

Churchill Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 11th November 2024

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

Public Questions-Four members of the public raised their concerns regarding safety on Blackmoor as an obstructive tree forces drivers on to the opposite side of the road. The clerk will send a presentation prepared by the residents to Councillor Keating to ask for help and a site visit.

24/FC11A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.
All Councillors were present.

24/FC11B To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.
There were no declarations of interest.

24/FC11C To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th October 2024.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th October 2024.

24/FC11D North Somerset Council Matters
Councillor Keating did not attend and sent the following points.
The survey work on Churchill junction continues. North Somerset Council need to advise on the final decision. The feedback from community engagement shows overall level of local support.
The Parish Council are astonished that the event showed a level of support and would like to see the data to confirm this. The Parish Council believes that this is a waste of money.
Blackmoor- work is ongoing to mitigate tree impingement on the road, but residents are not satisfied. Highways have not visited and the proposal for hashed lines guiding the traffic away from the tree will create a hazard to the opposite side of the road. The residents have offered to remove the tree at their expense as it is leaning into the road and there is a risk of the wall collapsing. The 20mph proposal is in the pipeline.
There is a workshop to update members on the Local Plan on Thursday 14th November and at Place Committee on 19th November which is open to the public. The budget consultation is available for residents to respond and Councillor Keating encourages the public to share their views.

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24/FC11E To resolve that the Parish Council is eligible to use the General Power of Competence under the Parish councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 in that it has been at least two thirds elected and has a qualified clerk.

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24/FC11F To note the External Audit Notice of Conclusion for 2023-24
The External Audit Notice of Conclusion 2023-24 was noted.

24/FC11G To receive and authorise the payments for November 2024. All invoices have been examined, verified and certified by the clerk.

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

Receipts

CIL funds £20752.32

D DEBITS: -			REF	Signatory 1	Signatory 2
NEST	Pension contributions for 2024	£245.59	DD		
EE	Clerk Telephone Taken 23 rd of each month, invoice available after 16 th of each month	£20.71	DD		
Water 2 Business	Taken 2 nd of each month-allotment water	£10.00	DD		
YU Energy	Gas community club	£195.91	DD		
YU Energy	Electricity community club	£1347.22	DD		
WAVE- Anglian Water	Revised payment from bill held due to leak investigation, now a DD to include invoice from January	£287.00	DD		
ICO	Data Protection Fee	£35.00	DD		
Unity Trust	Bank fees	£11.10	BACS		
-TO PAY:-					
Staff	Salaries	£3231.87	BACS		
HMRC	PAYE	£1291.12	BACS		
VSA Cleaning	Community Hall Cleaning/strimming recreation pitch and car park area	£150.00	BACS		
Becky Walsh Courses	Marketing & Communications	£500.00	BACS		
S Diaz (Clerk)	Expenses (mileage, homeworker allowance, printing).	£91.80	BACS		
St Andrews Press	Newsletters	£74.00	BACS		
Local Government Pension Scheme	Pension	£934.94	BACS		
West Country Groundcare	Grass cutting	£680.00	BACS		

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K Lovell	Works to community club.	£1150.00	BACS		
WSM Town Council	Dog bin emptying	£374.40	BACS		
WC Maunders	Repair to bus shelter wood.	£85.53	BACS		
M Miles	Plants	£4.80	BACS		
Great Western Ambulance Service	Grant	£400	BACS		
Churchill War Memorial Hall	Room hire	£36.00	BACS		
B Bowen	Internal Audit	£290.00	BACS		
GB Sport and Leisure	Quarterly playground inspection	£90.00	BACS		
Rapide	Stationary	£33.53	BACS		
Middlecombe Nurseries Ltd	Items for planting hedge	£34.27	BACS		
TOTAL	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£ 11604.79			
Equals Card	October 2024				
Market Kitchen	Refreshments	£13.85	Card		
Post Office Counters	Postage	£6.10	Card		
Amazon	Tape, toilet seat and door wedges	£19.38	Card		
	Total	£39.33			

24/FC11H To consider the following planning applications. Please note that Applications received after this Agenda is published may be considered if comments are needed before the next meeting.

24/P/1822/FUL	Land South Of Dinghurst Road Churchill	Conversion of an existing agricultural building to create 1no. one-bed holiday let and expansion of existing hardstanding. It was resolved to support this application.
24/P/1965/FUH	Chestnut Tree House Front St, Churchill BS25 5NG	Proposed partial demolition and re-build of existing boundary wall alongside the erection of new boundary wall to facilitate the relocation of existing vehicular access. It was resolved to support this application.
24/P/2168/NMA	Land At Dinghurst Road Churchill	Non material amendment to application 22/P/2991/RM (Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 25no. dwellings pursuant to outline permission 21/P/2123/OUT (outline application for the erection of up to 25no. dwellings with details of

