

## **CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.30 pm in Churchill Community Club.

### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Councillor Pam Millward	Councillor Valerie Langley
Councillor Brenden Hill	Councillor Bill Carruthers
Councillor Sue List	Councillor Simon Hegarty
Councillor Alan Brown	Councillor Jackie Bush
Councillor Neville Lee	Councillor Phillip Avery

**Other Attendees** – Clerk Aleana Baird, Parish Liaison Mark Macgregor, Mr Cadman and District Councillor Liz Wells.

**14/15.132 Apologies** Apologies were received from Councillors Trudy Silverton and Graham Fortune.

**14/15.133 Declarations of interest: To receive alteration/amendments to the register of interests: To receive declarations of interest on agenda items.**

NONE

**14/15.134 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were confirmed by those present at the meeting as a correct record and signed.

**14/15.135 Public participation.**

Mr Cadman spoke in support of his planning application 14/P/2708/TPO.

**14/15.136 District Councillor's report.**

District Councillor Wells raised the new forthcoming Broadband provision in the Parish which was queried by Councillor Carruthers. Councillor Hill explained the provision relationship between service providers and their use of the BT green cabinets. She updated members regarding the highways issue with planning application 14/P/2459/F Stonewell Cottage, Front Street, Churchill.

**14/15.137 Parish Liaison Officer Report.**

Mark Macgregor was asked to investigate progress with the possible land purchase adjacent to the Nursery in Langford, the renewal of the "Give Way" markings at the junction of Hilliers Lane and Front Street. The parking problem on Church Lane was discussed and he was to look into the transfer of ownership of the verge from NSC Highways over to the Parish Council with a covenant to state it can only be used for parking. Councillor Simon Hegarty was to raise the verge being possibly used for parking at his next meeting with Churchill Academy. Discussion regarding the "No Through Road" signs at the entrances to the Batch which were currently factually correct but legally incorrect resulted in the Clerk being asked to write to Somerset CC and ask them to remove the sign at the Star end and ask the land owner to remove the mound that blocked the route. The sign was to be removed at the entrance by the Crown Inn.

**\*\*\* Chair Jackie Bush asked members if agenda item 13 could be heard next to allow Parish Liaison Officer Mark Macgregor to leave the meeting. All members agree.**

**14/15.138 To consider a quote for a new "Churchill" sign to mark the entrance to the village.**

**Resolved:** to defer to Open Spaces Committee 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 for discussion.

**14/15.139 Planning**

**To Receive Planning Decision Notices and Information**

The Clerk advised members of the views of the Tree Wardens on application 14/P/2708/TPO on the evening's agenda. She also added that a new application 15/P/0047/TPO had been received that day for a different specification of work under the same TPO to carry out a 20-30% crown reduction and that it was unlikely to make the next agenda before a decision had been made on it. It was to be sent to the Tree Wardens for their views.

**Planning approval decision notices.**

- i) 14/P/2491/WT – Churchill Tree Care, Langford Chapel, Blackmoor, Langford. 1 x Yew Tree – Crown reduction to below phone lines.
- ii) 14/P/2235/F – Avery & Co – Land at Lower Court Farm, Duck Lane, Churchill Green. – Construction of a below ground clay-lined dirty water lagoon with associated drainage works, safety fencing and gates.
- iii) 14/P/2276/F – Mr S Alexander, Benets, Doleberrow, Churchill. Erection of a two storey extension.

**Planning refusal decision notices.**

- i) 14/P/2506/F – Mr & Mrs Jackson, Fig Tree House, Front Street, Churchill. Proposed increase size of existing front dormer.

**Planning Applications**

- i) 14/P/2708/TPO – Mr Cadman, 3, Barrows Close, Churchill, BS25 5ND – 1 x Robinia – Removal of all diseased branches and 10% crown thin.

