

# Churchill Parish Council



## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 8pm

Present: Councillors J Bush, D Johnson, J Murray, M Simpson, B Wilkinson, R Baker, J Ronicle, R Jeacocke and M Baker. Parish Clerk S Diaz, Parish Orderly M Miles and 45 members of the public

- 24/APM4A Welcome  
Councillor Bush welcomed residents and thanked them for attending.
- 24/APM4B To receive any apologies of non-attendance.  
All Councillors were present.
- 24/APM4C To confirm and sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th April 2023.  
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- 24/APM4D Chairman's Address  
Councillor Bush reported work and projects carried out during the last year and included:  
The widening of the entrance to Ladymead Lane recreation car park.  
New sleepers at the Hand and Memorial Garden.  
A new Cricket Net at the end of Tunpike Close has been installed.  
The railings at the Clock Tower and enclosures near the Nelson Arms have been painted and restored.  
Solar panels have been added to the Community Club for which the Parish Council are grateful of £10000 grant from National Grid Community Matters Fund.  
Additional plots at the allotment have been created to accommodate the number of residents on the waiting list.  
Work will begin to add additional car park spaces at the recreation area in May 2024.  
The Council wished to thank the clerk for her hard work and efficiency during the last twelve months.
- 24/APM4E To receive the financial statement for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.  
As the clerk, my role is to guide and advise, administer, update, and correspond with members of the community and Council. As the Responsible Financial Officer, I control and monitor the Council finances to ensure the best use of the Council Tax paid by the community. The Parish Council's finances remain healthy due to the

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sound financial management of the Council.

At the start of the financial year the Council's bank balance stood at £197879. At the end of March, the balance was £188401. A VAT refund of £7666.05 due for 2023-24 which will be applied for after the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 13.5.24.

The Parish have earmarked funds which total £149645.74 and general reserves of £38755.72.

The Council have received CIL funds of £17659.12 this year.

Village grants for 2023-2024 have totalled £1250.

The Parish Council received grants from North Somerset Council for the Parish Orderly of £333.69 and solar panels of £10000. Wayleaves income from Western Power of £29.33. Miscellaneous receipts £193.00.

The precept demand has increased by £85565 to £110565. This will mean that a band D house will pay 0.39p a week more than last year.

This decision to increase the Precept was taken to cover the cost of inflation which as meant an increase in costs to maintain all areas the Parish Council are responsible for in the parish.

I am very confident that all financial decisions taken by the Parish Council have been the correct ones.

The clerk also thanked the Councillors who work so hard for the Parish Council to safeguard and improve the community. Thanks, was also given to Michele the Parish Orderly and Becky the Communications Officer for all their hard work in the last 12 months.

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Police Officers from Avon & Somerset Police will provide guidance and advice on scam prevention.

Officers Harry Mohide and Kate Turner offered guidance on ways to prevent scams and fraud online, by phone and cold callers. Any concerns residents have experienced, or worries can be reported via Avon and Somerset Police.

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To present the Community Champion Awards

Councillor Bush presented the Community Champion Awards to the following residents:

Enid Plumbley for all her hard work at the Memorial Hall and Churchill Skittles over the last 50 years.

Trevor Smallwood and his team for their hard work during the pandemic to help residents have access to supplies, medicines and support and all his work with Churchill and Langford Minibus Society.

Ian Beadle and the volunteers from the Village Fund for co-ordinating events in the parish to fund raise and support local residents.

The Parish Council are thankful to these unsung heroes and all they do in the community.

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24/APM4H    Representatives from community groups in Churchill shared information on their activities.  
Angie Biggs from Wrington Vale Rotary Club shared projects undertaken by the club and invited parishioners to join to continue their great work.  
Jan Murray reminded residents of the fantastic musicians brought to the village to benefit residents and support music education in local schools through Churchill Music.

Next meeting- Parish Council Meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm, Churchill Community Club.

End of minutes