller.

Actions:

JB has been liaising with the property owner and has agreed to meet to show him the issue.

RB spoke regarding the constant need to walk around the recreation fields picking up cans and bottles of drink, including alcohol, which has been left by young people. All agreed that the situation was very difficult to stop.

Actions:

It was agreed to Minute the issue and include notices on our boards confirming the recreation fields were for leisure only, to take litter home or use the bins provided. Plus a reminder that drinking any alcohol under the age of 18 is illegal.

RB asked the Clerk (AB) if any news had been received on the new lettering for the Village Events Board. AB confirmed that she had requested an update from the supplier and would let RB know when a response is received.

Councillor Jan Murray

JM informed the meeting that the local PCSO (Marie Broomfield) was leaving her post to work at a different location. JM requested that something to be done to show some recognition for the excellent job Marie has done for the local area.

Several suggestions were made including nominating her for an award, a badge, a newspaper article, letter to the Chief Constable or perhaps a gift in the form of flowers.

Actions:

It was agreed for the Clerk to organise a floral bouquet and a letter to the Chief Constable. JM to confirm to AB the date that Marie will be leaving her current post.

JM asked JB if she had received any information regarding Councillor Tim Jessiman, as to whether he would be continuing as a Parish Councillor.

Actions:

JB asked AB to write to TJ & ask him to contact JB at his earliest convenience.

Councillor Robin Jeacocke

RJ informed the meeting that exploratory investigations into drainage had recently taken place at the Dinghurst Road, proposed development site

Councillor Bill Carruthers

BC addressed the meeting regarding the issue of cans and bottles being left on the recreation field and the fact that the land was owned by the Parish Council and should be used for sports only.

He also requested that the field adjacent to Turnpike Close be cut. JB informed the meeting that the contract including cutting this field 2 x per year.

BC informed the meeting that whilst undertaking a recent planning application investigation, he met a local man, who showed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. BC has agreed to meet him to provide more information.

BC enquired about the information gained from the recent village surveys. JB confirmed that all the comments were being collated & that the full information would be available at the September Parish Meeting.

Actions:

BC requested full information be made available prior to the September meeting to enable everyone to become familiar with the results.

Councillor Mimi Simpson

MS informed the meeting that she recently noticed holes being dug on the field in Dinghurst Road. She approached and asked the reason why, she was told they were checking the water quality. On further investigation with NSC she was told the holes were for investigation only.

Councillor Jackie Bush- Chair

JB thanked everyone for their input and confirmed the Parish Meeting being held in August would be a short meeting to discuss planning and urgent items only.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.17pm

The date of the next Remote Parish Council Meeting – Provisional Date Monday 10 August 2020 – (Planning & Urgent items only)

CHAIR.....

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