



CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Churchill Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Monday 15 June 2020 at 7.15 pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Councillors: Jackie Bush (Chair) Robin Jeacocke Jan Murray
James Hoddell Bill Carruthers Bill Wilkinson

Also Present:

Ann Boote (Clerk) 3 members of the public

1920/C/142 Apologies - to receive apologies from Councillors for non-attendance.

Councillors: Sue List Rick Brafield Simon Glanfield
Tim Jessiman
Patrick Keating (North Somerset Councillor)
Sarah Shaw (Parish Liaison Officer)

1920/C/1143 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/144 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2020

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 11 May 2020 had been previously circulated to all members and were agreed as an accurate record.

RESOLVED:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2020 were confirmed by those present as a correct record and signed by the Chair

1920/C/145 Public Participation

A member of the public addressed the meeting. He commented on his concern for the proposed Banwell bypass and its impact on the local area. In particular, the issue with increased traffic of heavy goods vehicles using local roads, such as Dinghurst Road. He also commented on his fears for the safety of local school children, who attend the two local schools, in respect of the lack of pavements and footpaths.

A member of the public put forward his objection to Planning Application 20/P/0542/FUL – Wood View, The Batch, Churchill, Winscombe BS25 5PP. He felt this application to be one of a permanent commercial campsite in an area of AONB. His objections included the fact that the yurt and toilet facilities proposed in the lower site would be very close (5m) from his own neighbouring property boundary and footpath. Other objections included those of additional vehicles using the Batch, plus concerns for biodiversity, in particular the proposed structures interfering with the local bat population.

A member of the public spoke to the meeting to address the concerns and objections to his Planning Application 20/P/0542/FUL – Wood View, The Batch, Churchill, Winscombe BS25 5PP. He felt that with the introduction of two semi-permanent yurts, this would reduce the volume of traffic, as other tents would not be in use if the yurts themselves were occupied. The yurts would be shielded from the footpath, bridle path and the Batch. His understanding was the yurt in the lower site would be 20m away from the neighbouring boundary. With reference to biodiversity, he relayed that rewilding, planting native trees and plants had been undertaken on the land. He confirmed that following a conversation with someone with knowledge of bats, that the plan would not harm or hinder the local bat population

A member of the public addressed the meeting with his concerns regarding recent excavations on the land at Dinghurst Road (proposed housing development application). He felt that if the Case Officer was not planning to refuse this application, then it should be discussed at a Planning & Regulatory Committee (PNR) meeting.

Councillor James Hoddell confirmed that Churchill Parish Council had recently written to the Case Officer (copy to Councillor Patrick Keating) regarding this matter, to request an update.

Councillor Jan Murray expressed her concerns regarding the volume of traffic on Dinghurst Road, particularly as there are little or no footpaths along this road. She expressed concern for the safety of pedestrians, including those with walking disabilities and younger school children.

1920/C/146 North Somerset Council Matters

A discussion took place regarding the Planning Application at Dinghurst Road. It was agreed that if the Case Planning Officer was considering approving this application, Churchill Parish Council request that Councillor Patrick Keating ensure this case be heard at a full PNR meeting.

The meeting discussed the impact that a Banwell By-Pass would have on Churchill. In particular the increase of traffic and possible additional housing developments. The Parish Council would like to receive data from NSC on this project to enable the Council to review the plans and respond.

It was agreed that Councillor James Hoddell would issue a response to NSC regarding the above issues as a matter of urgency.

1920/C/147 Planning Matters:-

(1) NSC Decision Notices

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

20/P/0563/FUL- 4 Pudding Pie Lane Langford Bristol BS40 5EL
Retrospective application for a change of use from dwelling (C3 Use class) to HMO (House in Multiple Occupation) (sui generis) for 7 bedroom accommodation and erection of a cycle and bin store.
Decision: Approved

20/P/0549/MMA - South Lynne Says Lane Langford BS40 5DZ
Minor material amendment to planning permission 19/P/1308/FUH (erection of a single storey rear extension, a loft conversion and a triple garage) to allow changes to rear extension, kitchen roof from pitched to flat, turn porch 90 degree and add a dormer window.
Decision: Approved.

