

Churchill Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 13th March 2023

Present: Councillors J Bush, D Johnson, J Murray, R Baker, J Ronicle, R Jeacocke, B Wilkinson, M Simpson and M Baker.

Parish Clerk S Diaz and two members of the public.

Public Questions-The two members of the public spoke on planning and the Old Doctor's Surgery freehold request.

- 23/FC3A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.
Councillor R Brafield has resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect and will no longer attend. District Councillor P Keating sent his apologies.
- 23/FC3B To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.
There were no declarations of interest.
- 23/FC3C To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th February 2023.
It was resolved to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th February 2023.
- 23/FC3D North Somerset Matters

The Parish Council would like Councillor Keating to 'call in' application 22/P/0564/OUT at Bath Road. Our reasons are as follows:

See the comments from Burrington and Wrington PC which Churchill support. [22/P/0564/OUT | Outline planning application for the development of up to 68 no. dwellings supported by the provision of highways, open space, ecological enhancement and associated and ancillary infrastructure, with access for approval off A368 \(Bath Road\); with appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for subsequent approval | Land South Of Bristol Road And North Of Bath Road Churchill \(n-somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/planning/22/P/0564/OUT)

Our response remains the same and the fact that the number has reduced from 83 to 68 makes no difference. It is on the border of the AONB. It is well beyond the settlement boundary. No solution to the surface drainage problem.

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The Council has asked if there has been any correspondence received from Crest Nicholson regarding the plot of land that was promised to Churchill Parish Council or the North Somerset Councillors regarding Stock Lane.

Councillor Keating has been asked to liaise with Highways to reinstate the zig zag lines outside Court Orchard and School House in Church Lane to allow access to the farm gate and passing places. The lines are only enforceable if there is appropriate signage indicating that parking there is illegal/enforceable.

The pavement on A38 as you turn toward Touts from Ladymead Lane has an area where the vegetation spreading across it making it impossible for wheelchair/scooter users and buggies to pass. The clerk raised this with Highways who said they should cross the road to go up the road rather than remove it. This is not appropriate for those in wheelchairs. Assistance to improve this issue would be welcomed. The Parish Council would like an update on the Highway Improvement Plan.

- 23/FC3E To consider the quote to add drainage at the recreation ground.
It was unanimously agreed to complete all phases quoted for the drainage at the recreation ground.
- 23/FC3F To consider the request to purchase the freehold land of the Old Doctors surgery.
The Parish Council have taken legal advice and it was resolved to reject the request in its entirety regarding purchasing the freehold land and the reduction in rent.
- 23/FC3G To note the internal auditors report.
The internal auditors report was noted. Councillors congratulated the clerk on excellent feedback from the internal auditor.
- 23FC3H To consider the Financial Risk Assessment.
It was resolved to approve the Financial Risk Assessment.
- 23/FC3I To consider the quote to install the CCTV.
It was resolved to approve the quote to install CCTV.
- 23/FC3J To consider the quote to install the base for the shed at the allotments.
It was resolved to approve the quote to install the base for the shed at the allotments.
- 23/FC3K To receive the quote for hedge cutting at the burial ground and maintenance works in the parish.
It was agreed to carry out the maintenance to the gate and seesaw at the play area, hedge cutting at the burial ground and the patio next to the community club. The clerk will ask for a cost for composite wood for the decking to improve the patio and for it to be a bench for the children to sit on.
- 23/FC3L To consider all expenses paid via the clerk to be paid by the equals card.
It was resolved that all expenses paid via the clerk to be paid by the equals card.

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23/FC3M To receive and authorise the payments for March 2023.

