

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 28th April 2025 in The Parish Room, Burrington

Attendees:

Mrs. Helen Jackson (Chair) (HJ)
Mr. Roger Daniels (Vice Chair) (RD)
Mr. Paul Keel (PK)
Mr. Richard Dors (RD)
Mr. Mark Northcott (MN)
Mr. Andrew Gray (AG)
Mrs. Teresa Martin (Clerk)

Present:

Cllr Patrick Keating
Mrs. Mary Keel
Mr. Craig Husher

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Mr. & Mrs. Shapland, Miss K Wilson

2. MINUTES – of the Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd March 2025 were proposed by HJ and seconded by RD as a true record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman and have been displayed on notice boards and the website.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

3.1 **Burrington Inn Site** – awaiting further updates.

3.2 HIGHWAY ISSUES IN THE PARISH

3.2.1 **Vehicle Activated Signs** – NSC have a VAS strategy which dictates that signs can only stay in one place for two weeks and should not return to the same location within three months. As there are limited positions to place the signs along the A368 this restriction, along with others regarding the ‘furniture’ that signs can be erected on, will make it impractical to go ahead with installation.

3.2.2 **Pedestrian Safety – Lower Langford** – a request form has been submitted to NSC and Cllr Keating has also submitted a request but no response. Previous correspondence indicates that no practical measures can be put in place.

The ‘No Parking’ signs placed on the wall leading into Rickford village are not working as we had hoped. Cars are still parking at the junction and in the mobile library bay and recently the library was unable to stop at Rickford. The Clerk undertook to remind NSC that they agreed to look at removing the parking bay, painting double yellow lines and further signage at this junction now that we have entered a new financial year.

It was noted that one of the Rickford Village signs is missing, also The Batch road sign and a speed sign which falls within Blagdon parish. A number of residents have again queried the speed limit from Burrington village to Blagdon which currently stands at 40 mph. The junction at Rickford Rise and into Rickford village have particularly poor vision making it difficult pulling out. The Clerk undertook to ask NSC to look into all of the above.

3.3 **NSC Local Plan** – consultation is still underway and there are likely to be many changes to the initial plans drawn up. We will have the opportunity to comment on this in due course.

3.4 **Parish Online – Website, Emails & Cloud Storage** – RD & AG have looked into website storage and mapping provided by Parish Online, which is well tailored for Parish Councils. AG will liaise with MN to update on the website.

3.5 **New Councillors** – we hope to increase the number of Councillors to 7 once the Community Government review is completed – which has now been delayed until December. Having taken advice from ALCA, Andrew Gray was co-opted in error at the last meeting. The vacancy created by Paul Keel’s retirement has been advertised in the appropriate way, and no-one has come forward requesting an election. Therefore, HJ proposed re co-opting Andrew Gray to replace Paul Keel and this was seconded by PK. It was noted that Mark Northcott will be leaving the area and therefore resigning from the Parish Council. HJ to contact the electoral department to advertise this vacancy and, providing there is no request from at least 10 people to hold an election, we will be able to co-opt another Councillor. We have received a number of applications from interested parties, and they will be advised of the situation shortly. Applications from residents in Lower Langford & Rickford would be helpful to balance coverage of the whole Parish.

3.6 **NSC Community Governance Review 2025** – the date for completion of the review has slipped from November to December 2025. Councillors were encouraged to complete the questionnaire as soon as possible.

3.7 **Cycle Paths** – Email received on improving walking and cycling in Burrington will be forwarded to local group.