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

20/P/0930/FUL - Bramble Cottage Dinghurst Road Churchill Winscombe BS25 5PJ
proposed replacement of buildings with single building for storage for horticulture and land management.

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/0930/FUL** as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood.

20/P/1011/FUL - Land Opposite Churchill House, Churchill Green Churchill
Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), Condition 8 (Storage of waste), Condition 9 (Cycle storage), Condition 13 (Landscaping Scheme), Removal of condition 14 (Implementation of landscaping) and resulting renumbering of condition 15 to 14 of permission 14/P/0898/F (Change of use from agricultural land to holiday accommodation with erection of 2no chalets and associated parking and access relocated off Common Lane) to allow for revisions to the approved site layout.

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/1011/FUL** as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood.

**20/P/0542/FUL - Wood View, The Batch, Churchill, Winscombe. BS25
5PP**

Change of use of land from equestrian use to the siting of 2 no yurts and 2no wooden buildings with composting toilets and showers for temporary accommodation for glamping and for limited occasional camping in tents(max 5 large tents -approx 10m squared)from April to October, only on upper site.

RESOLVED

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

The Council **objects** to application **20/P/0542/FUL** on the grounds of:-
The proposal being within an AONB and the objections of a neighbour to this application.

Other Planning Matters

Councillor Bill Carruthers informed the meeting of his concern on the content of a recent email from the Parish Clerk, regarding a future planning application. This related to the installation of a 20m high telecoms mast on Bath Road. The meeting agreed to investigate when the application became available for comment.

1920/C/148 Accounts.- To receive and confirm the payments for June 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 £8,059.53

A request was made to the Finance Officer, regarding the BACS payment of a grant of £500 to Churchill & Langford Minibus Society. Please let it show that these funds were not solely for the operation of the Minibus itself, but funds towards the costs of the Churchill & Langford Voluntary Aid Work.

1920/C/149 To consider a request for funds from the Cricket Club for the supply of weed killer & grass feed for use on the 'outfield' in the sum of £350.00.

The meeting discussed the request for an interim payment to fund the purchase of weed killer and grass feed for the cricket outfield. It was pointed out that the Parish Council maintains the recreation fields by cutting the grass and keeping the hedges trimmed. Any additional specialised maintenance was generally

organised & funded by the sports teams themselves.

RESOLVED

It was agreed by unanimous vote to support part of the grant application. The sum of £200.00 to be granted.

1920/C/150 To consider a grant application – Churchill and Langford Minibus Society in the sum of £783.23

The meeting discussed the application for grant funds towards the cost of funding insurance for the local minibus.

RESOLVED

It was agreed by unanimous vote to support the grant applications. The sum of £783.23 to be granted.

1920/C/151 To discuss ongoing support for the Churchill & Langford voluntary aid work.

The Council discussed and praised the work undertaken by the C&LVAV in providing support for local vulnerable people by delivering food, medication, plus support on the telephone for isolated & lonely residents. It was felt that some support would still be needed following the pandemic. Several options were discussed, which included joining forces with other local Parish Councillors.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to invite members of the C&LVAV to the next Council meeting to clarify & discuss future possible options.

1920/C/152 To discuss dog waste collection contract.

The meeting discussed the current dog waste collection contract. The temporary 3 month service provided by Healthmatic (via by North Somerset Council) was reported to be very successful. Unfortunately, this service was only a temporary solution. Alternative contractors were investigated and the meeting discussed the options.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to appoint Weston Super Mare Council as the new dog waste collection contractor. Parish Clerk to liaise with them & progress.

1920/C/153 To discuss various outstanding Open Spaces & Leisure Committee work quotations.

Leisure

Councillor Bill Carruthers (Chair of the Leisure Committee) produced a report from a recent meeting he attended with members of the Cricket Club. A request was received from the Cricket Club to reposition their cricket nets from under the tree. This was agreed.

