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## CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Churchill Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9 December 2019 at 7.30 pm  
Community Club, Churchill.

### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Councillors:	Jackie Bush (Chair)	Bill Wilkinson	Tim Jessiman
	Bill Carruthers	Dev Clutterbuck	Simon Glanfield
	James Hoddell	Georgie Collett	

### Also Present:

Clerk of the Council – Ann Boote  
Sarah Shaw – North Somerset Council Parish Liaison Officer  
Patrick Keating – Councillor, North Somerset Council  
35 members of the public

#### **1920/C/086 Apologies - to receive apologies from Councillors for non-attendance.**

Councillor Rick Brafield.      Councillor Sue List.      DLP Planning Limited

#### **1920/C/087 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/088 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2019.**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 11 November 2019 had been previously circulated to all members and were agreed as an accurate record.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2019 were confirmed by those present as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**1920/C/089    Public Participation**

The meeting was attended by 35 members of the public. Several members of the public spoke regarding Planning Application No. 19/P/2713/FUL, the proposed housing development at Dinghurst Road in Churchill.

There was strong objection to the development on the following grounds:-

There are too many houses already built. The village had seen a 40%+ increase in housing and there is insufficient infrastructure to cope. This volume of housing is unsustainable

It was felt that the development was purely speculative and the developments already built were not selling.

The Public wanted to know why, when the pre-application to NSC has been ongoing for months and the public were given so little time to investigate and comment?

It was felt that the timing was prohibitive, in particular, during a general election and Christmas holiday period. It was felt that local residents were being given very little time to respond to application.

An objection was one of proximity to Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), it was felt this area would be spoilt

Issues with ecology were raised, including the danger to badgers, bats and other local wildlife under threat.

The access to this site it was felt was totally unsuitable. The narrow lanes, many with no pavement were felt unsuitable for pedestrians, in particular children walking to school

Another housing development would not be sustainable in a rural village such as Churchill, with little or no public transport

This development, combined with the new Banwell By-pass would create more traffic congestion and air pollution.

Many residents stated their decision to move to this area was mainly because of its peaceful, rural location, which is being eradicated by the impact of such large housing developments.

It was suggested that houses be built closer to the nearest large city, Bristol for easy access to amenities, job opportunities and suitable infrastructure.

When the buyer of a property adjacent to the proposed development learned of the proposal the seller was forced to accept a price reduction.

The meeting was informed of the possibility of a covenant on the land, which has been ignored.

A green belt review was also suggested.

**1920/C/90**    **North Somerset Council Matters**

Councillor Patrick Keating informed the meeting that he had spoken to the Planning Department at NSC to request an extension to the 21 day consultation period and was awaiting a response. He also agreed to meet the appropriate officers to view the plans.

He suggested that residents make their comments on the NSC planning website to inform the Planning Department why they object.

Councillor Keating informed the meeting that the Planning Officers at NSC were under extreme pressure due to workload.

**1920/C/091: Planning Matters:-**

**(1) NSC Decision Notices**

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

**19/P/2208/FUH** - Orway Barn Stock Lane Langford Bristol BS40 5ER

The proposed erection of a single storey side extension to form annexed accommodation for a dependent relative.

**Decision: Approved**

**19/P/2123/LDP** - Stonewell House Churchill Green Churchill Winscombe BS25 5QJ

Lawful development certificate for the proposed small stable building

**Decision: Withdrawn by applicant.**

**19/P/2004/FUL** - Junction Of Says Lane and Bristol Road (A38) Says Lane Langford

Removal of a small section of hedgerow in order to construct a grasscrete lay-by for Wessex Water maintenance vehicle to park when carrying out works to the nearby hydrobrake.

**Decision: Withdrawn by applicant.**

**19/P/1959/FUL** - Land North Of Oakhill and Kewstoke Lodge Front Street Churchill

Construction of single dwelling house and garage with associated access, parking and landscaping

**Decision: Refused**

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

**19/P/2172/FUH** - 7 Larch Close, Langford, Bristol BS40 5HF  
Proposed extension to rear of garage with first floor extension above.

### **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 **19/P/2172/FUH** as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood

**19/P/2648/FUH** - The School House, Church Lane, Churchill, Winscombe, BS25 5QW  
Double height 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 **19/P/2648/FUH** as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood

## **(3) Other Planning Matters**

The Presentation by DLP Planning Limited was cancelled, as representatives were unable to attend.

