

Churchill Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 8th September 2025

Present: Councillors J Bush, D Johnson, J Murray, J Ronicle, R Jeacocke, G Alleyne, B Wilkinson, District Councillor P Keating, Clerk S Diaz and one member of the public.

Public Questions-A resident provided information regarding the addition of Speed Indicator Devices on A38.

- 25/FC9A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.
Councillors R Baker, M Simpson and M Baker sent their apologies.
- 25/FC9B To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.
There were no declarations of interest.
- 25/FC9C To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th August 2025.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th August 2025.
- 25/FC9D North Somerset Council Matters
Councillor Keating encouraged the Parish Council to respond to the Library Consultation.
Councillor Keating will liaise with Councillor Young and Bristol University regarding a safe crossing on Stock Lane and what measures can be taken to improve safety.
Any data to confirm speeding in the parish should be forwarded to him to strengthen applications for reduced speed limits.
- 25/FC9E To approve the corporate policy for 2025-26 and the adoption of an IT policy.
It was resolved to approve the corporate policy for 2025-26 and the adoption of an IT policy.
- 25/FC9F To consider the request to place a speed indicator device on the A38.
It was agreed to support this project in principle if it is agreed with North Somerset Council. Funding through additional sources will need to be obtained. The Parish Council will not be involved in the project and will require commitment from a community group to manage it.
- 25/FC9G To consider extending the warranty on the speed indicator devices for a further 3 years.
It was resolved to extend the warranty of the speed indicator devices for a further 3 years.

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25/FC9H To consider the additional works and cost of the Spectator Shelter.
It was resolved to note and approve the additional work including 2 benches, intumescent paint and coping stones to the wall.

25/FC9I To receive and authorise the payments for September 2025. All invoices have been examined, verified and certified by the clerk.

It was resolved to approve the September payments.

Receipts

CCLA £627.13

Precept 2nd payment £65233

Allotment rent £65.83

September 2025 Payments

D DEBITS: -			REF
NEST	Pension contributions for 2024	£222.91	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	£9.00	DD
	Community Club Water	£172.50	
YU Energy	Gas community club	£47.59	DD
YU Energy	Electricity community club	£846.35	DD
Unity Bank	Bank charges	£10.50	DD
BT	Broadband	£76.88	DD
PWLB Lending Facility	Allotment loan	£1288.52	DD
-TO PAY:-			
Staff	September payroll	£5092.44	BACS
VSA Cleaning	Community Hall Cleaning/allotment plot strimming	£150.00	BACS
Becky Walsh Courses	Marketing & Communications	£500.00	BACS
S Diaz (Clerk)	Expenses (mileage)	£64.80	BACS
St Andrews Press	Newsletters	£77.00	BACS
K Lovell	Grass Cutting August and maintenance at Community Club/open spaces	£1146	BACS
	Stage 1 payment of works for the community shelter (ratified)	£7587.50	ratified
W.C Maunders	Materials for Community Club	£50.00	BACS
	New shower outlet	£7.00	
Winterstoke Decorators Supply	Intumescent paint for the community shelter (Ratified)	£1046.21	Ratified
NBB Recycled Furniture	Benches for the community shelter (Ratified)	£379.14	Ratified
Corporate Cleaning Services	July dog bin emptying	£300.00	BACS
The Boston Bulb Company Ltd	Bulbs for CLAGS	£375.00	BACS
PATA Payroll	Payroll Processing	£111.51	BACS
Churchill Tree Care	Tree removal at the allotment	£480.	BACS

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Rapide Office Supplies	Office Supplies Paper	£27.00 £22.58	BACS
Tincknells	Weedkiller for Clocktower	£69.99	BACS
BDO LLP	External Audit Fee	£504.00	BACS
H&H Alarms Ltd	Alarm service	£281.38	BACS
	Total	£20962.01	
Equals Card	August 2025		
Amazon	Pest control	£13.95	Card
Land registry	Land search	£7.00	Card
Market Kitchen	Drinks	£6.52	Card
Amazon	Jeyes fluid	£9.99	Card
	Total	£37.46	

25/FC9J To consider the following planning applications: Applications received prior to the meeting will be discussed.

25/P/1649/CM2A	Former Churchill Post Office Front Street Churchill BS25 5NB	Prior approval for change of use from shop to ancillary residential accommodation for existing dwelling. It was resolved to object to this application. This will be a loss of a commercial business premises in Churchill.
25/P/1688/FUL	Land South Of Dinghurst Road Churchill	Conversion of an existing agricultural building to create 1no. one-bed holiday let with associated works. It was resolved to object to this application as this application is in the AONB and will create additional lighting in the Mendip Hills dark skies.
25/P/1656/TDC	Land To The North Of Telephone Exchange Ladymead Lane Langford	Application for technical details consent following grant of permission in principle 24/P/0803/PIP for the erection of 3no. self-build dwellings. It was resolved to support this application.
25/P/1671/CM2A	Units 1-3, Oaklands Pudding Pie Lane Langford BS40 5EL	Prior approval for the conversion of vacant office building into 2no. dwellings including landscaped garden areas, improved pedestrian access, parking and bin storage area. It was resolved to support this application, however the public footpath should be clearly distinguished.
25/P/1696/FUH	Ash House Front Street Churchill Winscombe BS25 5NB	Proposed demolition of existing rear garage and detached outbuildings. Erection of a part two, part single storey side extension, reroofing throughout including the installation of multiple rooflights and fenestration alterations to the West elevation. Associated landscaping and hardstanding alterations. It was resolved to support this application.

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		The Parish Council would like to make the following comment: that action will be taken as per the Tree Officer comments and that for the duration of all works, adoption of a best practice approach to the protection of wildlife, especially badgers, will be undertaken as suggested in the Ecological Appraisal.
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- 25/FC9K To discuss the height barrier at the burial ground.
It was agreed that the height barrier will be removed as the minibus is unable to access the car park and users need to vacate the vehicle on the road which is unsafe. The area is small and close to the Academy and concerns of the area being used unlawfully were discounted.
- 25/FC9L To discuss CLAGS volunteer position.
CLAGS is a community group of volunteers focused on their own projects in the villages. The Parish Council can only provide public liability insurance for volunteers working on behalf of the council on parish land. CLAGS have been advised to purchase their own public liability insurance.
- 25/FC9M To note the External Auditors report for the 24-25 AGAR.
The Parish Council noted the External Auditors report for the 24-25 AGAR.
- 25/FC9N To receive the clerks report.
The clerk's report was sent prior to the meeting.
- 25/FC9O To receive matters for information
Councillor Ronicle gave an update on the plot of land on Pudding Pie Lane. A plan to approach the University for support and make an offer to purchase the land was discussed.
Councillor Alleyne will make enquires regarding trees for the parish.
Councillor Jeacocke reported back on the update from Simon Bunn, to improve the potential for flooding at Doleberrow but noted that the proposals will not solve the issue.
Flooding adjacent to Says Lane-North Somerset Council has said that a bund will deflect water on Bristol Road, but it will be inadequate.
Plans to improve flooding in Church Lane: Concerns that the proposed work will make matters worse.
Councillor Murray would like to set up a Volunteers Fest to link organisations offering potential volunteering opportunities with those interested in volunteering. A date needs to be confirmed.
Councillor Bush advised that the Primary School is celebrating its 200th anniversary and celebrations will be taking place.

The next Parish Council meeting will be 13th October 2025 at 7.30pm
End of minutes