

Churchill Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 9th March 2026

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

There were 3 members of the public present.

Public Questions-A member of the public advised of the Good Neighbour Scheme.

Another resident asked for support to link the cycle network through Churchill and Langford.

- 26/FC3A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.
All Parish Councillors were present. District Councillor Keating did not attend.
- 26/FC3B To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.
There were no declarations of interest. Councillor Bush declared interest in 26/FC3K regarding planning application 24/P/1901/OUT.
- 26/FC3C To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th February 2026.
It was resolved to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2026.
- 26/FC3D North Somerset Council Matters
Councillor Keating did not attend the meeting. The Councillors would like an update on the status of the speed limit change on Blackmoor. Councillor Ronicle will provide recent traffic data relating to Stock Lane to Councillor Keating and Highways at North Somerset Council to discuss the pedestrian crossing location near the University at Langford. Councillor Murray wished to express her appreciation for the work carried out the potholes in Church Lane.
- 26/FC3E To note the July meeting date change to 6th July at 7.30pm.
It was noted that the July meeting date changed to 6th July at 7.30pm.
- 26/FC3F To consider the suggested street names from North Somerset Council for the Bath Road housing development.
The Parish Council suggested Mendip Risings, Hinds Place or Hinds Close and like Hart Paddock.
- 26/FC3G To note the minutes from the Leisure committee meeting on 23 February 2026.
The minutes of the Leisure committee meeting on 23 February were noted.

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To receive and authorise the payments for March 2026. All invoices have been examined, verified and certified by the clerk.

It was resolved to approve the payments for March.

Receipts CCLA £707.38

D DEBITS:			REF	Approval	Approval
NEST	Pension contributions	£188.45	DD		
Water 2 Business	Taken 2 nd of each month-allotment water	£9.00	DD		
	Community Club Water	£172.50	DD		
Pozitive Energy	Gas-Community Club	£86.50	DD		
		£8.14	DD		
Unity Bank	Bank charges	£11.80	DD		
BT	Broadband	£76.88	DD		
Scribe	Civicy costs for asset management	£74.40	DD		
PWLB	Allotment Loan repayment	£1288.52	DD		
TO PAY:					
Staff	Payroll	£5092.42	BACS		
VSA Cleaning	Community Hall Cleaning/allotment work	£120.00	BACS		
Becky Walsh Courses	Marketing & Communications	£470.00	BACS		
S Diaz (Clerk)	Expenses (mileage)	£101.40	BACS		
St Andrews Press	Newsletters	£86.00	BACS		
K Lovell	Grass Cutting	£917	BACS		
	Moving sign to rec field	£275			
	Work to make bridge area at Turnpike	£275			
	Repair guttering and secure lamp	£40			
	Total	£1507			
Corporate Cleaning Services	Dog bin emptying	£240.00	BACS		
ALCA	Staff training	£45.00	BACS		
		£45.00			
		£35.00			
		£70.00			
	Total	£195			
H&H Alarms	Alarm service	£81.60	BACS		
Wedmore IT	Web hosting and support	£260.00	BACS		
Churchill War Memorial Hall	Hall hire for Annual Parish Meeting	£39.00	BACS		
Rapide	Stationary	£43.91	BACS		
	Consumables	£17.42	BACS		
PATA	Quarterly payroll fees	£88.05	BACS		
	Total	£10258.01			
Invoices for ratifying					
Pozitive Energy	Electricity	£747.43	BACS		
Defib4life	Defibrillator Cabinet	£534.00	BACS		

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Equals Card	February 2026				
Lebara	Mobile fees	£5.00			
Mailchimp	Newsletter hosting	£11.64			
	Total	£16.64			

A further payment of £252 to ALCA was approved and will be ratified at the April meeting as it is year end.

26/FC3I To consider the following planning applications: Applications received after the agenda is published, prior to the meeting will be discussed due to response periods.

