

CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th September 2015 at 7.30 pm in War Memorial Hall, Ladymead Lane Churchill.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Councillor Brenden Hill	Councillor Trudy Silverton
Councillor Sue List	Councillor David Hurst
Councillor Jackie Bush	Councillor Simon Glanfield
Councillor Alan Lovell	Councillor Valerie Langley
Councillor Simon Hegarty	Councillor Graham Fortune.

Other Attendees – Clerk Aleana Baird, District Councillor Liz Wells, Parish Liaison Mark Macgregor, PCSO Marie Broomfield and 1 member of the public.

15/16.062 Apologies- to receive apologies from Councillors for non-attendance.

Apologies had been received from Councillors Bill Carruthers, Dev Clutterbuck and Alan Brown.

15/16.063 Declarations of interest: To receive alteration/amendments to the register of interests: To receive declarations of interest on agenda items.

NONE.

15/16.064 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2015.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2015 were confirmed by those present as a correct record and signed.

15/16.065 Public Participation.

Representatives from Newlyns in Langford that home children and young people with difficulties up to age 18. Generally the children were 14 years + and they can home up to 3 children. They currently have two young people in residence and have received 'good across the board' in a recent Ofsted inspection. The representatives wished to introduce themselves to the Council and answer any questions members may have; further to discussions on links with the local area the Council thanked them for very much for taking the time to come and talk to them.

PCSO Marie Broomfield gave an update of crime figures that had not shown any particular trends and remained low. She advised looking at the Security Immobilizer link on the Avon & Somerset Police website; it was helpful in recording details of property. The PCSO's had been liaising with the Neighbourhood Watch groups and hoped that now all of her team were back together the service would be back to normal.

15/16.066 To receive report from District Councillor.

District Councillor Liz Wells advised that there had been a meeting with MP's (Fox & Penrose) Nigel Ashton, Head of Development Control Richard Kent and the Secretary of State's civil servants. The result being the matter had been referred to another Inspector and his finding maybe reported at the end of September. This had left NSC with no choice but to begin determining some of the major applications in October even though it had been reported they would not until the Secretary of State's decision had been reached. Some developers were now pressing for decisions and if not given would appeal on non-determination within the time frame. Further to discussion the Clerk was asked to invite John Penrose to meet Councillors and discuss the position and what the future was for NSC Core Strategy policies. Richard Kent (Head of Development Control) was to be invited to discuss and clarify the exact position regarding the Core Strategy, when the decision will be made on its future and the policies (especially those with particular significance to service and infill villages) and what is going to happen regarding all current applications waiting decision. (Mark Macgregor would contact Richard Kent regarding the meeting on behalf of the Council)

15/16.067 Parish Liaison Officer Report.

Councillors highlighted that the blocked gullies all along the A38 New Road & Dinghurst Road at the approach to the lights as they still had not been done. The recycling banks at the Churchill Inn were often overflowing and the frequency of emptying may need a review, this was to be reported back and the overflow rectified. The hedge along the pavement on Dinghurst needed cutting, the Clerk was to contact the landowner. The bamboo on the footway from the Drive to Front Street had been worked on and a lot had been removed, the footway would need to be repaired again when the removal work had been completed. The work at the lights to install removable railings seemed to be partially done and members asked if the areas that had the railings removed but no new ones fitted were to remain like that. This would be investigated.

There was a query over the white lines close to the Fish & Chip shop at the lights and what they were for. The pavement on that side of the road was also in quite a poor state of repair.

15/16.068 Planning

To Receive Planning Decision Notices and Information

A letter from the neighbours of land within planning application 15/P/1752/F (decision notice below (iv) had been received and was raising concerns regarding the access installed and future plans for the land. Chair Jackie Bush retained the copy of the letter.

Planning approval decision notices.

- i) 15/P/1677/F – Mr Carr, Stock Farm, Langford, Churchill, BS40 5EU. Erection of a single storey rear extension.
- ii) 15/P/1552/F – Mr Miah, Nurses Bungalow, Stockmead, Langford, BS40 5JB. Change of use from D1 (non-residential) to C3 (dwelling house).
- iii) 15/P/1639/F – Mr C Higgins, Suncroft, 7, Stock Lane, Langford, BS40 5HZ. Erection of a detached single garage in rear garden.
- iv) 15/P/1752/F – Mr G Laws, Land adjoining Farmwell, Churchill Green, Churchill, BS25 5QH. Construction of agricultural field access following removal of hedge, cut away bank to form slope and erect a fence and gate (retrospective).

Planning Applications

i) 15/P/1795/F – Tout Ltd, Budgens & Buffy's Hair Studio, Langford Bypass/A38 Langford, BS40 5JG. Variation of conditions 4 & 5 of planning approval 12/P/1946/F to allow car park alterations. (12/P/1946/F- Erection of a single storey extension to east elevation to provide a salon. Relocate access to south-west with one-way traffic system, extend parking to 35 spaces following demolition of single storey dwelling to the east of the site).

RESOLVED: to recommend NOT supporting application 15/P/1795/F. The recommendation was not a decisive decision, as it was carried by one vote. The overriding concern was that the scheme would introduce 3 access points out onto the A38 that were in close proximity to each other at what is a problematic junction.

ii) 15/P/2034/F - Mrs M Simpson, Newlaye, Dinghurst Road, Churchill, BS25 5SE.