### **The Council discussed the proposed Planning Application below:-**

**19/P/2713/FUL** Land at Dinghurst Road, Churchill. Erection of 48 No. dwellings, community orchard and associated parking

### **RESOLVED**

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

The Council **objects** to application **19/P/2713/FUL** on the grounds of:-

- a) The effect on local ecology
- b) Conflict with local plan
- c) Inadequate access
- d) Inadequate parking provision
- e) Inadequate public transport provisions
- f) Increase in traffic
- g) Increase in pollution
- h) Issues with pedestrian road safety, in particular children
- i) There has been substantial negative reaction from residents in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development
- j) Development not sustainable
- k) Proximity to (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) AONB felt to be detrimental

It was agreed that the Clerk would send the Parish Councils comprehensive letter of objection, which included a request to extend the consultation period of 21 days to Richard Kent, Head of Planning at North Somerset Council, with a copy to Councillor Patrick Keating, Councillor Steve Hogg, Councillor John Crockford-Hawley, John Penrose, MP and Graeme Felstead, Case Officer at NSC Planning Dept.

**1920/C/092 Accounts.- To receive and confirm the payments for December 2019.**

The detail of payments for authorization 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 £7,326.03

**1920/C/093 To consider the co-option of a resident, Janet Murray as a Parish Councillor**

Following consideration and vote by the council it was unanimously agreed that Janet Murray be co-opted to the Parish Council as a councillor.

**RESOLVED**

Janet Murray co-opted as a councillor member of Churchill Parish Council

**1920/C/094 To consider a Grant Application – Churchill CEVC Primary School PTA**

The meeting discussed the application for grant funds towards the costs to provide a 'Buddy Bench'. This bench was an idea of the school children, to be used to eliminate loneliness & foster friendships on the playground, with the help of peers & adults.

**RESOLVED**

It was agreed by unanimous vote to support the grant application. Churchill Parish Council agreed to purchase the 'buddy bench' for the school at a cost of £551.40 including VAT.

**1920/C/095 To consider a Grant Application – Citizens Advice North Somerset**

The meeting discussed the application for grant funds towards the costs to run Citizens Advice North Somerset, based in Weston Super Mare. The service provides free confidential, impartial advice on matters such as employment, finance, law, pensions, housing & welfare rights etc.

**RESOLVED**

It was agreed by unanimous vote to support the grant application. The sum of £100 to be granted.

It was noted that Councillor Bill Carruthers would meet with an advice centre representative in the new year to discuss the possibility of using the facilities at a local GP surgery to provide appointments for local people to obtain advice.

**1920/C/096 Clerk's Report**

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

**RESOLVED:-**

The report of the Clerk is noted.

**1920/C/097 To receive matters for information and future Agenda items**

**Councillor Bill Wilkinson**

BW informed the group that he had attended a recent meeting of the Churchill and Langford Minibus Society. The Society had experienced complaints from commercial transport companies regarding the way the Society is run. Several issues raised were that of drivers being paid commercial driver wages and being able to provide transport over a 10 mile radius only.

The group have agreed to be under the heading of a non-commercial, non-paid volunteers and a non-profit making organisation.

**Councillor Simon Glanfield**

Spoke about the issues of full dog waste bins. The Clerk informed the group that steps had been taken to try to resolve the issue. It was agreed to investigate the issues further at the next Open Spaces & Allotments meeting.

**Tim Jessiman**

TJ informed the meeting that the church's 'Sign Post' publication had been delayed. However, distribution was imminent. Everyone is welcome to Midnight Mass at 11.30pm in St Johns Church.

**Georgie Collett**

GC expressed concern regarding the flooding a Doleberrow. Although the drains had recently been cleared the issue still existed. Sarah Shaw (Parish Liaison Officer at NSC) agreed to contact the relevant department at NSC to requests investigation.

**James Hoddell**

JH discussed the next open house presentation to take place on 8 February.

The lack of decent mobile phone network in the local area was discussed. TJ suggested that the church could become involved by offering to use the church building for possible mobile phone mast location.

**Councillor Bill Carruthers**

BC explained that he is still awaiting a timescale for the installation of the 30mph speed limit from Bellway Homes.

**Councillor Jan Murray**

JM spoke regarding the issue of a damaged wall on her property, which abuts Parish Council land. Ivy has been removed and a trench dug, to stop further damage. Tape has been placed around the wall to warn of possible collapse.

**Councillor Jackie Bush**

With reference to the wall mentioned above.

It was felt that proof of ownership should be obtained prior to discussion at a suitable committee or Parish Council meeting regarding the funding of repairs. . In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to obtain 3 quotes from stone masons for information.

It was also felt that the rent of the Parish Council owned land should be investigated, as this had not increased for several years.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

**CHAIR.....**

**DATE.....**