



CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Churchill Parish Council Meeting held remotely on
Monday 8 February 2021 at 7.15pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Councillors: Jackie Bush (Chair) Bill Carruthers Bill Wilkinson
Simon Glanfield Harriet McBride Rick Brafield
Jan Murray Robin Jeacocke Mimi Simpson
Richard Baker

Also Present:

4 members of the public.
Simon Schofield (Cadence PR). Tom Selway, Director of Cadence PR.
Nick Kay, of BayWa r.e. (renewable energy)
Sarah Shaw (Parish Liaison Officer, NSC). Ann Boote (Parish Clerk)

1920/C/257 Apologies - to receive apologies from Councillors for non-attendance.

Churchill Parish Councillors James Hoddell and Theo Michael.
Councillor Patrick Keating (NSC)

1920/C/258 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.

Jackie Bush (Chair) gave notice to the meeting of her non-pecuniary interest as a neighbour regarding planning application 20/P/3138/RM – Land At Jubilee Lane Langford.

1920/C/259 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2021

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 11 January 2021 had been previously circulated to all members and were agreed as an accurate record.

RESOLVED:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2021 were confirmed by those present as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

1920/C/260 Public Participation

A member of the public spoke regarding the proposed Yanel Solar Farm project. They expressed a concern regarding the volume of site lorries using the small single track unmade Common Lane (where they reside), causing damage to the lane itself, hedging and wildlife. They felt the lane totally unsuitable for the expected volume of heavy traffic. Their hope was that alternative access could be used.

A member of the public spoke regarding planning application 20/P/3138/RM - Land At Jubilee Lane Langford. He provided in-depth reports and photographs to support his objection to this application.

His main concerns were that:-

- Several members of the Planning Committee at North Somerset Council did not declare their personal interest regarding this application
- Neighbourhood objections have been ignored
- A proposed high brick wall would be located directly outside his kitchen window.
- A water course is in close proximity of the site.
- The land suffers from severe flooding when it rains.

1920/C/261 North Somerset Council Matters

Councillor Bill Carruthers addressed the meeting saying that the 30mph speed signs were still absent on the A38 between Budgens (fuel station) and the Churchill traffic lights at Bristol Road/Dinghurst Road and Bath Road.

Councillor Jan Murray spoke regarding the ongoing issues with pedestrian road safety on Dinghurst Road, in particular the lack of pavements.

A request was made for the hedging be cut back to provide more space on the narrow pavements from Churchill traffic lights to the Clock Tower in Dinghurst Road. A request was also made to remove the accumulated dirt and debris on the ground along Dinghurst Road (past the Clock Tower towards Sandford), to provide more space for vehicles and pedestrians alike.

As this road is a route for school children a request was made to provide a proper pavement along Dinghurst Road from the Clock tower to Hilliers Lane, plus lower the current speed limit along this section.

Councillor Jan Murray expressed her concern that recent objections to local planning applications were being ignored by NSC, in particular when the objections were well thought through and justified.

The meeting discussed the ongoing issues with heavy flooding on the A38 when it rains.

Councillor Jackie Bush raised several issues from residents regarding large potholes and cracks to a manhole cover at Langford Road, opposite Windhurst Farm. Plus potholes on Pudding Pie Lane at the Langford Fields housing development.

A footpath which is used by schoolchildren from Langford Fields through to Pudding Pie Lane exits straight out onto the road. A request was made for railings to be installed to stop children running straight into the road, as a local child recently just avoided serious injury.

A footpath was due to be installed at the end of Jubilee Lane, turning right on to Stock Lane, outside 4 cottages (owned by Bristol University) to join up with the current footpath along this road. A resident has heard that this is no longer to be installed. An investigation is requested as there are several families with young children living in these homes and a footpath outside their houses are vital.

These particular houses were promised car park spaces at the rear of their property (with access) from the Crest Nicholson, Langford Fields development. Car park spaces have been created, however, not currently available to use. Fencing has been installed. Only one property has been provided with a gate. Please investigate when the other properties will have gates installed to avoid walking out on to the road.

Councillor Simon Glanfield requested that the road drains be cleared out along the A38 on the 'Stag & Hounds' side of the road, from Budgens (fuel station) to the traffic lights at

Bristol Road/Bath Road/Dinghurst Road.

He also suggested that he would be willing to meet with Officers from NSC regarding local issues concerning Dinghurst Road, along with other Parish Councillors.

Councillor Richard Baker indicated his concern for pedestrian road safety. In particular the footpath from Sandford to Churchill Green which leads to the school entrance. Directly after the Leisure Centre entrance the speed limit is 60mph on this narrow lane.

1920/C/262 Yanel Farm Solar Project Presentation

Simon Schofield (Cadence PR) gave a presentation to the meeting on the proposed Yanel Farm Solar Project. He was joined by Tom Selway, Director of Cadence PR and Nick Kay, of BayWa r.e. (renewable energy).

Parish Councillors discussed the concerns raised by residents regarding access through Churchill Green and Common Lane, being totally unsuitable for HGVs for a number of reasons. Councillors shared and strongly reiterated these access concerns to presenters Simon Schofield and Tom Selway. It was noted that apart from these serious concerns there was no objection to the Solar Farm Project in principle. The representatives were urged to reconsider the access route to the farm.

