

Churchill Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 11th March 2024

Present: Councillors J Bush, D Johnson, R Baker, M Simpson, R Jeacocke, M Baker, J Ronicle, District Councillor P Keating and Parish Clerk S Diaz.

There were 5 members of the public present.

Public Questions-questions were raised regarding the flooding at Church Lane and the Bishops Well, the roundabout proposal at Churchill lights and the amended planning application at Hilliers Lane.

- 24/FC3A To receive any apologies for non-attendance.
Councillors J Murray and B Wilkinson sent their apologies.
- 24/FC3B To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.
There were no declarations of interest.
- 24/FC3C To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th February 2024.
It was resolved to confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th February 2024.
- 24/FC3D North Somerset Matters
Councillor Keating advised that bus scheme improvement plan consultation is available online for residents to respond and a drop in face-to-face event planned for 2.4.24 at the Memorial Hall, Churchill from 4-7pm.
Alun Griffiths have pulled out of the Banwell Bypass and North Somerset Council as addressing the legal consequences and looking for a replacement contractor. In the interim North Somerset Council are considering what can be implemented by Highways regarding Churchill mitigations. Wainwrights will be carrying out work on potholes in the county.
- 24/FC3E To consider the floor at the Community Club.
This item was postponed until further notice.
- 24/FC3F To consider the quote to replace the sleepers at the hand and memorial garden.
It was resolved to approve the quote to replace the sleepers at the hand and memorial garden.

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24/FC3G To consider the quote to add a soakaway at the bottom part of the recreation field to prevent flooding to the community club and car park.
The Parish Council agreed to an interim solution to reduce the height of the slabs at the rear of the Community club by 4 inches and to make the ditch deeper along the hedge of Turnpike field to allow water to drain away from the rear wall of the Community Club. The soakaway and drainage solution at the bottom of the recreation field will be discussed and quotes obtained.

24/FC3H To consider North Somerset Council's Bus Improvement Scheme proposal for a roundabout at Churchill lights.
The Parish Council discussed the proposal and agree this is an unnecessary solution to a problem that does not exist and delays are rare due to the traffic lights. Delays only occur if there are issues with the M5 motorway.
There is inadequate space on the A38 for a bus lane which will impact those residents who live on the A38 and will remove parish green spaces with trees and flowers.
The flooding on the A38 and A368 is a huge concern and occurs regularly. This will need to be addressed and work undertaken to ensure that the consequent flooding of other roads like Ladymead Lane is improved not worsened.
The proposal to move the bus stop needs to be detailed as there is no location listed and the roads are narrow to accommodate a new bus stop.
Access to the Ambulance Station will need to be considered.
Access from Ladymead Lane is currently assisted by the traffic lights – however this would be difficult to exit on to A38 as there would be a constant flow of vehicles

24/FC3I To receive and authorise the payments for March 2024.
March 2024 payments. No receipts received to date.
It was resolved to approve the payments.

D DEBITS: -			REF	Signatory 1	Signatory 2
NEST	Pension contributions for 2023	£173.59	DD		
EE	Clerk Telephone Taken 23 rd of each month, invoice available after 16 th of each month	£19.20	DD		
Water 2 Business	Taken 2 nd of each month-allotment water	£28.00	DD		
YU Energy	Gas community club	£204.73	DD		
YU Energy	Electricity community club	£1202.87	DD		
BT	(awaiting bill)	£35.95	DD		
PWLB	Allotment loan payment 2 23-24	£1288.52			
-TO PAY:-					
Staff	Salaries	£2552.24	BACS		
HMRC	PAYE	£841.29	BACS		
VSA Cleaning	Community Hall Cleaning	£120.00	BACS		
Becky Walsh Courses	Marketing & Communications	£500.00	BACS		
S Diaz (Clerk)	Expenses (mileage, printing, paint).	£111.95	BACS		

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St Andrews Press	Newsletters	£64.00	BACS		
Local Government Pension Scheme	Pension	£726.42	BACS		
West Country Groundcare	January grass cutting	£680.00	BACS		
C & L Group	Witness statement for court for interim charge	£42.00	BACS		
K Lovell	Misc works to complete railings, sleepers and allotments.	£1625	BACS		
WSM Town Council	Dog bin emptying	£374.40	BACS		
Green Flare	2 nd staged payment for solar panels	£6875.00	BACS		
PATA Payroll	January to March payroll processing	£77.10			
H & H Alarms	Service/inspection of community club alarm	£78.00			
Maunders	Misc repair items	£40.59	BACS		
Churchill Tree Care	Tree work at Cricket net	£1200.00	BACS		
TOTAL	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 18860.85			
Equals card	February 2024				
Equals card	Top up funds	+£500			
Post Office	Return duplicate router	£3.49	Card		
Amazon	Misc items	£49.17	Card		
Winterstoke Decorators	Paint for railings	£73.64	Card		
Market Kitchen	Refreshments	£8.64	Card		
	Total	£134.94	Card		

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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

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22/P/1172/FUL	Land off Hilliers Lane, Churchill	Erection of 34 dwellings, public open space, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage system and engineering works, with vehicular access off Hillier's Lane Churchill Parish Council object to the newly added proposals, full response available on North Somerset Council planning portal.
24/P/0272/FUH	Lenville, Bristol Road, Churchill	Retrospective application for the increase of front boundary wall height and rendering of the new wall. Proposed installation of electronic gates and convex mirrors. Churchill Parish Council object to this application as the height of the gate is too high, the materials are not in keeping with the area and congestion could occur entering the property. The planning process is in place to consider applications before they are carried out. Retrospective applications sets a precedent for this process not to be followed.

24/FC3K Clerks report
The clerk sent their report prior to the meeting but asked Councillors to send their three nominations for the Community Champion Award by Thursday 14th March 2024.

24/FC3L To receive matters for information
Councillor Ronicle contacted Highways at North Somerset Council regarding flooding in Langford and Blackmoor. The gulleys and culverts need to be cleaned and he has asked for this to be scheduled for spring 2024. The lighting issues at the main house at the university have been resolved. A meeting is scheduled to discuss the lighting concerns at Wyndham Farm track. The speed indicator device has been lent to Burrington Parish Council and will return to Langford this month. Councillor Bush advised that there are several substantial pot holes/tarmac has lifted on Ladymead Lane which the clerk will report.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Monday 15th April 2024 at 7.30pm End of minutes.