

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on **Monday 13th January 2020**, in The Parish Room, Burrington.

PRESENT: Councillors:
Mr. Paul Keel (PK) - Chair
Mr. Roger Daniels - Vice Chair
Mrs. Helen Jackson (HJ)
Mrs. Teresa Martin - Clerk

ALSO PRESENT:
Mr. Craig Husher
Mrs. Sarah Gell

1. **APOLOGIES** - Mr. Eddie Kinsey, Mr. R Dors, Mr. Mark Hughes
2. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** - the problem of blocked drains in Langford was raised and the suggestion was made that residents with drains close by should try to keep them clear of debris. The Clerk undertook to write to NSC requesting a site visit and advising that Mrs. Gell would be happy to meet with an engineer.
3. **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING** held on 11th November 2019 were approved by the Councillors and have been displayed on Notice Boards and on the Website.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - **Community Defibrillator Rickford Village** - following further contributions from the Coffee Morning Group and Rickford Association the amount being held for the defibrillator is now £1,513. Having obtained three quotes, PK has sourced equipment and is awaiting approval from the emergency services on where to position (likely to be outside the Plume of Feathers Pub) and that the equipment is acceptable before purchasing at a cost of £1,500 which includes VAT. Councillors agreed to purchase subject to confirmation from the emergency services. Training will be given in due course
 - **NSC Local Plan 2035 & Mendip Spring Garden Village** - see item 12
 - **Speed Limits within Burrington** - quotes have been received from NSC for the provision and erection of a sign saying "Welcome to Burrington, please drive Carefully" and this will be raised at the next PC meeting
 - **Parking in Burrington Square** - there have been no further problems and Councillors agreed to keep an eye on the situation
 - **VE Day Celebrations** - the Parish Council agreed to support any activities organised by the Vicar and School over the weekend of 8th-10th May. Details of activities will be placed in the Annual Newsletter to be issued at the end of March
 - **AutoSpeed Watch** - RD will keep PC updated
 - **The Mendip Heritage Fund for old Somerset County Fingerpost repair** - no response received
 - **Link Lane, Burrington** - NSC has advised that as it is not a highway, they will not pay for signage but are happy to provide a drawing for a sign asking for people to watch their speed and park safely. Bring forward to next meeting
 - **Rickford - damage to stream edge** - awaiting response from NSC
 - **Churchill & Langford Minibus** - HJ had attended the recent meeting and advised that the association is in a healthy position and have taken on more drivers. All agreed to advertise this service In the Annual Newsletter
 - **Website Renewal** - the Government have issued new legislation regarding public sector websites which are quite onerous. RD is in contact with other Parish Councils looking at their websites and all agreed that we should go ahead with a new system which will meet statutory requirements and also those for Audit purposes. The cost is likely to be in the region of £900 for the first year and £200 per annum thereafter
 - **Recycled Notice Boards** - the Clerk undertook to obtain a quote for a wall hanging board to replace those in the Square at Burrington
 - **Kissing Gate Modifications** - RDors would be asked to look into and obtain quotes
5. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT** - There was none.
6. **BROADBAND** - TrueSpeed have still not connected the Parish Room and a number of houses close by.
7. **BURRINGTON COMBE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES** - The automatic flush system is again causing some problems. PK will look into this.
8. **POLICE REPORT** - can be accessed online.
9. **NSC LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT** - there was none. Mark Hughes advised that he is happy to help with any issues.