1920/C/263 Local Flooding Issues

Councillor Robin Jeacocke updated the meeting on the issues of localised flooding including the A38 and Ladymead Lane in Churchill. He confirmed this situation had now become a national issue rather than a local one

A report had been received and circulated from Richard Branchflower, Senior Area Officer, Highway Operations, Development and Environment at NSC.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Clerk liaise with Richard Branchflower to organise a meeting in Churchill to discuss the current issues of flooding with Parish Councillors. RJ, SG, BC JB and JM agreed to represent the Parish Council at a socially distanced meeting on site.

Following this site meeting a letter to be drafted by RJ on behalf of CPC to be sent to Chief Exec at NSC, plus Richard Branchflower for investigation and response.

1920/C/264 Police Matters

None

1920/C/265 To Consider funding Speed Reading at Ladymead Lane/Pudding Pie Lane to Provide evidence of the Need for 20mph Road Speed Signage.

The meeting discussed whether this was the correct time to take speed/volume of traffic readings at Lady mead Lane.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to revisit this item at the next meeting. It was agreed that due to current circumstances, with no schools open and members of the public using their vehicles for essential journeys only, any readings taken at this time would not reflect the true volume of traffic in the area.

1920/C/266 Planning Matters:-

(1) NSC Planning Decision Notices

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

20/P/2992/FUH - 17 Ladymead Lane Langford Bristol BS40 5EG
Proposed two storey and single storey rear extensions and single storey side extension.
Decision: **Approved.**

20/P/2968/FUH - Chestnut Farm Pudding Pie Lane Langford Bristol BS40 5EL
Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension and associated alterations
Decision: **Approved.**

20/P/2553/OUT - Land Adjacent To Barrowfield Cottage Front Street Churchill
Outline application for the erection of five dwellings with all matters reserved for subsequent approval.
Decision: **Refused**

20/P/2007/FUH - Old Farm Churchill Green Churchill Winscombe BS25 5QL
Part-demolition of existing barn and erection of new 2no bedroom annex ancillary to the main dwelling
Decision: **Approved**

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

20/P/3138/RM - Land At Jubilee Lane Langford
Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 1no. dwelling pursuant to outline permission. 19/P/3091/OUT (outline application for the erection of a dwellinghouse (all matters reserved for subsequent approval)

RESOLVED

Members considered this application by viewing the application detail and plans. After discussion members decided by vote. Councillor Jackie Bush was excluded from voting on this application due to non-pecuniary interest, as a neighbour.

Churchill Parish Council agreed that the reserve matters on Application 20/P/3138/RM are not adequate.

One of the concerns was that of generalised flooding in this area. Excess water has been created as a result of building works on the Newland and Crest Nicholson housing development sites, this has exacerbated flooding in this area.

The Parish Council has noted the objections from local residents, including a very high wall which would be directly in front of a neighbours kitchen window.

20/P/3142/FUH - Barrington, Bristol Road Churchill Winscombe BS40 5J
Erection of a new build like for like replacement garage

RESOLVED

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

Churchill Parish Council has no objection to application 20/P/3142/FUH as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood

20/P/3163/FUL - Church Oak, 7 Hilliers Lane Churchill Winscombe BS25 5NA

Proposed change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden.

RESOLVED

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

Churchill Parish Council has no objection to application 20/P/3163/FUL as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood

20/P/3195/FUH - Enderleigh, New Road Churchill Winscombe BS25 5NW
Proposed renovation and extension of existing single storey outbuildings to provide annexed accommodation and erection of a new garage/store

RESOLVED

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

Churchill Parish Council has no objection to application 20/P/3195/FUH as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood

20/P/3121/FUH - Arben Bloom, Churchill Green, Churchill, Winscombe BS25 5QL

Construction of first floor extension to South side of dwelling house over existing single storey extension

RESOLVED

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

Churchill Parish Council has no objection to application 20/P/3121/FUH as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood

(3) Other Planning Matters

Pavilion Project – Ideas on how to circulate to residents for feedback

It was agreed in the absence of the Chair of the Planning Committee, James Hoddell that this item should be deferred to the next meeting.

1920/C/267 Accounts - To receive and confirm the payments for February 2021

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 £8,529.37

1920/C/268 Clerk's Report

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

1920/C/269 To receive matters for information and future Agenda items

Councillor Bill Wilkinson

Bill updated the meeting on the services currently being provided by CLMA, including hospital visits, collection of shopping and medication. Following a recent survey, the results are currently being analysed by VANS. This information would be used to see what services may be required in the future. The Council all agreed that this group of volunteers were doing an excellent job and should be commended.

Councillor Jan Murray

Jan updated the meeting on the progress of the Churchill Leisure Centre working group. Surveys were being completed and returned with a high majority of people wanting the swimming pool to remain, albeit with an improved approach to cleanliness and appearance. She felt that the Officers within NSC were providing good support and she felt very positive.

Councillor Jackie Bush

Jackie advised the group that the local primary school were providing 3-4 virtual lessons on-line every day for pupils at home with a link to those children currently in school. The percentage number of local children without access to this service is very low.

Councillor Mimi Simpson

Mimi updated the meeting on the Churchill Leisure Centre working group. There were a large number of responses received from the recent survey. The work is progressing well with positive feedback.

Councillor Rick Brafield

Rick addressed the meeting regarding the issue of whether PCs/Laptops would be available to local children. Jackie Bush confirmed that the Department of Education had issued some equipment to the local primary school for pupils to borrow.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

The date of the next Remote Parish Council Meeting – Provisional Date Monday 8 March 2021

CHAIR.....

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