

# Churchill Parish Council



## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Present: Councillors J Bush, D Johnson, J Murray, R Baker, M Baker, M Simpson, G Alleyne and Parish Clerk S Diaz.

### Public Questions

- 25/FC10A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.  
Councillors J Ronicle, R Jeacocke and B Wilkinson sent their apologies.
- 25/FC10B To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.  
Councillor J Bush declared an interest in item 25/FC10F.
- 25/FC10C To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025.  
It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025.
- 25/FC10D North Somerset Council Matters  
Councillor Keating was unable to attend but sent the following report:  
West of England Combined Authority (WECA): It has been decided by Government that North Somerset Council (NSC) will join WECA. Decision at last Council was to start this process to retain some control.  
Local Plan: The Local Plan will be approved at this week's cabinet meeting. This will mark the end of NSC involvement. There will be a further consultation, but input will go to the Government Inspector for their consideration. This must be urgently moved forward to avoid WECA using NSC for their own region wide spatial plan.  
Finances: NSC financial situation will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting. There is significant pressure of care cost increases vs reduced Government funding creates risk.
- 25/FC10E To consider a response to the Library Consultation.  
Churchill Parish Council fully support the need to keep Winscombe Library open and understand the importance of the library to our residents. It provides a sense of community. It is a warm space, helps prevent loneliness, provides connection with others. New residents can integrate. Children can access books, and it provides computer availability for those struggling with the cost of living.
- 25/FC10F To discuss the path at the allotment for access and review the proposed heads of terms.  
Councillor Bush left the meeting.

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The Council discussed the Heads of Terms. Clarification is required on the following:

When would the funds be paid; (this is on completion of the contract for the Options Agreement), maintenance of the path must be the responsibility of the land owner/developer and not the Parish Council; the ultimate sale of the land. The Parish Council will seek guidance from our Solicitor.

25/FC10G To receive and authorise the payments for October 2025. All invoices have been examined, verified and certified by the clerk.

Councillor Bush rejoined the meeting.

It was resolved to approve the payments for October 2025.

CCLA £595.47

Market Kitchen £1242.38, Winscombe and Churchill Football Club £925, Allotment rent £140

October 2025 Payments

<b>D DEBITS: -</b>			<b>REF</b>
NEST	Pension contributions for 2024	<b>£201.79</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 Community Club Water	<b>£9.00</b> <b>£172.50</b>	<b>DD</b>
YU Energy	Gas community club	<b>£130.28</b>	<b>DD</b>
YU Energy	Electricity community club	<b>£907.02</b>	<b>DD</b>
Unity Bank	Bank charges	<b>£10.65</b>	<b>DD</b>
BT	Broadband	<b>£76.88</b>	<b>DD</b>
<b>-TO PAY:-</b>			
Staff	Payroll	<b>£5154.16</b>	<b>BACS</b>
VSA Cleaning	Community Hall Cleaning/allotment plot strimming	<b>£120.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
Becky Walsh Courses	Marketing & Communications	<b>£500.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
S Diaz (Clerk)	Expenses (mileage)	<b>£68.90</b>	<b>BACS</b>
St Andrews Press	Newsletters	<b>£77.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
K Lovell	Grass Cutting August and maintenance at Community Club/open spaces	<b>£916.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
	Stage 2 payment of works for the community shelter <b>(ratified)</b>	<b>£7587.50</b>	<b>ratified</b>
K Lovell	Stage 3 payment for toilet block extension	<b>£10960.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
M Miles	Expenses (mileage)	<b>£25.50</b>	<b>BACS</b>
Elan City	Extended warranty for SID	<b>£238.80</b>	<b>BACS</b>
Puriton Parish Council	Shared printing costs	<b>£28.99</b>	<b>BACS</b>
Olympic Plumbing & Heating	Additional water meter at community club	<b>£420.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
Corporate Cleaning Services	August dog bin emptying	<b>£240.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
GB Sport & Leisure UK Ltd	Quarterly play area inspection	<b>£108.00</b>	<b>BACS</b>
Rapide	Toilet rolls	<b>£17.42</b>	<b>BACS</b>

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Z Manning	Bulb planters for CLAGS	<b>£32.49</b>	<b>BACS</b>
	Total	<b>£28023.58</b>	
<b>Equals Card</b>	<b>September 2025</b>		
Market Kitchen	Drinks	£5.62	Card
Tanners Garden Store	Planting equipment for CLAGS	£31.27	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£36.89</b>	Card

25/FC10H To consider the following planning applications: Applications received prior to the meeting will be discussed.

25/P/1814/CQA	Land And Building Off Bath Road Langford Churchill	Prior approval for the change of use of 1no. existing building into 1no. self-contained dwellinghouse with operational development of re-roofing, re-cladding, insertion of new rooflights, windows and doors It was resolved to. object to this application as it is designated agricultural land and in the AONB.
25/P/1659/FUH	Brooks House Churchill Green Churchill BS25 5HQ	Proposed erection of a single storey dining room extension and re-construction of the existing pool house to provide a gym, games room and shower room. Construction of a linked corridor/walkway with Oak and open fronted colonnades from the new dining room extension to the pool house. It was resolved to support this application.
25/P/1984/FUH	Acresfield Stock Lane Langford BS40 5EW	Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension and flat-roof rear dormer. Creation of a flat-roof upon existing rear extension and fenestration alteration throughout, including the replacement and alteration of window, doors and cladding. Installation of rooflights to the Front and North elevations alongside the siting of PV panels to the South elevation. It was resolved to support this application.
25/P/1985/FUH	Old Orchard Blackmoor Langford BS40 5HJ	Proposed Hip-to-Gable loft conversion/expansion including the raising of existing ridge height, creation of 3no. rear dormers and installation of front rooflights. It was resolved that the Parish Council could not comment on this application as there is insufficient information.
25/P/2031/FUL	Land At Grandston Bristol Road Churchill BS25 5NJ	Construction of 1no. dwelling in front garden of existing property and widening of existing access It was resolved to support this application.

25/FC10I To note the minutes from the allotments and open spaces meeting 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

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- 25/FC10J To consider the Community Governance Review.  
It was resolved to respond to the Community Governance Review and object to the number of Councillors being reduced to 10 instead of 13. The villages of Churchill and Langford are increasing in size and residents. A full cohort of Councillors is required to support the community.
- 25/FC10K To consider the Community Shared Bike Scheme.  
The Parish Council resolved to not support the Community Shared Bike Scheme.
- 25/FC10L To consider the quote to update the fire alarm system at the Community club.  
It was agreed that the alarm system would be reconsidered when the Council have finalised which CIL projects will be developed.
- 25/FC10M To receive the clerks report.  
The clerk's report was sent prior to the meeting.
- 25/FC10N To receive matters for information  
Councillor Alleyne advised that the Parish Council is ineligible for trees from the Forest of Dean.  
Councillor Murray advised that there is water running on Front St, the clerk will report this. The signage for the village store and post office need to be removed. The clerk will action this.  
Councillor Johnson reported on the Banwell Bypass mitigation:  
The BB team are trying to manage the sharp increase in traffic. Plans have not moved on since discussions last year. There will be 20mph in the centre of the villages. Areas of concern have been the junction of Hilliers Lane, chicanes on Church Lane and the impact this will have during School drop off and pick ups and slowing traffic at the Nelson Inn and the puffin crossing.

The next Parish Council meeting will be 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm  
End of minutes