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10. CORRESPONDENCE

- **NALC - Consultation on new Code of Audit Practice** - noted by Clerk and Internal Auditor
- **Strawberry Gardens Care Housing, Yatton** - information on Website
- **Climate Change** - ALCA Workshop - meeting did not take place
- **Strengthening Police Powers to tackle unauthorised encampments** - Noted
- **ALCA Church Care** - Noted
- **NALC - Support Local Electricity Bill** - Noted
- **North Somerset Budget** - Noted
- **Yeo Valley Farms** - the recent Mendip Society Newsletter made interesting reading of plans for Yeo Valley Farms. Councillors felt an invitation should be extended to AONB and Blagdon Parish Council to hold a consultation meeting and that both Parish Councils should be involved in any planning application. Raise at next meeting
- **Citizens Advice Grant Enquiry 2020-21** - all agreed to make a donation of £50.00
- **PCAA Agenda & Papers for meeting 23rd January** - RD may attend
- **Need Crisis & Recovery Centre - WSM** - noted new facility now open
- **ALCA - Surveillance camera regulations** - Noted
- **NSC Rewilding** - Burrington Parish Council have no open spaces. A local resident has been providing trees to locals to plant in their gardens
- **Mendip Hills AONB Partnership representation** - Helen Jackson offered to apply for a position
- **Royal Garden Party Nomination** - Noted

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/P/2943/OUT - The Beeches, Station Road, Langford - The Clerk undertook to advise the Planning officer that the application is contrary to local planning policy and the site is unrealistic for what is being proposed, i.e. quality of environment and access arrangements

Updates

- **Bristol Airport expansion** - Our representations made in January 2019 remain unchanged. RD will keep on top of developments and advise accordingly
- **Blagdon Water Gardens** - information on the Website, no date yet for determination.

12. JOINT SPATIAL PLAN & JOINT TRANSPORT PLAN - the withdrawal of the Joint Spatial Plan will have a knock on effect on the Joint Transport Plan and Parish Councils should be involved in the consultation. Following discussions with other local Parishes it was agreed that a letter be sent to John Penrose MP asking that he raise our concerns with North Somerset Council. The final letter will be placed on our website. RD will continue to keep a close eye on emerging plans and their implications for the Parish.

13. BURIAL GROUND/CHURCHYARD - the funerals of Alison Robbie and Sylvia Norton will take place during January.

14. ACCOUNTS - RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS - payment of the accounts shown on the following page were proposed by Roger Daniels and seconded by Helen Jackson.

Details from bank statements @ 31st December 2019, show the following balances:

Liquidity Account - £8,116.46 Current Account - £6,139.94 Business Reserve Account - £6,616.26
£1,513 is being held for the purchase of a Defibrillator in Rickford Village

ANNUAL PRECEPT REQUEST - It was agreed that we should keep the annual Precept to £3,000 and the Clerk undertook to advise NSC accordingly.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The brush at the side of the road through Burrington Combe is gradually being removed
- AONB have agreed to pay for a sign at the top and bottom of the Combe to be erected saying "Gateway to Mendip Hills - Cattle wandering on road"

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 24th February 2020, 7.30 pm in the Parish Room, Burrington. The date of the Annual Meeting has been set for Monday 20th April at 7.30 pm, preceded by refreshments at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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ACCOUNTS

Receipts

Bank Interest - Business reserve A/c (Nov+Dec19)	2.21
- Liquidity A/c (Oct/Nov/Dec19)	17.36

Rickford Community Assoc. book proceeds for Defibrillator	20.00
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Rickford Community Assoc. contribution to Rickford Defibrillator	250.00
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Cash towards Rickford Defib from Burrington Coffee Morning	200.00
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Burrington Combe Public Conveniences

Safepost Box - BC Toilets	225.00
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Mendip Outdoor Pursuits (Nov/Dec 2019)	200.00
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Caving Services (Nov/Dec 2019)	<u>20.00</u>
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Total Receipts	<u>£934.57</u>
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Payments

Southern Electric Supply to BC Toilets (DD) - Collected 29 Nov	18.46
- Collected 28 Dec	17.62

JG & T Martin - Strimming & Grass cut Burial Ground 2nd Dec	55.00
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C Husher -Cleaning of BC Toilets 2Dec-31Jan 9 weeks @ £40	360.00
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T Martin - Clerk's salary October-December 2019	543.00
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HMRC - Tax on Clerk's salary Oct-December	7.00
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T Martin - Clerk's Expenses (Nov/Dec19)	29.50
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Total Payments	<u>£1,030.58</u>
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BANK BALANCES @ 31st December 2019

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