



CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Councillors: Jackie Bush (Chair) Bill Carruthers, James Hoddell
Simon Glanfield Harriet McBride Rick Brafield
Bill Wilkinson Jan Murray Robin Jeacocke
Richard Baker Claudia McVie

Also Present:

Ann Boote (Parish Clerk)
Patrick Keating (NS Councillor)
Tina Huckle-Mills - Community Development in Woodspring, North Somerset
Katie Park Project Manager (Major Projects & Technical Services) NSC
Joseph Burnell (HIF Team), NSC
David Peacock, Project Officer, (Major Projects & Technical Services), NSC
Cresten Boase – 20s Plenty For Us
9 Members of the public.

1920/C/282 Apologies - to receive apologies from Councillors for non-attendance.

Councillors: Mimi Simpson Theo Michael
Sarah Shaw (Parish Liaison), NSC

1920/C/283 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.

Councillor Jan Murray declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10 (1920/C/291) . As a close neighbour and family member of the resident. Councillor Murray was therefore not permitted to vote on this item.

1920/C/284 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8 & 29 March 2021

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 8 & 29 March 2021 had been previously circulated to all members and were agreed as an accurate record.

RESOLVED:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 & 29 March 2021 were confirmed by those present as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

1920/C/285 Public Participation

A member of the public spoke regarding their opposition to Planning Application No. 21/P/0649/FUH for the following reasons:-

- a) According to a Tree Surveyor, the proposed extension footings will damage the roots of a very large mature Monterey Cypress tree located close to the boundary line. It is unlikely to survive. This information has been omitted from the plan proposals.
- b) The letter of consent for the original house plans state that no extension is to be built. The current planning application shows an extension with a Catslide roof.

- c) The original house has been built higher than the original plans, meaning any extension will also be higher and clearly visible from the rear of the neighbour's home.

A member of the public informed the meeting that a petition containing 63 signatures had been signed by residents of Dinghurst Road and The Drive regarding concerns of traffic volume and pedestrian safety along this stretch of road. He requested that Churchill Parish Council send this petition to NSC. Councillor Patrick Keating requested the petition be forwarded to him personally and he would pass on to the relevant officers at North Somerset Council.

A member of the public spoke regarding Agenda Item No. 7. To request that Churchill Parish Council ask the following questions of the Team from North Somerset Council who were providing a presentation on the proposed Banwell Bypass Project:-

- a) What are the expected changes in traffic flows along the A368 into Churchill as a result of the proposed bypass?
- b) How does NSC plan to mitigate any negative impacts on the Dinghurst Road by the proposed by-pass and make it safer for pedestrians?

1920/C/286 North Somerset Council Matters

Councillor Patrick Keating (PK) spoke to the meeting regarding various issues:-

PK and the Executive Member for Highways recently visited Churchill. Whilst on Dinghurst Road they saw themselves the dangers faced by pedestrians. Officers at NSC have been tasked with providing options to resolve the issues. This information will be provided to the Parish Council when available for discussion.

NSC is faced with constraints, relating to the widening of this road, as the land on either side is privately owned. One possible option would be to improve and encourage pedestrians to use public rights of way in this area

Churchill Sports Centre. Mike Solomon (Executive Member, NSC) is due to meet with the Mendip Villages Fitness group to discuss possible options. The survey/questionnaire has provided very constructive and helpful information. Churchill Parish Council to be updated.

Local Plan Development. Following a recent meeting NSC has approved some principles for a new Spatial Strategy. Principles would include limiting large development in villages and on flood plains. To focus more on urban areas. A NSC meeting is planned on 28 April to approve the Strategy.

Antisocial Behavior. The COVID Marshals from NSC have made several visits to the recreation area in Ladymead Lane following reports of antisocial behavior. One visit saw a large group not following COVID guidelines. In general no major issues. Please report any issues for follow up.

Councillor Richard Baker informed the meeting that the new fencing at the Churchill Academy in Churchill Green does not appear secure. He has noticed young people playing football inside the grounds after the school has closed. He also requested that the old fencing be disposed. Councillor Keating confirmed this was the responsibility of the Academy itself. He would be willing to put in a request to the Head at the Academy.

Councillor Rick Brafield requested an update on the removal of debris from the roadside following the cutting back of hedges at the rear of the Old Vicarage property (on Front Street). PK confirmed that resident is responsible & has been asked to clear this by NSC. .

Dinghurst Road

Councillor Jackie Bush suggested that narrowing the traffic to single lane, in areas of Dinghurst Road may be an option, rather than the option of trying to purchase private land.

Councillor Simon Glanfield suggested that joining forces with local residents & land owners in the Dinghurst road area to improve public rights of way for pedestrians in the form of hard standing, particularly for parents & children walking to school.

He also suggested a non priority narrowing of traffic into single lane in certain areas, which has worked well in other areas.