March 2023 Payments					
D DEBITS: -			REF	Cllr Bank Signatory 1	Cllr Bank Signatory 2
Water2Business	Allotment water-taken 1 st of the month	£18.00	DD		
NEST	Pension contributions	£160.08	DD		
EE	Clerk Telephone taken 23 rd of each month Invoice to follow	£20.98	DD		
BT	Internet – Community Club Taken on 17 th of each month	£45.85	DD		
PWLB Lending Facility	Loan on allotment land taken on 29.3.23	£1288.52	DD		
-TO PAY:-					
Staff	Salaries and pension	£2936.06	BACS		
HMRC	PAYE	£602.14	BACS		
West Country Ground Care	Contract grass cutting	£680.00	BACS		
VSA Cleaning	Community Hall Cleaning	£ 100.00	BACS		
Becky Walsh Courses	Marketing & Communications	£500.00	BACS		
S Diaz (Clerk)	Expenses (printing, mileage, equals card, tech refreshments).	£ 135.86	BACS		
St Andrews Press	Newsletter	£64.00	BACS		
Alltree Services Ltd	Works to entrance and tree inspection	£1020.00	BACS		
Churchill Memorial Hall	Rental of hall for Parish Meeting	£22.50	BACS		
Equals card	Expenses/petty cash	£200.00	BACS		
Vision ICT Ltd	Website hosting 23-24	£252.00	BACS		
Weston-Super-Mare Town Council	Dog bin emptying January 2023	£432.00	BACS		
Weston-Super-Mare Town Council	Dog bin emptying February 2023	£345.60	BACS		
J C Waste Removals	Branch cutting and removal at entrance of car park	£100.00	BACS		
K Lovell	Installing base for the shed at the allotments	£299.00	BACS		
Timberworks	Shed for allotment and	£640.00	BACS		

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	installation				
N Coffin	Repairs to hammer wire	£90.00	BACS		
Chambers Services	Widening of Entrance to recreation field	£10560.00	BACS		
Pata Payroll Services	Invoice for January to March 2023	£73.60	BACS		
TOTAL	TOTAL PAYMENTS March 2023	£20586.19			

Income for March includes a donation from the Dough Dough Pizza Company of £150 for use of the car park at the recreation area and the Market Kitchen £100.

23/FC3N To consider the following applications-Please note that Applications received after this Agenda is published may be considered if comments are needed before the next meeting.

Planning application number	Location	Proposal
23/P/0225/FUL JM	14 Pudding Pie Close, Langford, BS40 5EN	Proposed demolition of 3 no. existing outbuildings/sheds. Proposed erection of a single storey dwelling and creation of new vehicular access. It was resolved to support this application with the following conditions: The plan for the dwelling is moved toward the boundary line to provide additional parking spaces.
23/P/0360/FUH DJ	Timberley, Bristol Road, Churchill BS40 5JE	Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to bungalow. It was resolved to support this application.
23/P/2448/FUL JB	Land near Churchill Park Farm, off Ladymead Lane, Langford	Retrospective application for the construction of a track down the rights side of the field, hardstanding to front of containers and for permission to site 5no. containers on the land (to store machinery-tractors for cutting the grass; building materials – as stables not completed). Churchill Parish Council resolved to object to this application. There are a number of inaccuracies/misrepresentations. The application form is misleading in that it describes the site as being 2.96 hectares, when in fact it is less than 1 hectare. The containers at the north end of the site appear to be in regular use as stores for building materials that may have little to do with the completion of the stables at the site. The field at the southern end of the site appears to

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		<p>be in regular use as a commercial dog training exercise yard with 6 or more animals many days of the week and throughout 2022/2023; water storage tanks, shed and various items of equipment are part of this. The main purpose of the laid track appears to be to facilitate this enterprise. Change of use does not appear to have been applied for.</p> <p>The location plan indicates a shed in the southwestern corner of the site. This shed was not there prior to 2017 and is a recent addition. Is this part of the current application?</p>
23/P/0033/TRCA	Ivy Lodge, Front St, Churchill BS25 5NB	<p>T-4 Sweet Chestnut crown reduction by 1.5 meters to suitable growth points.</p> <p>It was resolved to make no comment on this application.</p>
23/P/0323/TRCA	3 Barrows Close, Churchill, BS25 5ND	<p>Oak tree fell as it is close to power cables.</p> <p>It was resolved to object to this application. The Parish Council would like the applicant to consider a crown reduction rather than felling the oak tree, due to the benefits of trees in the environment and the number of trees destroyed in the county.</p>
23/P/0473/FUH	3 Mendip View, Pudding Pie Lane, Langford, BS40 5EL	<p>Proposed erection of a rear garden conservatory.</p> <p>It was resolved to support this application</p>

23/FC30 To consider the clerks report
The clerk sent a report prior to the meeting.

23/FC3P To receive matters for information
Councillor Murray asked for the grass keep on the land next to the Burial ground to be on the agenda for April.
The annual parish meeting will be moved to 25.4.23 and will include a quiz on Churchill and will focus on fraud prevention and neighbourhood watch.

The next Parish Council meeting will be 17th April 2023 at 7.30pm
End of meeting