

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 30th January 2023 in The Parish Room, Burrington

Attendees:

Mr. Paul Keel (Chair) (PK)
Mr. Roger Daniels (RD)
Mrs. Helen Jackson (HJ)
Mr. Richard Dors (RDors)
Mr. Mark Northcott (MN)
Mrs. Teresa Martin - Clerk

Cllr Patrick Keating
Mr. Craig Husher

1. **Apologies for Absence - none**
2. **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th November 2022 were approved by Councillors, with two minor amendments, and were signed by the Chairman. The Minutes have been displayed on the Website and Notice Boards.
3. **Questions from the Public - there were none.**
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1 **New Local Plan 2035** - has been delayed. No update at this time.
 - 4.2. **Parish Website** - mobile library details have been added. MN is continuing to sort email addresses.
 - 4.3 **A38 Major Road Network Scheme** - no further update.
 - 4.4 **Burrington Square Improvements** - RDors presented draft drawings and it was agreed that the current tarmac would be resurfaced with new edging. The concrete plinth for the bench would remain and the planter would be refreshed. RDors will provide a quote for the works.
 - 4.5 **New Notice Board for Burrington Square** - options to be provided.
 - 4.6 **New Laptop** -will be purchased shortly.
 - 4.7 **NSC Public Rights of Way update** - noted, no further action required.
 - 4.8 **Blocked Drains** - NSC have not responded to recent chase up emails but we are aware that jetting drain work in our area is on their schedule.
 - 4.9 **Blocked Cattle Grid, Burrington Combe** - notification received that the road will be closed on 13th February for works to be carried out.
 - 4.10 **Kissing Gate - Rickford Lane** - adjustments have now been made and the kissing gate reinstalled. Painting will take place when weather improves.
 - 4.11 **Filing cupboard** - MN has managed to obtain a four drawer cabinet which will be stored in the Parish Room loft area.
 - 4.12 **Mendip Hills AONB Annual Forum 26th November** - RD attended. The topic of the toilets in Burrington Combe was raised and it was acknowledged that they were an important facility and the only ones on the Mendips. RD took the opportunity to ask if anyone would consider supporting the facilities financially. This would be much appreciated as the costs of running the toilet falls on the Parish Council.
 - 4.13 **Queen's Green Canopy** - Three trees have been planted and tree guards erected. It is hoped that a stone will be placed on the site with a plaque acknowledging the jubilee year and the life of Her Majesty. When in place an 'unveiling' ceremony will take place - maybe at the time of the King's Coronation - when the opportunity will be taken to display the copper plated Minutes in the Parish Room.
5. **Burrington Combe Toilets** - £20 has been received from Spelaecological a company who has recently filmed in the caves. £4 has been received via the new 'sum-up' system at the facilities. All agreed to go ahead with the purchase of a laminated sign on aluminium (to reduce the chance of fading) to show the QR Code and recognition of those who contribute financially to the facilities. The sign will be be hung on the gable end of the block. Frozen pipes needed repair at a cost of £160. It was suggested that gentle closing springs could be put on the doors to help reduce the cold air coming in but this may cause access problems for some people.

The SSE electricity contract expires at the end of April and a new quote has been provided. MN will check other suppliers to see if a better offer can be achieved. Our recent SSE bill has been discounted in line with the UK Government's Energy Bill Relief Scheme and a credit of £41.21 has been received.
6. **Police Report** - updates can now be viewed online and a Yeo Beat circular is received regularly.

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7. **District Councillor's Report** - PKeating advised that, due to lack of funds, the Churchill Sports Centre will not reopen and the building will be disposed of. The 672 bus service from Bristol to Blagdon has been cut due to lack of usage. A new system has been set up where residents can call when they need a bus, and a route to pick up a number of passengers will be drawn up. Funds have been moved around in the budget to enable Backwell recycling centre to remain open. The Post Office within Blagdon Stores is to close as the increase in annual expenditure makes it no longer viable to continue.

8. **Correspondence:**

8.1 **Signage at Rickford Ford** - it has been noted that a number of drivers attempting to pass through the ford have required assistance to get out of the deep ruts in the base. The Clerk undertook to contact David Bailey at NSC to ask for signs to be placed at either end advising 'Deep Ford'.

8.2 **UK Cycling Event 15th July 2023** - Noted.