1920/C/287 20s Plenty For Us Group – Presentation

Cresten Boase from the organisation '20s Plenty For Us' gave a presentation on the benefits of a reduction in speed to 20mph on local residential roads.

<https://www.20splenty.org/>

RESOLUTION

It was agreed to discuss the way forward at a future meeting, with those members of the Parish Council already involved with this particular project.

1920/C/288 Update on the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) - Banwell By Pass & Winterstoke Hundred Academy School Expansion projects

Katie Park Project Manager (Major Projects & Technical Services) NSC & Joseph Burnell (HIF Team), NSC gave a presentation on the proposed Banwell By-Pass.

Many of the questions relating to the impact on traffic increase in the Churchill area were unable to be answered at this early stage. It was confirmed that Community Working Groups to include Parish Councils would be created. Public consultation would also be a priority. It was agreed in the meantime, that any queries could be sent to the Parish Clerk who would forward them to the Team.

David Peacock, Project Officer, (Major Projects & Technical Services), NSC gave a presentation on the new Winterstoke Hundred Academy Expansion project. This project is progressing and planned for completion in 2023. The school to provide 900 school places for local children. Engagement sessions to follow, with a public meeting taking place on 21 April 2021.

1920/C/289 West of England Rural Network (WERN) Presentation

Tina Huckle-Mills introduced herself and gave a presentation on new role in Community Development within WERN. Information was given regarding a new project to help older people engage with the community, to utilise & share the life skills of both young & old.

1920/C/290 Discuss Financial Contribution to NSC for Road Safety/Traffic Calming on Bristol Road (A38)

Councillor Bill Carruthers informed the meeting that having requested 30mph repeater signs be installed on the A38 though Churchill for some considerable time. He has been informed by NSC Senior Engineer, David Bailey that these cannot be

installed as the road contains street lights.

David Bailey suggested that Churchill Parish Council request NSC to draw up traffic calming plans on the A38 between Touts (Budgens) and Dinghurst Road traffic lights. These plans and the financial implications could be discussed at a Parish Council Meeting.

RESOLVED

The Parish Council agreed to request traffic calming plans be drawn up by NSC. These could then be discussed at a Parish Council meeting to decide a) if the plans are acceptable and b) if the Parish Council would be prepared to provide a financial contribution.

1920/C/291 To discuss the issue of a Licence for Grazing on CPC owned land in Church Lane

Following a recent meeting, the Parish Council agreed to issue an annual licence for a local resident to graze sheep on PC-owned land in Church Lane. The proviso being, if a large wedding or funeral took place at the church, the land be used as an overflow car park.

The resident has amended his request to include the grazing of cattle and potentially pigs. He also does not agree for the land to be used as an overflow car park, should the need arise (large wedding or funeral).

RESOLUTION

The Parish Council discussed the above and voted not to issue a licence at the present time.

1920/C/292 To discuss the possibility of the Parish Council 'voluntarily' agreeing to sell the freehold on the former Doctor's Surgery in the car park on Ladymead Lane.

Under current legislation the owners of the four flats can get together and ask to buy the freehold.

The Parish Council has been approached to ask if it is prepared to Voluntarily' sell the freehold and at what cost.

RESOLUTION

After lengthy discussion the Parish Council voted and decided against selling the freehold.

1920/C/293 Planning Matters:-

(1) NSC Planning Decision Notices

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

20/P/3163/FUL - Church Oak 7 Hilliers Lane Churchill Winscombe
BS25 5NA
Proposed change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden.
Decision: **Approved.**

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)
Decision: **Approved.**

20/P/2922/NMA - Land Off Bristol Road Churchill
"Non-material amendment to planning permission 18/P/4241/RM (residential development (of up to 41 dwellings) to allow for the construction of a pumping station adjacent to plots 22 and 23."
Decision: **Approved.**

20/P/2657/FUL - Agricultural & Equine Buildings To The South Of Dinghurst Road Churchill BS25 5PH
Conversion of existing agricultural and equine buildings to Use Class E (g) (i) Business - office use and Use Class B8 Storage and Distribution with associated works
Decision: **Approved.**

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

21/P/0413/FUL - Winston Hotel Bristol Road Churchill Bristol BS25 5NL
Change of use of hotel to six self-contained flats, including the demolition of single storey rear/side extension and the erection of a two storey side/rear extension

RESOLUTION

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 21/P/0413/FUL as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood. However, no provision for car park spaces can be seen on current plans.

21/P/0421/FUL - Sherwood New Road Churchill Winscombe BS25 5NW
The division of one dwelling and annex into two separate dwellings.

RESOLUTION

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 21/P/0421/FUL as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood

21/P/0645/FUH – Southlands, Says Lane, Langford, Bristol BS40 5DZ
Proposed erection of a two storey side extension.

RESOLUTION

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 21/P/0645/FUH as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood

21/P/0659/ADV - University Of Bristol, Stock Lane, Langford
Consent is sought for 2no. non illuminated fascia signs to be displayed on The western elevation of the building, one of which will be located immediately to the right of the main entrance and the other will be installed at a higher level on the facade of the building.