**RESOLVED:** to recommend supporting application 14/P/2708/TPO.

**14/15.139 To discuss potential future development in the parish and to consider producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.**

Members did not wish to make a decision on producing a plan that evening. They were interested in attending a workshop on Neighbourhood Planning to be held by ALCA on 9<sup>th</sup> March subject to time and venue. She was also to resend the Town & Parish Workshop slides as they had a good outline of some of the pro's and con's of producing a plan as well as other relevant information.

**14/15.140 To agree to incur expenditure on printed materials to raise awareness of any future development within the Parish.**

**RESOLVED:** to allocate £500 for printing materials to the appropriate budget heading for 2015-16 or if required sooner to be taken from general reserves.

**14/15.141 To agree the final budget and set the precept for 2015-16.**

**RESOLVED:** that the precept for 2015-16 be set at £57,146.55.

Council tax support grant £1,668.45 will be in addition to this precept figure bringing income from NSC £58,815 for 2015-16.

The balance of income over expenditure from the allotments budget 2014-15 will be earmarked as a reserve to be used for matched funding to provide water on the site.

**14/15.142 To form a working group to progress the idea of creating a "Dementia Friendly" community.**

A working group was not formed, Councillor Bill Carruthers was to investigate further information Councillor Alan Brown had gathered to date. The Clerk was to give him the contact for St Monica's retirement community manager and get the details of fortnightly help groups held at St Monica's by the Alzheimer's Society onto the website.

**14/15.143 To consider the theme for the Annual Parish Meeting**

The theme was to be “Developing our Parish”. The Clerk was to invite a speaker on Neighbourhood Planning and Dementia in the Community.

**14/15.144 To consider the provision package and accompanying quote for a new updated website and email.**

**RESOLVED:** to proceed with the new website provision at an initial set up cost of £725 ex vat. If it was live and invoiced in 2014-15 the payment was to be taken from General Reserves with budget provision for the cost of annual maintenance and support £210 ex vat included in 2015-16 budget. If the website is not able to be invoiced until 2015-16 budget provision may be made for the purchase under website code 4301.

**14/15.146 Accounts.**

**To receive and confirm the payments for January 2015.**

**RESOLVED:** The payments were agreed and signed with total expenditure of £4,224.25

**14/15.147 Clerk’s Report**

- i) The Clerk reported that all those responsible for memorials that had artificial flowers on them contrary to regulations had been contacted and a quote to empty the Pound would be taken to Open Spaces Committee 26<sup>th</sup> January. Councillor Pam Millward would speak to the church about providing a bin and signage to ask that only green waste be put in the Pound, all flower wrapping etc was to be placed in a separate bin.
- ii) The next Town & Parish Forum general meeting was to be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7-9 pm at Castlewood, Clevedon. All details and booking arrangements available from the Clerk.
- iii) A free event on “Barriers to Neighbourhood Planning” 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 was being organized by ALCA. Members were interested but it was the Council meeting so if the event was in the evening many would not attend. The Clerk was to contact ALCA and find out the times/venue.
- iv) Churchill Music has asked for permission to put up a banner at the lights promoting their concerts, as they would only be up for one week members thought this acceptable. The Clerk would inform the Parish Orderly.

**14/15.148 Matters for Information.**

- i) Councillor Neville Lee outlined a meeting held today with NSC Principal Transport Planner Rachel Sandy and NSC Road Safety Officer Paul Watkins; he, Chair Jackie Bush and the Clerk had attended. If time and her line manager would allow it, she was willing to offer a presentation to the parish council cluster group on how NSC Highways assess the impact of a development and the Transport Assessment Reports that developers submit with planning applications. She was to contact the Clerk tomorrow with suitable dates as she was leaving at the end of January.
- ii) Councillor Valerie Langley raised the matter of an abandoned car in Lower Langford that had been there sometime. NSC were supposed to remove it. The Clerk was to ask Parish Liaison Mark Macgregor to look into when this was to be done.
- iii) Councillor Sue List asked if Community Speedwatch could target Pudding Pie Lane. However as it was not an approved police site this was not possible.

**Meeting closed 9.45 pm.**

**CHAIRMAN.....**

**DATE.....**