26/P/0298/FUH	Southlands Says Lane Langford BS40 5DZ	Proposed erection of a single storey front extension. It was resolved to support this application as it is good use of additional space on the existing property.
26/P/0351/FUL	Land To The East Of Church Lane Churchill	Erection of an agricultural building with associated works including the provision of a compacted aggregate track and hardstanding along with landscaping It was resolved to support this application; the Parish Council ask that the structure blends into the local landscape and the roof is changed from grey to green.

The applications below were received on 9.3.26 and reviewed at the Parish Council meeting due to the response period.

26/P/0230/FUL	Dinghurst Stud Dinghurst Road Churchill BS25 5PN	Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding. Erection of 1no. replacement dwelling with land to be utilised as residential garden. It was resolved to object to this application as it is agricultural and equestrian land. It is outside the village boundary and part of the national landscape.
26/P/0384/FUH	Ash House Front Street Churchill BS25 5NB	Demolition of the existing rear garage and detached outbuildings and proposed erection of a part single, part two-storey extension together with a new hipped roof with conservation rooflights. Fenestration alterations to the north, west and south elevations and associated internal and external works. It was resolved to support this application as other properties have done similar extensions.

26/FC3J To consider the offer to purchase the land at Pudding Pie Lane.
The land agent acting on behalf of the Council has been unable to get a decision from Crest Nicholson but will continue to chase to get an outcome. Councillor Ronicle and the Clerk will compile a letter to continue communications with the University at Langford. It will include recent traffic data on Stock Lane and how to progress discussions with Highways at North Somerset Council on improvements to the pedestrian crossing.

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- 26/FC3K To discuss Traffic Road Order requests in the parish.
Councillor Alleyne produced a comprehensive report on traffic and road safety in the parish. In summary:
North Somerset Council advised there is no funding available for the requests sent to them for Ladymead and Pudding Pie Lane.
The zig zag lines will be reinstated from April 2026 outside of the schools in the parish.
Only one Police vehicle has been seen since the last Parish Council meeting and the Council agreed to write to the Area Inspector for increased patrols to support pedestrian safety outside the parish schools.
The Parish Council agreed to send a retrospective response to planning application 24/P/1901/OUT regarding traffic calming measures.
- 26/FC3L To receive the clerks report.
The clerk's report was sent prior to the meeting. The clerk reminded the Councillors that outstanding training must be completed by 31.3.26.
- 26/FC3M To consider a contribution for the Speed Indicator Devices for A38.
It was resolved to contribute £1000 toward the speed indicator devices for A38.
- 26/FC3N To consider the costs to move the notice board at the lights to the recreation area.
It was resolved to approve the quote to move the board at the lights to the recreation area.
- 26/FC3O To discuss options for the grazing land at the rear of the burial ground.
It was agreed to ask our land agent for guidance on current market rates for the grazing land and contact any potential users with costs for grazing.
- 26/FC3P To consider updating the Parish Council google profile.
It was agreed to contact Google Maps and advise of the ownership of the recreation area and to include that no dogs are allowed on the fields or play areas.
- 26/FC3Q To approve the Digital Asset Register.
It was resolved to approve the Digital Asset Register.
- 26/FC3R To consider the quotes for the fencing at the play area.
It was resolved to approve the quote from Alvis Contracting to fence the play area.
- 26/FC3S To consider the quote to improve access from Turnpike Paddock to the recreation field.
It was resolved to approve the quote to improve access from Turnpike to the recreation field.
- 26/FC3T To receive matters for information
Councillor Ronicle advised of a road traffic incident on 8.3.26 where a vehicle crashed into the wall of Blackmoor/Langford Road. This has been reported to North Somerset Council.
Councillor Allyene advised that an update on the Skate Park and Pump Track will be ready for the April meeting.

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He also advised that there is funding available from the Armed Forces for the Village Fund event in June. Match funding is required from the Parish Council and this was agreed in principle due to the time frames to apply and will be on the April agenda.

The number of homes on the Crest Nicholson site will be confirmed against the original planning application.

Councillor Simpson advised that Bowland Kirkland have booked the Memorial Hall for a drop in event in March for residents to raise questions. Councillor Simpson will confirm the time and date.

The next Parish Council meeting will be 14th April 2026 at 7.30pm

End of minutes