

Churchill Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 12th January 2026

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

There was one member of the public in attendance.

Public Questions-a representative from the Football Club discussed additional signage proposed for the Community Club.

26/FC1A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.
All Councillors were present.

26/FC1B To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.
There were no declarations of interest.

26/FC1C To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th December 2025.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th December 2025. The resolution was proposed and seconded correctly.

26/FC1D North Somerset Council Matters
Councillor Keating advised that he has asked Highways to improve Stock Lane traffic congestion. Various measures are under consideration with the Transport Planning Team. He will ask if S106 funds from the Mushroom Farm development can be utilised for improvements. Councils asked if a weight limit could be put in place or traffic lights to ease congestion in the narrow section. When the Banwell Bypass has been completed there should be a decrease in the volume of vehicles using Stock Lane.
Ladymead Lane speed limit changes have been proposed to the Transport Planning Team. Other improvements maybe considered from the new housing development. Councillor Keating advised all correspondence to North Somerset Council should go through Customer Services.
There was no update on the speed limit reductions in Blackmoor. Reducing the speed limit would be the easiest course of action to improve speeding in Blackmoor.
Budget setting for 26-27 will be delayed until 24th February as North Somerset Council are awaiting funding details from the Government and they have asked them to increase Council Tax by more than 5%.
Councillors gave feedback on the excellent service from Access Your Care and the recycling team. Relating to Bristol Airport: Councillors highlighted that they were still awaiting information on the redline queries and number of staff employed.

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Councillor Keating had no update to date.

- 26/FC1E To consider the request to add a new sign with the updated Winscombe and Churchill logo to the exterior of the Community Club.
It was resolved to approve the new sign with the updated Winscombe and Churchill logo to the exterior of the building. The Football Club will cover costs to provide and install the sign. The Parish Council will relocate the old sign to the front of the building. The resolution was proposed and seconded correctly.
- 26/FC1F To discuss the Enhancing Highway Maintenance trial from North Somerset Council.
It was resolved to wait for further information from North Somerset Council as there are insufficient details.
- 26/FC1G To note the minutes from the Finance and Personnel committee meeting on 5 January 2026 and approve the draft budget and precept request for 2026-27.
It was resolved to approve the Finance and Personnel committee meeting minutes on 5.1.2026 and approve the draft budget and precept request for 2026-27. The precept request is for £139598 which is 7% increase on last year. A band D property will pay £115.51 per year which is an increase of 0.46p a month. This increase on the precept will provide 5 months general reserves, the clerk has advised that 6 months of general reserves is recommended. The Council will make plans to achieve this in due course.
The resolution was proposed and seconded correctly.
- 26/FC1H To receive and authorise the payments for January 2026. All invoices have been examined, verified and certified by the clerk.
It was resolved to approve the payments for January 2026. The resolution was proposed and seconded correctly.

Receipts CCLA £812.67

January 2026 Payments

D DEBITS:			REF	Approval	Approval
NEST	Pension contributions	£192.61	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 Community Club Water	£9.00 £172.50	DD		
Pozitive Energy	Gas-Community Club Electricity-Community Club (Nov) Electricity Community Club (Dec)	£89.53 £682.02 £697.27	DD DD DD		
Unity Bank	Bank charges	£10.50	DD		
BT	Broadband	£76.88	DD		
Scribe	Civicy costs for asset management	£74.40	DD		
TO PAY:					
Staff	January payroll	£5111.73	BACS		
VSA Cleaning	Community Hall Cleaning/allotment work	£120.00	BACS		
Becky Walsh Courses	Marketing & Communications	£500.00	BACS		

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S Diaz (Clerk)	Expenses (mileage)	£69.00	BACS		
St Andrews Press	Newsletters	£77.00	BACS		
GB Sport & Leisure	Play area inspections	£108.00	BACS		
M Miles	Mileage	£22.05	BACS		
K Lovell	Grass Cutting and maintenance at Community Club/open spaces	£1612.00	BACS BACS		
Corporate Cleaning Services	Dog bin emptying	£240.00	BACS		
Rapide	Consumables	£21.85	BACS		
ALCA	Staff training	£140.00	BACS		
Aqueous UK Ltd	Website Management Jan to July	£57.60	BACS		
Vision ICT	Domain renewal	£36.00	BACS		
National Allotment Society	Annual renewal	£84.00	BACS		
Index Microbiology Ltd	Water testing for legionella	£246.84	BACS		
Churchill & Langford Minibus Society	Community Support Worker Q4	£1250.00	BACS		
	Total	£11721.48			
Equals Card	December 2025				
Market Kitchen	Refreshments	£5.85			
Touts	Stamps	£6.96			
Tesco	Refreshments for December meeting	£35.35			
Sainsburys	Mince pies	£3.10			
Pullmans	Refreshments during staff training	£2.60			
		£10.32			
		£3.93			
	Total	£68.11			

26/FC11 To consider the following planning applications: Applications received prior to the meeting will be discussed.

