Churchill Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 14th September 2026

Present: Councillors J Bush, D Johnson, R Baker, J Murray, M Simpson, R Jeacocke, M Baker, G Alleyne, J Comley, J Ronicle and Parish Clerk S Diaz.
There was one member of the public present.
Public Questions-none.

26/FC9A To receive any apologies of non-attendance.
Councillor Keating sent his apologies.

26/FC9B To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.
There were no declarations of interest.

26/FC9C To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th August 2026.
It was resolved to confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th August 2026.

26/FC9D North Somerset Council Matters
Councillors asked the clerk to email Councillor Keating and advise that the Parish Council are unsatisfied with the lights on the footpath at Churchill Green. They have asked if they can be used only for specific times before and after school. There are safety concerns for users where the path exits on to the A368, the current roadworks at this site leaves users exiting directly on to the road.

26/FC9E To consider the application for the casual vacancy by co-option.
It was resolved to co-opt Charlotte Sexton by casual vacancy. Councillor Sexton signed her declaration of acceptance of office.

26/FC9F To discuss a rights of way yearly audit.
Councillor Comley attended a meeting with the PROW team from North Somerset. They have a statutory duty to ensure rights of way are clear and passable and can liaise with landowners to carry out maintenance. Staffing levels are at a minimum and the PROW team welcome walking working groups to help identify areas in need of maintenance or to carry out basic work like cutting back vegetation. Councillor Comley has offered to start a walking working group. Volunteers are needed to get the project underway and help identify when paths need maintenance and a request to help will be added to the newsletter and online pages. Residents can

report issues on the North Somerset Council website or via a QR code which will be on new signage.

26/FC9G To note the clerk's appraisal and the annual NALC pay increase for staff.
The clerk left the meeting.
Councillor R Baker shared feedback on the clerk's appraisal and the NALC pay increase for 26-27 of 3.3% will be applied to the Clerk and the Parish Orderly, backed dated to 1.4.26. The Council thanked the clerk for her hard work during the last 12 months.
The clerk rejoined the meeting.

. 26/FC9H To approve the Corporate Policies including Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
It was resolved to approve the Corporate Policies including Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for 2026-27.

26/FC9I To note the report from the External Auditor.
The Parish Council noted the External Auditor report for 25-26 which reported no actions.

26/FC9J To receive the clerks report.
The Clerk sent her report prior to the meeting.

26/FC9K To consider the request from Churchill Cricket Club to install an artificial wicket.
It was agreed to approve the request from Churchill Cricket Club to install an artificial wicket. The clerk will liaise with the Cricket Club as establish what permissions are needed from North Somerset Council.

26/FC9L To consider the proposal for the Community allotment garden to be presented at the Impact Alliance on 24th September 2026.
It was agreed to approve the proposal for the Community allotment garden. Suggestions were received from Councillor Sexton to contact local organisations like Osprey and Alliance Homes to share information and obtain further support.

26/FC9M To receive and authorise the payments for September 2026
Receipts-
CCLA £801.10, Precept 2nd payment £69979.00.

September 2026 Payments

D DEBITS:			**REF**
NEST	Pension contributions	**£191.78**	**DD**
Water 2 Business	Taken 2nd of each month-allotment water Community Club Water	**£26.00** **£172.50**	**DD**
Pozitive Energy	Gas August Electricity August	**£46.83** **£303.75**	**DD**
Unity Bank	Bank charges	**£12.10**	**DD**