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4. BURRINGTON COMBE TOILETS – MN will chase SSE regarding information on the new electricity contract. There is a leaking tap and new soap dispensers are required after the recent vandalism.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 **VE Day** – there are no plans for celebrations
- 5.2 **Mendip Hills National Landscape Heritage Report** – noted
- 5.3 **Rural Services Bulletin** – all agreed not to become paying members
- 5.4 **Provision of Dog Waste & General Waste Bins/collection** – await further information
- 5.5 **NSC Road Closure Blackmoor, Lower Langford** – noted
- 5.6 **PCAA AGM – 19th June** – RD will attend
- 5.7 **Lower Langford Rubbish Dumping** – rubbish is continuing to be dumped in the ditch and the Clerk undertook to contact NSC to see what can be done, bearing in mind the risk of rats and other vermin.
- 5.8 **Changes to Recycling & Waste** – 3 weekly collections will come into operation once the new lorries arrive.
- 5.9 **Local Crime** – there have been a number of recent incidents in the parish including a break-in where keys to a camper van were stolen, the van taken but stopped in Dundry and one individual arrested; Amazon parcels being emptied in The Square; vandalism to the public toilets. It is not possible to install CCTV at the toilets. There are a number of cameras available for individual properties to install at reasonable cost. HJ will discuss the problems with Geoff Wessell with a view to expanding neighbourhood watch, and to look at any other forms of crime prevention.
- 5.10 **NSC Workshop on Co-Production & Community Collaboration** – noted
- 5.11 **Insurance Renewal – Clear Council** – due 1st June. Premium increased substantially from last year. Policy to be reviewed.
- 5.12 **NSC Town & Parish Forum 30th April** – noted.

6. PLANNING

- 6.1 **New – 25/P/0569/TPO** – Langford Place -works to Yew & Holly trees – no comment, leave to tree officer
- 6.2 **Update - 25/P/0328/FUH** – Grey Gables, Ham Link – The Parish Council's comments and those of local residents were taken into consideration and the application has been refused.
- Bristol Airport Expansion** – PCAA & BANES comments noted.

7. BURIAL GROUND – New burial fees were approved and will be effective from 1st April 2025. Fees will be reviewed annually.

8. Matters Deferred from Annual Parish meeting – there were none.

9. ACCOUNTS (Receipts & Payments)

- the payment of accounts shown below was proposed by HJ and seconded by RD.

10. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS – were approved, and signed by the Chairman

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- with the retirement of Bob Shapland as Auditor, a replacement will be sought

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 2nd June 2025 – this will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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RECEIPTS & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PC MEETING 28th APRIL 2025

Receipts

Bank Interest - Business Reserve A/c March	5.02
- Liquidity A/c - March	20.12
NSC First Half Year Precept	5,000.00
NSC Village Orderly Grant	100.00
Allstone Memorials – Mrs. P Hobbs Inscription	25.00
Adams Memorials – Mrs K Yeates Inscription	25.00
Michael Rowe Fun Dir. re: Mrs. P Hobbs	135.00
CV Gower Fun. Dir. re: Mrs. S Daniels	175.00
CV Gower Fun Dir re: Mrs. P Hunt	75.00

BURRINGTON COMBE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Mendip Outdoor Ltd (DD) monthly donation 1April	80.00
Caving Services (DD) monthly donation 11April	10.00
Safepost cash collection – March	162.14
Sumup machine receipts - March	<u>62.00</u>

Total Receipts

£5,874.28

Payments

NSC monthly DD - Burial Ground waste Mar @ £13.68	13.68
Southern Electric Supply to BC Toilets (DD) – 27Mar	24.64
Water2business monthly DD for water bill Burrington WC – March	85.50
C Husher Cleaning BC Toilets 1April-2May - 5 wks @ £55	275.00
T Martin – Expenses April	69.98
J G & T Martin – Maint of Burial Ground - 4&25March,11&22April 4@£80	320.00
Barry Dimond – Positioning Notice Board & repairs to BC Toilets	*212.60
Harwoods Electrical Services works to BC Toilets	*184.63
ALCA / NALC Annual Subscription	153.68
A Phillips – Tidying up The Triangle – 2 hrs@ £15ph	30.00
P Keel - paper for BC toilets (taken from Safepost collection)	<u>21.42</u>

Total Payments

£1,391.13

*Already paid online

For information, the following funds were transferred from the
Business Reserve Account into the Current Account:

17th February - £1,000.00 25th March - £500.00

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