The larger sign set at a higher level will display 'Harpintree Building'.
The smaller sign to be installed to the right of the main entrance to the building will provide a building information panel.

RESOLUTION

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 21/P/0659/ADV as there is no perceived effect on the environment or neighbourhood

21/P/0649/FUH - Tankards Ladymead Lane Langford Bristol BS40 5E
Proposed erection of a single storey lean-to extension to the north of the existing dwelling house

RESOLUTION

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

Churchill Parish Council objects to application 21/P/0649/FUH on the grounds of:-

We understand that the house on the original plan was relocated away from a very large mature Monterey Cypress tree (located close to the boundary line, on neighbours land). It was felt that any footings would severely damage the roots of this tree. We believe Information regarding this tree has been omitted from the current proposed plan.

The letter of consent for the original house plans state that no extension is to be built. The current planning application shows an extension with a Catslide roof.

The original house has been built higher than the original plans, meaning any extension will also be higher and clearly visible from the rear of the neighbour's home.

(2) Other Planning Matters

Councillor James Hoddell updated the meeting on the following:-

Following enquires with NSC into the Section 106 funding relating to the Crest Nicholson development (Langford Fields in Pudding Pie Lane) site, JH confirmed that the Parish Council would receive £38,000 plus £50,000 for local sports facilities.

An amount of £50,000 is to be allocated to the Churchill Sport Centre.

A sum of £165,000 is also believed to be allocated to the Langford Day Nursery and Churchill Pre-School. However, no further information is available at the present time.

A discussion took place regarding a piece of recreation land (60m x 30m) at the Crest Nicholson site, which was believed to be allocated to Churchill Parish Council. JH agreed to discuss with Martin Dolton (Finance Officer).

NSC agreed to increase the sum offered of £40,000 to £60,000 for the release of a restrictive covenant by Churchill Parish Council on land at Ladymead Lane. JH has requested that the land owner install a pavement to run along the front of the land. The hedging will be removed & replanted to make space for this.

Neighbourhood Plan. JH confirmed that the company who provided the £10,000 grant had requested its return as the funds had not been spent. He contacted them to confirm funds were committed and had been allocated and were awaiting invoices. He is awaiting confirmation that this is acceptable.

A meeting is due to take place this week with Landscapers. Update to follow at next meeting.

H confirmed a meeting with Celia Dring (NSC) regarding housing numbers relating to the Neighbourhood Plan on 16 April. JH to provide meeting details to other Councillors.

1920/C/294 Accounts - To receive and confirm the payments for April 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 £8,687.50.

A comment was made regarding the high energy charges for the Community Club. This was partly explained, by the heating having to be on during the Winter months. However, the Clerk advised that on inspection the heating had been left on after the service engineers' visit. He left the heating on permanently instead of returning it to its original timer setting. This was not noticed immediately, due to the Club not being used. The Clerk has noted this for future reference.

It was also suggested that the clerk contact the energy company to request a credit/refund under the circumstances.

1920/C/295 To consider and Note the interim report of the Independent Internal Auditor dated March 2021

Members had received a copy of the Report of Independent Internal Auditor, Bridget C Bowen, Chartered Accountant

RESOLVED:-

The Council notes the report of the Independent internal auditor and notes that all recommendations have been actioned & implemented.

1920/C/296 Staff – Resignation/Recruitment

Councillor Jackie Bush confirmed the resignation of the Parish Clerk (Ann Boote).

A Finance & Personnel meeting has been scheduled for 19 April at 11.00 am to discuss recruitment and discuss the way forward. Martin Dolton (RFO) and Ann Boote (Clerk) will work together to recruit a replacement Clerk and ensure a smooth hand over.

1920/C/297 Clerk's Report

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

1920/C/298 To receive matters for information and future Agenda items

Councillor Robin Jeacocke

Robin confirmed he continues to pursue the issues of drainage and foul drainage at Jubilee Lane. As this situation is clearly unacceptable he is referring the problem to the Environment Agency.

Councillor Bill Wilkinson

BW confirmed that the final report of the Churchill Mutual Aid Group (CMA) should be available in the next 7-10 days & will be circulated.

A request for a slot to be made available at the next Parish Council Meeting.

The CMA continues to provide local transport for vaccinations, along with Hospital visits.

BW informed the meeting that a very valued member of the Churchill Minibus Society recently passed away. His name was Bruce Whittick, this gentleman provided much training & engineering for the Society for many years – he will be greatly missed.

Councillor Jan Murray

JM confirmed that she feels optimistic for the future of the Churchill Sports Centre. A meeting is planned with Officers at NSC to discuss options.

Councillor Bill Carruthers

BC requested that due to time restraints the meetings are limited to two presentations and meetings should finish at 9.30pm at the latest.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.15pm

**The date of the next Remote Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – Provisional
Date Wednesday 5 May 2021**

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