25/P/2636/S73	Land To The West And East Of The Strawberry Line, Brinsea Road, Congresbury	Section 73 application to vary conditions 2, 6, 9 and 23, alongside the removal of conditions 29 and 30 attached to planning permission 25/P/0809/FUL (Ground mounted photovoltaic solar farm together with Battery Energy Storage, associated equipment, infrastructure and ancillary works with new substation off Drove Way) to allow for additional solar arrays to be sited within the area labelled 'Field 6' alongside confirmation that the approved substation is not required to be decommissioned alongside the rest of the project after 40 years from first export. The Parish Council resolved to object to this application. There are
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		currently 4 solar farms proposed in this area. The Parish Council believe that they should all be looked at as a whole. Adding more panels to this application is unacceptable until that overview is undertaken. Together, the 4 solar farms will be the largest solar project in the UK.
25/P/1461/FUL	Land to the South of Bristol Road, Churchill	Erection of 7 no. residential dwellings including access, landscaping, and associated works. The Parish Council resolved to object to the reconsultation as there are no significant amendments to the original application to reconsider our original objection.

- 26/FC1J To consider the Financial Risk Assessment and Parish Council Risk Assessment. It was resolved to approve the Financial Risk Assessment and Parish Risk Assessment. The resolution was proposed and seconded correctly.
- 26/FC1K To consider the request from the Village Fund.
The Parish Council resolved that they would allow scaffold planks to be placed on grass to transport items from the storage container to the recreation area. The Parish Council will liaise with a contractor regarding the area across the drain and how to improve it. The Village Fund are able to use the Community Club toilets for the music event in June and can utilise parish communications to promote it. The resolution was proposed and seconded correctly.
- 26/FC1L To note the increased donation for use of the Community Club from the Market Kitchen.
The increased donation for use of the Community Club from the Market Kitchen was noted.
- 26/FC1M To consider the option to add two 22kw chargers at the recreation area.
It was resolved to add two 22kw chargers at the recreation area. Additional signage to advertise it will be added on the A38, and at the chargers advising that vehicles will be clamped if parked at the charger and not using it and/or parked for long periods of time.
The resolution was proposed and seconded correctly.
- 26/FC1N To discuss improvements to the Skate Park.
It was resolved to carry out the improvements to the Skate Park until funding is obtained for a new Skate Park or Pump Track.
The resolution was proposed and seconded correctly.
- 26/FC1O To receive the clerks report.
The clerk's report was sent prior to the meeting.
- 26/FC1P To consider the offer to purchase the land at Pudding Pie Lane.
The Council have asked the land agent acting on another matter if he can act for the Council or recommend a colleague if there is a conflict of interest. Once a land

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agent has been appointed the Parish Council can consider an offer.

- 26/FC1Q To consider purchasing an additional Speed Indicator Device for the parish. It was resolved that the Parish Council would purchase another Speed Indicator Device as there have been improvements in driver behaviour with SIDs in place and another is required to cover more area. The resolution was proposed and seconded correctly.
- 26/FC1R To receive matters for information
Councillor Ronicle reported that a meeting with Bristol University is scheduled for February to discuss Stock Lane and other matters.
Councillor Alleyne is compiling a report on traffic calming measures and will circulate in due course.
Councillor Murray advised that Churchill Music have arranged for the Kings Men from Kings College Cambridge choir to perform at St Johns Church on Sunday 19th July 2026.
Councillor Jeacocke has created a report on the Bishops Well after observing the area during the excessive rain and the effectiveness of North Somerset Council's repairs. The clerk will circulate the report.
Councillor M Baker reported that the tree at Broadoak green space has been felled, however why this was carried out is unclear. Any future soil from parish land can be offered to the allotment holders.
Councillor R Baker advised that the Finance Committee should evaluate the best savings accounts for the council to consider for 2026-27 at the March meeting.
Councillor J Bush reported that the hedge had been removed on the new development in Bath Road and asked the clerk to ask NSC Planning Department if this was permitted.
The Council noted the proposal from Mr Comely should be sent to the Highways Department at North Somerset Council once he has been applied for co-option on to the Council.

The next Parish Council meeting will be 9th February 2026 at 7.30pm
End of minutes