BT	Broadband	**£83.08**	**DD**
Scribe	Civicly costs for asset management	**£74.40**	**DD**
PWLB	Allotment loan	**£1288.52**	**DD**
TO PAY:			
Staff	Salaries	**£2870.77**	**BACS**
HMRC	PAYE	**£1150.68**	**BACS**
VSA Cleaning	Community Club Cleaning	**£140.00**	**BACS**
Becky Walsh Courses	Marketing & Communications	**£500.00**	**BACS**
S Diaz (Clerk)	Expenses (mileage, printing)	**£72.10**	**BACS**
St Andrews Press	Newsletters	**£80.00**	**BACS**
K Lovell	Grass Cutting, remove Pampas bush,	**£947.00**	**BACS**
Corporate Cleaning Services	Dog bin emptying	**£240.00**	**BACS**
Avon Pension Scheme	Clerks Pension-August	**£1067.29**	**BACS**
H&H Alarms	Fire alarm service Burglar alarm service Audibility tests	**£101.86** **£81.60** **£27.00**	**BACS**
JLS Design	Stage payment Planning application Community Club	**£600.00** **£396.00**	**BACS**
WC Maunders	Bin bags and fixings	**£7.39**	**BACS**
Pata	Quarterly payroll fees	**£88.05**	**BACS**
BDO	External audit fee	**£1008.00**	**BACS**
	Total	**£11576.70**	
Corporate Card	August payments		
Intuit	Mail chimp subscription	**£11.79**	**Card**
Lebara	Mobile phone	**£5.00**	**Card**
Lloyds	Card fee	**£3.00**	**Card**
	Total	**£19.79**	

It was resolved to approve the payments for September 2026.

25/FC9N To consider the following planning applications. Please note that Applications received after this Agenda is published may be considered if comments are needed before the next meeting.

26/P/1804/FUH	Maytree Bristol Road Churchill Winscombe BS25 5NL	Proposed alterations to the first-floor roofline to enlarge the first-floor accommodation, demolition of the existing garage and utility room, construction of a single-storey rear extension, and erection of a new garage. It was resolved to support this application.

26/FC9O To consider the Highways request for the Ladymead Lane one way to become permanent.

The Parish Council agreed that making Ladymead Lane one way would be detrimental to the villages; they do not support this continuing beyond the roundabout roadworks. There are major concerns that vehicles will speed if the lane is one way which will be dangerous for pedestrians. The Memorial Hall and the Market Kitchen hub/Café and Sports Clubs which now form the core hub of the parish and will be badly impacted, and all have expressed concerns of loss of business and users to the facilities could drop due to access.

The Ambulance Station has also raised their concerns. The Parish Council supports these concerns. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Cllr Hugh Maylan, Cllr Patrick Keating and Liz Mapstone of North Somerset Council to share our concerns. A consultation with residents is essential to establish community views.

26/FC9P To discuss the renewal for electricity and gas at the Community Club.

It was agreed that Councillor Alleyne will share contact details for an independent advisor for guidance on the best suppliers and options for a new contract. Councillor Comley offered support if needed.

26/FC9Q To receive matters for information.

Councillor Ronicle reported that the mini roundabout at Stock Lane/Langford Road had been repositioned and was not well received with residents. The clerk will ask North Somerset Highways if it can be returned to its previous location. Langford Road is being used as a rat run due to the temporary lights at Churchill junction which is causing long queues from approaching traffic. North Somerset Council advised that work would cease over the summer, but this did not occur. Airport parking continues in surrounding areas.

Councillor Sexton advised that the road closure at Towerhead for the construction of the Banwell Bypass had impacted Front St and an increase in traffic who are speeding. This is dangerous for pedestrians using Front St due to the lack of pavements. Any further closures could cause further safety for children walking to school.

Councillor Alleyne will attend the online auction to monitor the sale of the land at Pudding Pie Lane.

Councillor M Baker has requested a completion for the electric vehicle charging station and the clerk will follow this up.

Councillor Murray reported that Wessex Water would like to talk to community groups and address concerns about water and wastewater. The Council agreed to ask them to do so at the next Annual Parish Meeting.

Councillor R Baker advised that councillors M Simpson, D Johnson, R Baker and J Murray would be required as signatories for the new deposit account which will be approved at the October meeting.

Councillor Bush left the meeting.

The clerk advised that the representative for the Parish Council had negotiated with North Somerset Council to release the overedge on the path at the allotment land and draft heads of terms would be circulated for information and any feedback for

the agreement to be finalised.

The next Parish Council meeting will be 12th October 2026 at 7.30pm
End of minutes