

# Churchill Parish Council



## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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

One member of the public.

Public Questions-A resident raised concerns regarding access to the post box on Pudding Pie Lane.

25/FC3A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.  
All Councillors were present.

25/FC3B To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.  
There were no declarations of interest on agenda items.

25/FC3C To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025.  
It was resolved to confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

25/FC3D North Somerset Council Matters  
Councillor Keating drew attention to the revised Local Plan which is out for consultation. The plan is focusing on areas for more development which should be in places close to existing infrastructure and within a short distance of good public transport connections such as in Nailsea and Backwell, Weston and Long Ashton. His recommendation is for residents to respond as soon as possible.  
A new government approach to planning is under consideration. The government plan to remove Planning and Regulatory Committees other than substantial developments. Planning officers will decide on the application based only on planning law.  
The decision to continue with Churchill junction has been made by executive members at North Somerset Council and will enable vehicles registered to carry 8 or more passengers to use the new bus lane.  
The planning application for the Burrington Inn has been submitted.  
Councillor Keating was asked to follow up with planning officers the outstanding question regarding the parcel of land on Pudding Pie Lane from the Crest Nicholson development.  
Councillor Bush asked if Councillor Keating could pass on a message of thanks to Highways for repairing the potholes in Ladymead Lane.

25/FC3E To discuss the feedback from the community event.  
It was agreed to shortlist options for residents to rate via an online and paper copy

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survey. Copies will be available at the Market Kitchen café and at the Annual Parish Meeting.

25/FC3F To consider the update on the electric vehicle charging points. Daisy Electrics are ceasing trading and plan to remove the electric vehicle charging points. The Council would like to keep the unit, and the clerk will contact ChargePoint directly to see if this is feasible.

25/FC3G To receive and authorise the payments for March 2025. All invoices have been examined, verified and certified by the clerk.

It was resolved to approve the payments for March 2025.

Receipts from allotments £50.00 and CCLA interest £350.30, Winscombe and Churchill Football Club £825 donation for use of the pitch.

<b>D DEBITS:</b>			<b>REF</b>
NEST	Pension contributions for 2025	<b>£182.11</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>£172.50</b>	<b>DD</b>
YU Energy	Gas community club	<b>£148.94</b>	<b>DD</b>
YU Energy	Electricity community club	<b>£1120.12</b>	<b>DD</b>
BT	Broadband	<b>£71.78</b>	<b>DD</b>
Unity Trust	Bank fees	<b>£10.95</b>	<b>BACS</b>
<b>PWLB</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> loan payment for the allotments	<b>£1288.52</b>	<b>DD</b>
<b>TO PAY:</b>			
Staff	March Payroll costs	<b>£4405.28</b>	<b>BACS</b>
VSA Cleaning	Community Hall Cleaning/stripping recreation pitch and car park area	<b>£90.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
Becky Walsh Courses	Marketing & Communications	<b>£500.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
S Diaz (Clerk)	Expenses (mileage, printing).	<b>£63.90</b>	<b>BACS</b>
St Andrews Press	Newsletters	<b>£74.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
West Country Groundcare	Grass cutting	<b>£680.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
WSM Town Council	Dog bin emptying	<b>£374.40</b>	<b>BACS</b>
Alvis Contracting LLP	Hedge Cutting Contract	<b>£1260.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
H&H Alarms Ltd	Inspection of alarm	<b>£98.16</b>	<b>BACS</b>
Rapide Office Supplies	Consumables	<b>£17.42</b>	<b>BACS</b>
Create Signs	Allotment signage	<b>£44.40</b>	<b>BACS</b>
Coffins Clocks	Annual Service	<b>£185.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>

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PATA Payroll	Payroll fees Q4	<b>£81.51</b>	<b>BACS</b>
<b>ALCA</b>	Canva training	<b>£32.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
<b>K Lovell</b>	Various maintenance at Community Club/rubbish removal.	<b>£750.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
<b>GB Sports</b>	Repairs to play area equipment	<b>£303.60</b>	<b>BACS</b>
<b>Wedmore IT Ltd</b>	Annual website hosting and support	<b>£260.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£ 12245.30</b>	
<b>Equals Card</b>	<b>February 2025</b>		
	No payments		<b>Card</b>

- 25/FC2H To consider joining the Impact Alliance Group.  
The Parish Council unanimously agreed to join the Impact Alliance Group.
- 25/FC3I To consider the Local Plan.  
The Parish Council will submit the following points to the Local Plan Consultation:  
New housing planning developments should be monitored for flooding before approving further housing developments in similar areas. The Parish Council request that character, heritage, drainage, energy efficiency and sustainability are required for new developments. Churchill requires that dark skies are maintained, and street lighting is not added to rural developments so close to the Mendip Hills National Landscape. A regular intervillage bus service between the surrounding villages and transport links are essential. Affordable house for local people/with strong connections to the villages must be prioritised. Affordable accommodation for care leavers to remain within their support networks is crucial to move onwards independently
- 25/FC3J To consider the need for a youth provision in the parish.  
It was agreed to add the youth provision to the community survey.
- 25/FC3K To consider the quote to add an additional electricity meter at the Community Club to separate usage.  
It was resolved to approve the quote to add an additional electricity meter at the Community Club for separate usage.
- 25/FC3L To receive the clerks report.  
The clerk sent her report prior to the meeting. A resident had contacted the clerk requesting that Speed Indicator Devices are placed on A38. However, the Council felt that this is a Highways safety issue as the A38 is a major route. The Parish Council is focusing on areas in the parish that have minimal or no pavements to protect pedestrians as a priority.
- 25/FC3M To receive matters for information  
Councillors voted on nominees for the Community Champion Awards for the Annual Parish Meeting on 7.4.25.  
Councillor Murray asked if details of the bleed kit could be added to the next newsletter and to the signpost magazine.  
The Millenium stones required power washing.  
Councillor Jeacocke advised that three solar farms surrounding Churchill have been

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approved. He has provided guidance to the Institute of Electrical Engineers who have contacted National Grid regarding a concerning potential issue and is awaiting their response

Councillor Ronicle advised that further correspondence to Crest Nicholson, Tessa Munt and Councillor Keating had been sent regarding the parcel of land on Pudding Pie Lane.

25/FC3N To consider the following planning applications: No applications were received at the time of posting the agenda. Applications received prior to the meeting will be discussed.

25/P/0393/FUH	Hilberry, Ladymead Lane Langford BS40 5ED	Proposed conversion of a partially erected garage (planning granted in 2018 for a single garage) into a single storey detached one bedroom accommodation. It was resolved to support this application.
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The next Parish Council meeting will be 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.30pm

End of minutes