

Churchill Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th September 2023

Present: Councillors J Bush, D Johnson, J Murray, R Baker, R Jeacocke and M Baker.
Parish Clerk S Diaz and District Councillor P Keating.
Three members of the public.

Public Questions-residents raised concerns on the volume and vehicles on Stock Lane, the plans for the Cricket Pavillion and a planning application listed on the agenda.

- 23/FC9A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.
Councillors J Ronicle, M Simpson and B Wilkinson sent their apologies.
- 23/FC9B To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.
The Parish Council declared an interest in planning application 23/P/1778/FUL.
- 23/FC9C To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th August 2023.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th August 2023.
- 23/FC9D North Somerset Matters
Councillor Keating asked the Council's feedback regarding planning application 23/P/1531/FUH and 23/P/1532/LBC, the Parish Council are in support of the application.
The appeal on the New Road development will take place on 19.9.23.
North Somerset's local plan will suggest a model for housing targets instead of the Government proposals. The plan will be discussed at the Executive meeting in October and will go to the inspectorate for the final decision. Members of the public are invited to attend/speak at the Executive meeting.
The budget consultation is available for Parish Councils to respond to. There is a £12M deficit on the current year and the consultation will allow Councils and the public to express what their priorities are.
The Department of Education are still responding to queries regarding the SEMH School, and therefore is likely to be discussed at the P & R Committee meeting in October.
Councillor Keating advised there are small grants available through GWR and Bristol Airport.

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- 23/FC9E To consider the request from the Cricket Club to restore the floor at the pavilion. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support this in principle, however all final plans submitted to the English Cricket Board grant application will need full approval by the Parish Council.
- 23/FC9F To approve the corporate policy for 2023-24 including Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
It was resolved to approve the corporate policy for 2023-24 including Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- 23/FC9G To consider writing to North Somerset Council regarding the footpath connecting St Johns Church and Front Street.
It was resolved to write to the owner of the field regarding the footpath from St Johns Church to Front Street to ask them to clear and maintain the path as it is impassable. The clerk will write to North Somerset Council regarding access across the field where horses are kept preventing appropriate access.
- 23FC9H To consider the updated guidance regarding the request to purchase the freehold at the old Doctors surgery.
The Parish Council continue to obtain further clarification on the matter.
- 23/FC9I To note the planning application prepared by Councillor Simpson on behalf of the Parish Council to extend the car park at the playing fields.
The Councillors noted the application and wanted to thank Councillor Simpson for her time and effort.
- 23/FC9J To receive and authorise the payments for September 2023.
It was resolved to approve the following payments.
Receipts-Precept £42752.50

D DEBITS: -			REF
NEST	Pension contributions for 2023	£167.89	DD
EE	Clerk Telephone taken 23 rd of each month	£23.99	DD
BT	Internet Community Club taken on 17 th of each month	£52.46	DD
Water 2 Business	Taken 2 nd of each month-allotment water	£28.00	DD
EDF Electricity	CC Electricity	£1013.00	DD
EDF Gas	CC Gas	£119.00	DD
PWLB	Allotment loan	£1288.52	DD
Unity Trust	Quarterly bank charges	£18.00	BACS
-TO PAY:-			
Staff	Salaries	£2250.34	BACS
HMRC	PAYE	£637.74	BACS
Pata	Payroll services July-Sept	£63.60	BACS
VSA Cleaning	Community Hall Cleaning	£150.00	BACS
Becky Walsh	Marketing & Communications	£500.00	BACS

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Courses			
S Diaz (Clerk)	Expenses (mileage, tea and tech, printing).	£80.41	BACS
BDO	External Audit	£504.00	BACS
St Andrews Press	Newsletters	£64.00	BACS
Local Government Pension Scheme	Pension	£601.37	BACS
M Simpson	Planning application costs for Parish Council	£200.19	BACS
Olympic Plumbing and Heating	Boiler service at Community club	£168.00	
Weston-super-Mare Town Council	Dog bin emptying-April Dog bin emptying-August	£748.80	BACS
Index Microbiology	Water testing	£224.40	BACS
North Somerset Council	Election costs	£92.00	BACS
GB Sports	Repairs to play area	£365.83	BACS
TOTAL	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 9361.54	

23/FC9K To consider the road name suggested by North Somerset Council for the Dinghurst Road Development.

