Churchill Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 11th April 2022

Present: Councillors J Bush, D Johnson, R Baker, J Murray, B Wilkinson, J Ronicle, M Simpson, K Croker, R Jeacocke and R Brafield.
Parish Clerk S Diaz and four members of the public.

Members of the public raised questions on planning applications 22/P/0564/OUT and 22/P/2049/OUT.

22/FC4A To receive any apologies of non-attendance
All Councillors present.

22/FC4B To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.
There were no declarations of interest.

22/FC4C To confirm and sign the minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting held on 6th April 2022.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 6th April 2022.

22/FC4D North Somerset Council Matters
Councillor Keating did not attend the meeting and sent a brief report prior to the meeting. The Parish Council will ask for John Penrose to attend a meeting with Councillors to discuss various matters including the new School proposal for Ladymead Lane.

22/FC4E To consider the application for the casual vacancy.
It was resolved to co-opt Jill Maycock onto the Parish Council.

22/FC4F To consider the response to the Banwell Bypass Consultation.

Churchill & Langford Parish Council is concerned about the increased traffic flows projected as a result of the Banwell bypass which will cause deterioration in the quality of life for many residents. The main concerns of the Council are traffic volumes and speeds, and the safety of those who are travelling by foot or by cycle.

To mitigate these expected impacts the Council supports measures proposed by the Banwell bypass planning team to increase pedestrian and cyclist safety.

1) The proposed measures, however, do not include safety considerations around the junction of Hilliers Lane with the A368 which are severely congested with vehicle and pedestrian traffic at beginning and end of school day; further, NSC projections are that westbound pm peak flow traffic on the A368 will rise by 38% with the bypass in 2024. Currently, there is neither a safe pedestrian crossing point nor adequate pavement for those using the west and east bound bus-tops on the A368 and the junction itself is dangerous for vehicle traffic. The Council proposes a pedestrian crossing point between the bus-stops and sufficient pavement to allow standing room for passengers awaiting buses. Further, the Council proposes the junction is controlled by traffic lights at least for the periods of school travel times. We believe these improvements are required in addition to the proposed footpath improvement between Churchill Green and the A368 (AX14/21/20).

2) The Council supports the speed reductions to 20 mph along the whole lengths of Front St, Hilliers Lane, Churchill Green, Church Lane to the junction of King Road and east of The Drive on the A368. The Council however believes this should be imposed on entering the Parish on the A368 at Pye Cottage given the proximity to the Hilliers Lane junction (see above). Further, measures should be introduced to enforce the speed reductions. An enforced speed limit of 20 mph should be introduced throughout the Parish, with exception of the A38 as soon as possible.

3) The Council proposes that effective freight restrictions are introduced on the A368 through Sandford and Churchill to encourage local HGV traffic to use the bypass and A371 to access J21 on the M5 for out of area journeys and discourage HGV through traffic (e.g., permit scheme / access only ref. Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria).

Additional statements:

a) All traffic mitigation measures in the parish should be introduced prior to the bypass being completed. Speed limits to be enforced through technology.

b) Mitigation measures should be supported by adequate, agreed and ring-fenced budgets.

c) Without further delay, NSC should reveal the results of modelling studies showing the expected traffic flows in the parish following delivery of the 7,557 new homes facilitated by the bypass, and at intervals within the local plan period to 2038.

d) Mitigation measures should correlate with those implemented in neighbouring parishes to ensure maximum effectiveness.

e) Ladymead Lane needs to be included in bypass mitigation scheme as this is currently used as short-cut to B3133 and A370.

f) Residents have raised concerns about how the overspend will be funded. Full details of the funding for the project would be appreciated.

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A joint letter of common ground from Churchill and Winscombe & Sandford Parish Council has also been sent to the Banwell Bypass team.

22/FC4G To consider paying utility bills by direct debit.
It was resolved to pay all utility bills by direct debit.

22/FC4H To consider listing Churchill Parish Council as a Rule 6 party for the appeal of application 21/P/2049/OUT.
It was resolved to list Churchill Parish Council as a Rule 6 party for the appeal of application 21/P/20499/OUT.

22/FC4I To consider the grant application from the Village Fund for £300.
It was resolved to approve the grant application for the Village Fund for £300.

22/FC4J To consider the grant application from Vision North Somerset for £450.
It was resolved to grant £150 to Vision North Somerset as they are not based in the Parish but provide a service to a small number of residents.

22/FC4K To receive an update on additional defibrillators in the Parish.
Several Councillors have potentially sourced donations for a defibrillator in the parish, further details will be available at the May meeting. The clerk will ask North Somerset if the unit at the Sports Centre can be donated to the Parish.

22/FC4L To receive and authorise the payments for April 2022.
It was resolved to approve the payments.

