

# Churchill Parish Council



## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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

There were four members of the public present.

Residents raised concerns regarding the SEMH School and the planning application on Ladymead Lane.

- 24/FC12A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.  
Councillors J Ronicle and R Baker sent their apologies.
- 24/FC12B To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.  
Councillor J Bush declared an interest in item 24/FC12O.
- 24/FC12C To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024.  
It was resolved to confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
- 24/FC12D North Somerset Council Matters  
Councillor Keating did not attend but sent a summary report which included the following:  
The Churchill Junction engagement survey has been published and shared with the Parish Council in advance of the January Executive Meeting.  
The Airport Masterplan is an airport exercise at this stage. Until a planning application has been submitted to North Somerset Council they will not make any comment. Councillor Keating has concerns regarding the traffic it will generate.  
North Somerset Council Executive Committee have approved the consultation on additional housing needs which will be issued shortly. It is critical to note how the target is met.  
Work is ongoing to identify savings in advance of the budget in February. This work is crucial, if the balance does not balance the Government will take over and impose cuts.  
There has been no update from Highways regarding Blackmoor and the plans to add hatched lines. Councillor Keating will contact Councillor Young for an update.  
The Parish Council will request an online meeting for further discussion.

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- 24/FC12E To receive an update on the PCAA meeting from 21.11.24.  
Councillor Murray attended the meeting for Parish Councils and reported that the Airport are planning to increase the volume of passengers to 15million per year by 2040. The runway will be extended to take more long haul flights to new destinations and there will be an increase to the number of night-time flights. The flight path route is currently changing and will affect more villages surrounding the airport. There are major traffic concerns to connect the airport to Bristol and Weston-super-Mare and a light rail service or similar is essential to sort out the increased traffic on the A38 and surrounding villages. The parking issues continue to cause concern with more reports of airport parking taking place in Churchill and Langford thought to be due to high cost, of airport parking and current insufficient space. There is also net tourist deficit which needs to be considered. The Council will discuss it's response at the January meeting.
- 24/FC12F To consider the grant application from the Village Fund for £200.  
It was resolved to approve the grant payment to the Village Fund for £200.00.
- 24/FC12G To receive and authorise the payments for December 2024. All invoices have been examined, verified and certified by the clerk.  
It was resolved to approve the payments for December 2024.

<b>D DEBITS:</b>			<b>REF</b>	<b>Signatory 1</b>	<b>Signatory 2</b>
NEST	Pension contributions for 2024	<b>£187.25</b>	<b>DD</b>		
EE	Clerk Telephone Taken 23 <sup>rd</sup> of each month, invoice available after 16 <sup>th</sup> of each month	<b>£20.71</b>	<b>DD</b>		
Water 2 Business	Taken 2 <sup>nd</sup> of each month-allotment water	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>DD</b>		
Water 2 Business	Taken 2 <sup>nd</sup> of each month-Cafe water	<b>£55.00</b>	<b>DD</b>		
YU Energy	Gas community club	<b>£126.68</b>	<b>DD</b>		
YU Energy	Electricity community club	<b>£1384.74</b>	<b>DD</b>		
WAVE- Anglian Water	Revised payment from bill held due to leak investigation, now a DD to include invoice from January one further payment to be made	<b>£287.00</b>	<b>DD</b>		
BT	Broadband	<b>£71.78</b>	<b>DD</b>		
Unity Trust	Bank fees	<b>£10.35</b>	<b>BACS</b>		
<b>TO PAY:</b>					
Staff	Salaries	<b>£2762.71</b>	<b>BACS</b>		
HMRC	PAYE	<b>£949.51</b>	<b>BACS</b>		
VSA Cleaning	Community Hall Cleaning/strimming recreation pitch and car park area	<b>£150.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>		
Becky Walsh Courses	Marketing & Communications	<b>£500.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>		
S Diaz (Clerk)	Expenses (mileage, printing).	<b>£61.65</b>	<b>BACS</b>		
St Andrews	Newsletters	<b>£74.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>		

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Press				
Local Government Pension Scheme	Pension	<b>£778.10</b>	<b>BACS</b>	
West Country Groundcare	Grass cutting	<b>£680.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>	
K Lovell	Works to community club, new skate ramp and maintenance to open spaces.	<b>£2220.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>	
WSM Town Council	Dog bin emptying	<b>£374.40</b>	<b>BACS</b>	
Churchill and Langford Minibus Society	Community Support Worker October-December	<b>£1250.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>	
PATA	Payroll fees	<b>£122.10</b>	<b>BACS</b>	
IRH Electrical	Electrical works at Community Club	<b>£57.60</b>	<b>BACS</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£ 12133.58</b>		
<b>Equals Card</b>	<b>November 2024</b>			
Amazon	Chicken wire and moss cleaner	<b>£10.74</b> <b>£17.19</b>	<b>Card</b>	
Market Kitchen	Refreshments	<b>£5.85</b>	<b>Card</b>	
BT	DD not taken	<b>£2.90</b> <b>£150.58</b>	<b>Card</b> <b>Card</b>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£187.26</b>		

- 24/FC12H To note the cost to replace the Skate Ramp.  
The cost to replace the Skate Ramp had increased to £1785 which was approved.
- 24/FC12I To consider the contribution to North Somerset Council for the Public Rights of Way provision.  
It was agreed to contribute the requested £2500 to North Somerset Council for the continued Public Rights of Way provision.
- 24/FC12J To discuss the litter bin provision in the parish.  
It was agreed that the Parish Council would empty the 4 bins that North Somerset will no longer empty in the village. North Somerset will now only empty 4 bins instead of 8.
- 24/FC12K To discuss the budget and precept request for 2025-26.  
The Parish Council discussed the budget and precept for 25-26 at length. The final decision will be made at the January meeting once the band D figures are supplied by North Somerset.
- 24/FC12L To discuss the recent correspondence regarding the SEMH School.