It was agreed to suggest the following road names for the Dinghurst Road development: Rowlands Drive, Crown Orchard or Weasels Close.

23/FC9L To note the external auditor report for 2022-23.

The Council noted the external auditor report for 2022-23.

23/FC9M To consider purchasing an additional Speed Indicator Device while awaiting a refund from SG Manufacturing.

It was agreed to purchase an additional Speed Indicator Device while awaiting a refund from SG Manufacturing.

23/FC9N To consider the new location for the notice board from the post office.

It was resolved to relocate the notice board next to the book box on Front St.

23/FC9O 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/1778/FUL	The Club House Churchill Memorial Hall, Ladymead Lane Langford BS25 5NH	Proposed extension of existing car park into playing field to create an additional 16 spaces. The Parish Council will not comment on this application.

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23/P/1785/FUH JB	Spring Gardens, Duck Lane Langford BS40 5EY	Proposed erection of a single storey front extension, single storey side extension (South elevation), first floor front extension above existing porch and first floor side extension (North elevation). Conversion of existing flat roof to pitched roof and fenestration alterations, including the replacement, removal and insertion of multiple windows and doors. It was resolved that the Parish Council would ask for an impact assessment to be carried out on the affect it will have on the neighbours solar panels before making a decision.
23/P/1758/TRCA	Jerome House, Front St, Churchill, BS25 5NG	T - 1 Sycamore fell to ground replace with Tilia Cordata. T - 2 Sycamore reduce lateral growth by 1.5 mtrs. T - 3 Cherry reduce lateral growth by 2 mtrs. T - 4 Cherry reduce back away from property by 3 mtrs. The Parish Council have no comment to make on this application.
23/P/1760/TPO	Maytree, Bristol Rod, Churchill, BS25 5NL	T1 - Sycamore - Reduce lower lateral growth over Maytree by 1 meter to suitable growth points, clear BT cable. The Parish Council have no comment to make on this application.
23/P/1903/FUL	Telephone Exchange Ladymead Lane Langford North Somerset BS25 5NH	Proposed siting of a secure steel shipping/storage container on existing ground to the East of the telephone exchange building to house materials and equipment in support of the telecoms infrastructure. The Parish Council support this application and would ask that a green storage container be placed to blend in with the area.

23/FC9P To consider the clerks report
The clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

23/FC9Q To receive matters for information
Councillor Jeacocke has undertaken further research on the Bishops Well and the clerk will circulate this to the members and North Somerset Council. He has also prepared a comprehensive report on solar energy which will be circulated to the council members. Councillor Jeacocke has been collating data regarding traffic matters associated with the Hilliers Lane planning application and issues relating to roads near the Academy. The clerk will ask Councillor Keating to arrange a meeting with the planning department to discuss the report.
Councillor M Baker advised that the footpath at Church Park Farm needs maintenance and there is a bull in the field. The clerk will report this to the footpaths officer at North Somerset Council. An air filter for the allotment mower is needed and string for the strimmer.

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Councillor Murray advised that a local contractor is able to add posts for displaying banners at the hand within the next week (due to time constraints) and the council agreed for the work to go ahead and to cover the cost.

Councillor Bush advised that the hedge at the rear of Jubilee Lane needs cutting back and Crest Nicholson need to add a kissing gate to prevent an accident as children are riding and walking out into the lane without looking. The clerk will contact the management Company and Crest Nicholson.

23/FC9R To consider that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item(s) ... on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest [by reason of the confidential nature of the business], to discuss staff appraisals.

It was resolved to increase the clerk's salary by an additional point on the NJC pay scale as per their contract on completion of a successful appraisal.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Monday 9th October 2023 at 7.15pm
End of minutes