Change of use from garage to annexe living accommodation.

RESOLVED: to recommend NOT supporting application 15/P/2034/F. Councillors were concerned that this was garden development and was outside the building line of the dwellings along the A38. There was insufficient space on the site to accommodate the vehicles presently kept in the garage; this may cause a negative impact of road side parking on the A38 close to Churchill traffic lights.

**** The member of the public present left the meeting at the request of the Council as the next item was confidential.

15/16.069 To consider the recommendations from the Finance & Personnel Committee on the solicitors queries regarding the extension of the former surgery lease.

Confidential

RESOLVED: that the following be conveyed to the Parish Council's solicitors.

The Council considered an extension to 99 years was appropriate.

Retaining the existing leases and writing a new lease to cover the new period of extension i.e. 61 years still left under present lease so 38 years would be required under a new lease extension.

They would not agree to sell the freehold.

The Parish Council also requested that the Clerk convey the following:

- The costs for extending the lease were secured up front before any further negotiations took place. The costs were to be ascertained.
- The Council wished to ensure that the new lease extension contains provision for new parking arrangements within it so that when any future planning application for change of use was applied for, these arrangements can be included within the planning permission conditions.

*** At this point in the meeting Councillor Simon Glanfield left the meeting (due to work commitments)

15/16.070 To consider which old documents maybe archived to Taunton. There are Minutes, Accounts (accounts all from the last century but maybe of historic interest) and Declarations of Interests, some dating back to 1898 and a number have deteriorated and would benefit from being kept in a controlled environment to prevent any further damage.

RESOLVED: that all the old documents apart from the last 10 years of minutes be archived to Taunton. A list of the archived documents was to be kept by the Clerk.

15/16.071 To consider reaccreditation to the Local Council Award Scheme.

RESOLVED: that the Council would apply to reaccredit for the Local Council 'Quality' Award. They currently hold the Local Council 'Foundation' Award the application above had a higher level of criteria to fulfil and the Clerk did highlight that it may not be possible to complete all the work required within the time frame (submission needed by 1st Nov 2015 to ensure reaccreditation by 31st Jan 2016 when the 'Foundation' award expires) that would ensure an unbroken accreditation to the scheme. Councillors were not too concerned if there was a short period when they did not have the award.

15/16.072 To consider purchasing DMH Solutions Local Council Risk System.

RESOLVED: to purchase the Local Council Risk System. The Clerk was to set up the system and report any matters of concern that arise as a result.

15/16.073 To consider the Clerks attendance at the National Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks 15th -17th October 2015 Cost £395.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be allowed to attend as a part of her continuous professional development record. The Council also agreed to pay the cost of an overnight stay prior to the conference as it commenced at 9.00am at Hinckley in Leicestershire.

15/16.074 Accounts.

To receive and confirm the payments for September 2015.

RESOLVED: The payments were agreed and signed with total expenditure of £5,726.57

15/16.075 Clerk's Report

- i) The next edition of the Tower was due out in October; members were asked if they wished to do a Xmas competition, they decided to not include one in the next edition.
- ii) The 106 forms for Says Lane and Pudding Pie Lane needed to be done; the development working group would arrange to meet and work on them.
- iii) Further to the Great Western Ambulance Charity request for a clothing bank members decided they did not have a suitable location. The Clerk would advise the charity of this.
- iv) A resident of New Road had gained a petition to back the provision of a pavement from Skinners Lane to join the existing footway on that side of the road. The Bristol Airport Environmental Fund had also been approached about possible grants and they indicated that the Grant Committee had been mindful to support up to 50% of total costs of funding could be found from other sources. The Parish Council were being asked to support the other 50%. Members requested that this should go on the next suitable Council agenda.
- v) A request for a small grant had been received from Lyncombe Lodge group of Riding for the Disabled. The Clerk was to ask them to fill in the formal grant application for consideration at a future meeting once received.

15/16.076 Matters for Information

Chair Jackie Bush reminded members that this part of the agenda was for urgent matters only and not for reporting items that could be done at other times outside the meeting.

- i) Cllr Alan Lovell wished to attend the Tourism in the Mendip Hills AONB Seminar on 16th November 2015. The cost was £10 and he asked if the Council may consider funding his attendance. It was to be on on the agenda for the October Council meeting. He also asked about the ID badges that had been mentioned at a previous meeting. The Clerk said she would investigate and apologised for not progressing it sooner. The traffic surveys had not yet been put on the agenda; the Clerk had delayed this to allow all the Councillors who had attended the meeting with NSC highways officer to be in attendance. It was on the October agenda.
- ii) Councillor Brenden Hill informed members that the recreation fields had won bronze this year in the Somerset Playing Fields Assoc 'Field of the Year' competition. To date the prizes had amounted to £175.
- iii) Councillor David Hurst asked if an appendix could be included attached to all minutes of ongoing unresolved issues.
- iv) Councillor Graham Fortune had spoken with John Rhodes from Burrington Parish Council regarding the two parishes liaising about speed on Bath Road. The Clerk recalled she may have had correspondence with John already about traffic surveys and would check what had happened to date.
- v) Councillor Jackie Bush had dealt with exchanges of abuse in the Skatepark including barbecue and drinking and mentioned the signage needed updating. She had also heard of an idea from residents of Stockmead who would like to get the road closed on Sundays so children could play out safely.

Meeting closed 10.05 pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

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