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It was agreed to respond to the Regional Director of South West Regions Group with copies of correspondence sent to North Somerset Council included.

24/FC12M To receive the clerks report.  
A report was sent prior to the meeting. The Clerk added that quotes for the tree removal in Turnpike paddock would be obtained for the next meeting and an additional electricity board would be quoted for to separate usage at the community club.

24/FC12N To receive matters for information  
Councillor Murray requested that the Bristol Airport Consultation information be added to all Council communication platforms for residents to respond online before the deadline 31.1.25.  
Councillor Bush requested that the clerk asks North Somerset to remove the collapsed drain on Ladymead Lane and return it to the stream it was previously. The road surface is deteriorating and will cause damage to vehicles if the issue is not resolved.

Councillor Bush left the meeting and Councillor Johnson chaired the last item.

24/FC12O 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/1901/OUT	Land Off Ladymead Lane Langford	<p>Outline planning application, with all matters reserved for subsequent approval except for means of access, for the erection of up to 75no. dwellings, public open space, landscaping, sustainable urban drainage system and engineering works, with vehicular access off Ladymead Lane.</p> <p>Churchill Parish Council accepts the need for houses but objects to the application for the following reasons and acknowledges the development is within the <i>draft local plan</i>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The proposals for access/transport/road safety however are inadequate for this development. The following points were highlighted:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The proposed widening of Ladymead Lane to 5.5 m will be compromised as insufficient land for this road width is not available on critical sections.</li> <li>b) Traffic flows have not been determined at the busiest times and the road safety analyses are therefore not reflective of peak traffic conditions. There should be a 24hour Automatic Traffic Count (ATC) conducted for at least one representative week on at least one representative point on both Pudding Pie Lane and Ladymead Lane.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>c) Ladymead Lane is an active route for children walking to school, yet it has no pavements. Churchill Parish Council has grave concerns for the safety of children walking to school with the high volume of cars using the lane.</li><li>d) Ladymead Lane becomes seriously congested due to the number of vehicles. The addition of the new SEMH School will add the traffic congestion particularly at the junction of Ladymead Lane and Pudding Pie Lane during peak travel times.</li><li>e) The addition of the Banwell Bypass and proposed changes to Churchill junction will make it impossible for vehicles to exit Ladymead Lane on to the A38.</li><li>f) The draft local plan indicates that housing development on the sites would access onto Pudding Pie Lane rather than Ladymead Lane.</li><li>g) The draft local plan indicates that a traffic assessment would form part of a masterplan for traffic flows at this locality; this has not been conducted.</li></ul> <p>2) The proposals for surface water drainage are inadequate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The proposal as offered here (to deliver storm drainage flows from the development to the adjacent local water course) is certainly plausible. Quantitatively, however, the capacity to attenuate flood flow northwards from this development will prove insufficient. Consequently, added to the <i>Hydrobrake</i>-controlled outflow from the attenuation pond will be an uncontrolled overflow from the frequently full attenuation pond.</li><li>b) We suggest to make better use of the potential capacity of the attenuation pond as a buffer under substantial flood conditions, the pond should be pumped out persistently to some defined low level by a permanently installed pump, the operation of which is controlled by the water level and with a pumping capacity of perhaps 10 l/s. The local authority should note that this modified pond arrangement is similar to that arrangement finally adopted for the attenuation pond at the Crest Nicholson site.</li><li>c) We also note that further development is proposed by the local authority within this</li></ul>
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		<p>immediate area and we wish to point out that these same surface water drainage problems will certainly arise elsewhere, since these other adjacent sites are affected by the same local features of very low infiltration rates, very high groundwater levels and even occasional groundwater flooding. Consequently, the widely preferred solution, of on-site infiltration, is appropriate to none of these other adjacent sites either.</p> <p>d) With regard to the drainage pipework, we caution as follows. The pipes leading north from the development and crossing Jubilee Lane to reach the separate site (dedicated to a drainage function only) are set very deep because they must pass under those already present in Jubilee Lane and carrying water from the Crest Nicholson site further east. The depth to which these pipes must be buried will offer serious practical constraints within the development itself. Deep manholes will be required for access and the drainage pipe itself will be almost invariably full of water. Furthermore, accumulation of debris within the full pipework, but under conditions of low flow rate, will probably require frequent attention.</p> <p>e) Regarding the capacity of the water course itself, into which the above discharge will occur, we caution as follows. The channel capacity is very limited (for several hundred metres). It is very seriously impeded since bankside obstruction (trees, fences and hedges) prevents dredging and so the channel cross-section is silted and very shallow and flow is badly impeded - or even confined to a single small pipe in one short section. This problem needs attention because this reach of the stream already floods frequently and carries substantial flood flows (&gt;50 l/s) from Ladymead Lane.</p> <p>3) The substantial number of houses will increase pressure on local facilities and infrastructure. The schools and Medical Centre with the parish are already at capacity and unable to fully accommodate current volumes of residents. No account of this is apparent in the proposals.</p>
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		4) The Council request that 10% of affordable homes be allocated to residents with a strong connection to the parish.
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The next Parish Council meeting will be 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm  
End of minutes

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