A misunderstanding between Mike Legg & Bill Carruthers was discussed regarding the installation of new electrical lighting & cabling at the cricket pavilion. It transpired that the only work undertaken recently was the replacement of a broken fluorescent tube.

A discussion took place regarding the request for additional toilet facilities in the Pavilion. It was pointed out that the facilities at the Community Club should always be available when matches are being played. It was suggested that when the current pandemic situation allows, further discussions could take place regarding improving all the facilities in this area.

An update on the new building proposals was not currently available due to restrictions on gatherings during the COVID-19 situation. When larger gatherings and public meetings were permitted, consultations can then take place to move plans forward.

A request was made to provide a 'no dogs allowed' sign on the gate into the small field as, it is being used to exercise dogs.

The meeting discussed various outstanding items requiring attention around the Parish. This included several items from the Skate Park and Children's play area inspection report.

Open Spaces

The meeting discussed various outstanding items requiring attention around the Parish. This included replacing a rotten gate at the burial ground. Also to provide seating at the bus shelter in Dinghurst Road, to one similar to the bus shelter seating at Langford Road, Lower Langford.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to purchase and install a 'no dogs permitted' sign on the gate in Turnpike Close for the small field.

It was agreed to accept the quotation from B2F to renew the gate at the burial ground for the sum of £425.00

It was agreed to accept the quotation from B2F to replenish the soil around the item and repair cracks in the concrete of the Half Pipe (skate park) for the sum of £245.00

It was agreed to accept the quotation from B2F to supply and fit a new gate closer to the skate park/children's play area entrance gate in the sum of £168.00.

It was agreed to accept the quotation from B2F to supply and build concrete seating at the bus shelter in Dinghurst Road for the sum of £593.00

1920/C/154 To discuss the postponement of the AGM - until guidelines allow normal meetings to be held

The meeting discussed the need for all Councillors to retain their positions on the Parish Council and sub-committees, until such time as a full Council Meeting can be held in person to allow people to stand and for members to vote.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that Council positions on all sub-committees will remain in place until a Full Council meeting can take place provisionally in September 2020.

1920/C/155 Clerk's Report

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

RESOLVED:-

The report of the Clerk is noted.

1920/C/156 To receive matters for information and future Agenda items

Councillor Bill Wilkinson

BW expressed his interest in offering to help provide Parish Council liaison with The Churchill & Langford voluntary aid group.

Councillor Bill Carruthers

BC updated the meeting on the 30mph sign & pedestrian lights on the A38. Despite his numerous requests, these items still remain outstanding with no installation dates.

Councillor Jan Murray

JM reported issues with NSC recent refuse collections – items still remaining in the waste bins or on roadside. She also mentioned the need to recruit additional Parish Councillors as there are currently vacancies.

Councillor James Hoddell

JH informed the meeting that he was in possession of a large number of responses to the recent Neighbourhood Plans & Housing Surveys. He expressed a need for help with collating the information, to make it ready for publication. This work could be funded by the Homes England grant. Councillor Bill Carruthers suggested he could provide the details of someone who could help with this administrative task on our behalf.

Councillor Jackie Bush

JB informed the meeting that a serious incident had taken place on Sunday afternoon (14th June). An explosion and fire (caused by lighting an aerosol can) had damaged a piece of exercise equipment on the recreation field.

JB attended the incident and reported that although the Parish Council had clearly displayed signage to indicate that the recreation field, skateboard park and children's play areas were closed. A gathering of around 20 young people, both boys & girls were in the skateboard park. A fire was also blazing on a piece of gym equipment in the top right hand corner of the recreation field. The damaged equipment was surrounded by large numbers of empty alcohol cans & bottles.

The Fire Service and Police attended. No serious personal injuries were reported.

The meeting agreed to let the Police deal with the situation, as they felt appropriate. A request was made for the Police to visit the parents of those involved in the incident.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk request a visit from the gym equipment supplier to provide a cost to replace it. She was also asked to liaise with the insurance company regarding a possible claim.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.20pm

The date of the next Remote Parish Council Meeting – Provisional Date Monday 13 July 2020

CHAIR.....

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