8.3 **Local Government Elections** - Photo ID (i.e. passport / driving license) will now be required when individuals vote in person at the local elections to be held on 4th May 2023. Postal voters will not need to provide photographs. Notification has been placed on the website and will be displayed on the Notice Boards.

8.4 **Bristol Clean Air Zone** - noted.

8.5 **Population Change 2011-2021 - Census** - draft has been published, not yet complete.

8.6 **NSC Active Plans Consultation** - nothing appropriate in our Parish although a 20 mph limit through Fore Street, Churchill should be considered.

8.7 **Mendip Hills - Somerset Community Foundation Grant** - PK is completing the report required following receipt of a grant last year.

8.8 **New External Auditor** - BDO LLP has been appointed as our external auditor.

8.9 **PCAA Meeting 2nd February** - RD will join the zoom meeting.

8.10 **Flood Risk Management** - noted.

9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

New: **22/P/2755/MMA & 22/P/2660/NMA - Saxon Place, Langford** - minor material amendment to planning permission 21/P/1548/FUH - no comment from Councillors.

Updates:

- **Bristol Airport Expansion** - awaiting High Court ruling.

- **Blagdon Water Gardens** - no update.

- **22/P/0564/OUT** Land South of Bristol Road and North of Bath Road Churchill - Outline planning application for the development of up to 83 dwellings - still pending.

- **Special School Application - Ladymead Lane** -There have been many objections to this application including one from Churchill Parish Council on the basis that it is the wrong place with the site being too small to accommodate current pupils and allow for future growth in numbers.

10. **Burial Ground** - a new gate post has been installed, the green waste removed and the ivy taken off the shed roof. The wording for the headstone for Mr. S Croker was approved.

11. **Accounts for Payment** - Receipts and payments were read out and the payment of accounts shown below was proposed by RD & seconded by HJ.

12. **Any Other Business :**

12.1 **Coronation celebrations** - thought is to be given to an event with the possibility of combining with the annual village fete.

12.2 **Dog Mess** - thought to be given on how to combat this ongoing problem.

13. **Date of Next Meeting** - Monday, 13th March 2023 at 7.30 pm. The Annual Parish Meeting and Council meeting will be held on Monday 17th April.

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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@ PC MEETING 30th January 2023

Receipts

Bank Interest - Business reserve A/c 6Oct22 -5Jan23	10.33
Liquidity A/c - 8Oct22-6Jan23	17.05

Burrington Combe Public Conveniences

Mendip Outdoor Ltd (DD) monthly donation 1Nov/1Dec/3Jan	240.00
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Caving Services (DD) monthly donation 11Oct/11Nov/12Dec	30.00
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Safepost Box cash collection Cash - Jan2023	265.60
Sumup machine receipts (Nov-Dec)	4.00

Spelaeological - Filming in the Combe - use of BC Toilets donation	<u>20.00</u>
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Total Receipts	<u>£586.98</u>
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Payments

Southern Electric Supply to BC Toilets (DD) - Collected Dec22	41.21
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C Husher -Cleaning of BC Toilets 2Jan-3Mar2023 9 wks @ £50	450.00
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T Martin - Clerks Salary Oct-Dec22 (paid)	625.00
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T Martin - Half contribution towards printer + 3 year service plan & Ink (£185.48)	92.75
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Welmedical Ltd -Elecro Pads for Defib	55.08
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P Keel - purchase of toilet rolls for BC conveniences (taken from Safepost collection Jan23)	36.43
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Michelmores LLP - Annual Ground rent - BC Toilets	5.00
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Matt Hartley - Bark & Levingtons tree planting - Queen's Canopy	28.99
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J W & T J Pearce Ltd - Creosote and tree guard Queen's Canopy	560.60
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WJ Keel Rural - removal & reset kissing gate in Burrington Lane	720.00
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K B Plumbing & Home Improvements (K Brown) Frozen Pipes in BC toilets	160.00
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Burrington Parish Room Ltd - Hall Hire (5) April-Nov 2022 (paid)	142.50
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R White & Son - repairing gate & removing waste from burial grd	<u>384.00</u>
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Total Payments	<u>£3,301.56</u>
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BANK STATEMENTS

Current Account @5Jan	£4,687.31
Business Account @5Jan	£6,637.15
Liquidity Account @6Jan	£8,204.06

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