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		<p>access and associated works (all other matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for subsequent approval) to allow for the erection of a new close board fence to the site boundary adjacent to Plot 7.</p> <p>It was resolved to object to this application.</p> <p>The most recent amendment to reserved matters of the original outline application (21/P/2123/OUT) plus the reserved matters documentation (22/P/2991/RM)</p> <p>Entitled: <i>Hard Surface and Boundary Strategy</i> and with one figure</p> <p>The figure depicts the site with some amendments: In the NE (lowest) corner, a large soakaway, which serves as a turning /parking bay, is now universally tarmac-coated. Originally the furthest east part, plus the seven parking places immediately North of the seven affordable houses (arranged as a slightly offset terrace of 3+4) was to be supplied with a permeable surface. This proposed modification will impair site drainage.</p> <p>We should note that the pedestrian access to A368 remains, but that the footway as indicated extends further west than in fact it does, that the site boundary is here immediately at the roadside with no verge, and that, as indicated, the footway is incompatible with the vehicular access on A368 as drawn on the proposed BSIP plan (Sep 2024). It would narrow the available carriageway of the A368 and render it impossible for two full-width vehicles to pass at this point. Clearly some amendment is needed. We suggest the southwards excavation of the on-site bank, the provision of steps down towards road level and a platform (near road level) for pedestrians to wait before crossing the road. An additional barrier would also be required to dissuade pedestrians from walking directly into the roadway. The particular feature which is entirely unacceptable to the owners of neighbouring Newlaye is that it is proposed to erect a 1.8m high close-boarded fence on the eastern boundary of the car park, very close to a west-facing window of that house. At present, such fencing is widely employed on this site, including on the east face of the terrace of affordable homes. This does, however, project no further north than do the houses themselves. To extend this fence as proposed would obstruct the natural light entering the neighbouring window immediately to the east.</p>
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		<p>Furthermore, the plan offered here indicates that this proposed fence would actually be even closer to the site boundary than it would be if it were to continue as a projection of the fence-line as already established beside the east wall of the terrace block. This obstruction of natural light is unacceptable under the terms of the Rights of Light Act 1959 (as amended). The neighbouring residents' house has occupied this site for more than the required 20 years. If fencing is desired, we suggest that a compromise height of 1.0m, set above 200mm or less of weatherboarding, and continuing the alignment of the 1.8m fence already installed, would be more appropriate. It would also facilitate access for maintenance on this eastern (and sloping) boundary of the site.</p> <p>The fence is not in keeping with the area and unnecessary in this rural setting as there is a hedge to the front. The properties are higher than the initial plan and the fence is therefore higher as well. This is contradictory to the original plan. The terraced properties already have fences, and this additional fence will create an alleyway that raises safeguarding concerns for its users</p>
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- 24/FC11I To note the NALC salary increase.
The NALC salary increase was noted.
- 24/FC11J To note the grants to Lighthouse Academy £500 and to Churchill Minibus Society £1000 were made under S137 funds.
It was noted that the grants to Lighthouse Academy £500 and to Churchill Minibus Society £1000 were made under S137 funds.
- 24/FC11K To discuss potential devolution of assets and maintenance required in the Parish.
The Parish Council have been advised that North Somerset Council will arrange a meeting to discuss devolution with the Parish Council after they have completed meetings with the Town Councils.
- 24/FC11L To note to inform the external auditor that the Council is a sole managing trustee of the Clock Tower Charity.
It was noted to inform the external auditor that the Council is a sole managing trustee of the Clock Tower Charity.
- 24/FC11M To receive the clerks report.
The clerks report was sent prior to the meeting.
- 24/FC11N To note the internal auditors report.
The internal auditors report was noted.

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To receive matters for information

Councillor Ronicle raised the action for the next phase of the formal complaint on Hilliers Lane with North Somerset Council. A response should be received from North Somerset Council by 22.11.24. A sub-group in the Parish Council will then arrange a meeting with the residents to discuss the response and the next stage of the process. All Councillors will be asked for their opinion and a response sent. MP Tessa Munt will be copied in.

Councillor Keating is following up the 20mph limit on Blackmoor.

Additional areas for Speed Indicator Device placement are being considered around the parish and data logging being collated.

Councillor Ronicle will prepare a letter to Crest Nicholson on the parcel of land on Pudding Pie Lane issue which will be copied to MP Tessa Munt and Councillor Keating for their support.

Councillor Jeacocke advised that ground level water is rising on Dinghurst Road.

The recent heavy downpour showed the levels with the bank and junction were higher. Councillor Jeacocke advised that he had sent a response to North Somerset Council regarding the BSIP and the clerk will forward this to Councillor Keating.

Councillor R Baker and the rest of the Council wished to express their thanks to the Village Fund for a superb firework display that was well organised and supported by the residents. He also wished to thank Councillor Ronicle for his ongoing commitment to the management of the speed indicator devices and the time given to this project. Councillor R Baker also expressed his concerns of managing facilities and maintenance once North Somerset Council's devolution plan is in operation and the parish take on more work. The time to manage this will need additional support.

Councillor Wilkinson reported that the boards at the back of the bus shelter are rotting and need replacement. The clerk will follow up on this.

Councillor Johnson reported that a resident had spoken to him regarding a caravan at Dinghurst Stable on Dinghurst Road that has been on site for over 60 days. The clerk will report it to planning enforcement.

Councillor M Baker asked for an update on the Electric Vehicle power source. The clerk will ask Daisy if they have contacted Western Power for an exact cost, if North Somerset Council have responded regarding potential funding for the installation.

The clerk will ask North Somerset Council about the funding, is it a loan or a grant. Councillor Simpson advised that the shed owned by Pre-school at the rear of the community club is in need of restoration or replacement. The clerk will write to the Preschool advising that the shed will need to be moved as the Council may extend the community club at the rear in the future. Therefore restoration may not be cost effective.

Councillor Murray advised that MP Tessa Munt had sent a wreath to St John's Church and sent a representative to present it to the Parish Remembrance Service on 10.11.24. Work on the drains on Church Lane has been completed. The clerk will write to the residents next to the Burial Ground car park to thank them for their attention as the work they carried out appears to be effective. Councillor Murray reported the importance of signing the petition from North Somerset Council to the Government to help with council funding. The clerk will ask the Communications Officer to add this request to the website and social media.

The next Parish Council meeting will be 9th December 2024 at 7.30pm

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End of minutes