Balances at 31.3.2022:
Acc1(CIL)= £0, Acc2 (Current)= £120.40 Acc3 (Unused)= £0, Unity Trust £160913.59
NOTE: £55628.77 which is earmarked reserves, £59,835.67 are restricted to CIL use: therefore, available revenue to 31.03.22 less outstanding payments of £1497.51= £44066.71
Income: - £188.79 (Allotment rent and water) £62.00 Burial fees, Precept 1st payment £41282.50

D DEBITS: -			**REF**
NEST (DD)	Pension Contributions Taken on 1st April for March 2022	**284.80 Refund of 142.40 to follow payment taken twice**	**DD**
NEST	Pension contributions taken at 30.4.22 for April 2022	**£141.14**	**DD**
EE	Clerk Telephone Taken 23rd of each month	**£19.20**	**DD**
BT	Internet – Community Club (April) Taken on 17th of each month	**£24.91**	**DD**
-TO PAY:-			
Staff	Salaries	**£2281.95**	**BACS**
HMRC	PAYE	**£ 65.66**	**BACS**
Bridget C Bowen	Internal Audit	**£275.00**	
VSA Cleaning	Community Hall Cleaning	**£ 120.00**	**BACS**

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GB Sports	Quarterly inspection-play area	**£ 90.00**	**BACS**
West Country Groundcare Ltd	Monthly grass cutting	**£ 680.00**	**BACS**
S Diaz (Clerk)	Expenses (printing, postage, mileage)	**£ 129.94**	**BACS**
S Diaz (Clerk)	Expenses (printing, postage, mileagefrom February not paid	**£36.32**	**BACS**
M Miles	Expenses-mileage	**£23.85**	**BACS**
Weston-super-Mare Town Council	Emptying dog waste bins (contract monthly payment – Para 6 Fin Regs)	**£432.00**	**BACS**
Starboard Systems Ltd	Scribe software	**£676.80**	**BACS**
ALCA	Yearly subscription	**£596.04**	**BACS**
Back 2 Front Landscaping Ltd	Removal of compost heaps at allotments	**£2280.00**	**BACS**
Back 2 Front Landscaping Ltd	Supply of self-closing gate at the skate park	**£2136.00**	**BACS**
WAVE Water	Community Club water	**£227.87**	**BACS**
Wedmore I.T	Laptop service/antivirus	**£149.00**	**BACS**
Local Government Pension Scheme	**Pension**	**£620.80**	**BACS**
TOTAL	**TOTAL PAYMENTS April 2022**	**£ 11005.68**	

22/FC4M To consider the following planning applications.

Planning application number	Location	Proposal
22/P/0618/SJA	Monaghan Mushrooms Langford Stock Lane Langford BS40 5ES	Prior approval for Photo-Voltaic Solar Panels on each South East facing roof space of the Apex roofed tunnel buildings. There are ten buildings in each of three runs, each roof will accommodate 52 panels, so 520 panels in each run, totalling 1560 panels in all. The total energy the panels will generate will be around 632kWp which will be fed into the factory distribution board to supplement the factory's own energy requirements It was resolved to support this application.
22/P/0608/FUH	14 Maysmead Lane, Langford North Somerset, BS40 5HX	Proposed conversion and extension of existing garage to provide an accessible wet room and bedroom It was resolved to support this application.
22/P/0505/FUL	Land Opposite Churchill House Churchill Green,	Erection of a building for use as an office and storage in conjunction with the running of the 2no. existing holiday lets on site

	Churchill North Somerset	It was resolved to object to this application. This application is inappropriate, and the Parish Council questions the requirement of an office for only 2 chalets. There is no provision for vehicular access or parking as all parking spaces are allocated to the existing chalets. The Parish Council question the need for the shower facilities, and is this necessary for an office? It would appear more suitable for a dwelling. The need for security is also questioned and when the Parish Council consulted with the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for that area they confirmed there is no requirement for security especially during the day
22/P/0564/OUT	Land South Of Bristol Road And North Of Bath Road, Churchill	Outline planning application for the development of up to 83no. 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
22/P/0601/FUH	Westways, 6 The Drive,Churchill North Somerset, BS25 5PL	Demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey side extension. It was resolved to support this application as it provides additional living space without altering the original footprint.

22/FC4N To consider the clerks report.
The clerks report was sent prior to the meeting

22/FC4O To receive the Internal Auditor's 2nd interim report.
The Council noted the Internal Auditor's 2nd Interim Report.

22/FC4P To receive matters for information
Councillor Bush reported damage to the drain at the entrance of Broadoak, the Clerk will report this to Highways at North Somerset Council.
Councillor Murray advised of the Young Musician of the Year on 9th May at 6pm at St John's Church.
Councillor Ronicle raised the reseeding of the football pitch; the clerk will contact several local contractors for quotes. A service level agreement has been created for all sports teams using the facilities and will be issued for signing.
Councillor Brafield reminded the clerk of work to be done to the Cricket Pavilion and patio.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be Monday 25th April 2022 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall.
The Annual Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 7.30pm
End of minutes