

CHURCHSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES/ACTION NOTES

Name of meeting:	Churchstanton Parish Council Meeting
Date meeting held:	Wednesday 10 th November 2021
Meeting location:	Churchinford Village Hall
Present:	Cllr. Raadiyah Rifath, Cllr. Ian Foxwell, Cllr. A Crabb, Cllr. K Pearson, Cllr. S Nicholls
In attendance	Paul Carter, District Councillor Ross Henley
Chair	Cllr. Ian Firth
Clerk	Julie Wardle
<u>Public Participation Time</u>	No public present.
Reports from County / District Councillors, Neighbourhood Watch & Police	<p><u>County Councillor John Thorne</u> - Councillor Thorne sent his apologies as he was not able to attend the meeting, but he had provided the parish council with a monthly update of information and actions over the previous month. The whole report is available on the parish council website or by contacting the parish clerk.</p> <p><u>District Councillor Ross Henley</u> -</p> <p><u>Local Government Reform</u> - Cllr. Henley expressed his concern at the current plans for the new Unitary Authority. He explained that there are already discussions taking place regarding redundancies and cutting services. Currently SW&T are still able to offer facilities to the community that other councils cannot, but these may be at risk under the new unitary authority.</p> <p>Cllr Henley also expressed his concern that the County Council elections that have already been postponed by one year may now be postponed a further year to 2023.</p> <p><u>Land Slippage</u> – Cllr. Henley is making enquiries regarding the long-term plan for the repair of the recent land slippage in Moor Lane, currently there is no plan in place for the completion of this work. He will also raise his concern with Somerset Highways that the current state of the road is dangerous should any cars drive along this section.</p> <p><u>Village Hall Market</u> - Cllr. Henley had recently attended the monthly community market in the village hall and commented on what a fantastic monthly event this was for the community.</p> <p><u>Planning</u> – Cllr. Henley has requested that the planning application for ‘The Beeches’ should be referred to SW&T Planning Committee for discussion and decision.</p> <p><u>Police</u> – The latest newsletter from the Neighbourhood Policing Team had been received. A copy of this has been posted on the noticeboard, website and facebook.</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Watch</u> – A copy of the National Neighbourhood Watch newsletter had been received and circulated to all parish councillors. A copy of this will be placed on the noticeboard in the village hall and on the website.</p>
1. To resolve to exclude members of the press or public	None
2. Apologies	County Councillor John Thorne

3. Declaration of Interest	None
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NB: Those present at this meeting should be aware that their names will be listed in the notes of the meeting which may be released to members of the public on request.

Approval/amendment of minutes of previous meeting –

4. Approval and sign off draft minutes of previous meeting	Minutes of CPC Meeting held on 13 th October 2021 - Approved
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Agenda Item	DISCUSSION AND NEW ACTIONS	Action by Whom	Action Date																								
5. Casual Vacancy / Co-option of Parish Councillor	One application had been received for the casual vacancy and had been circulated to all parish councillors in advance of the parish council meeting, for their consideration. Having considered the application from Paul Carter, Cllr. Firth proposed that Paul should be co-opted on to the parish council. This was seconded by Cllr. Crabb and unanimously approved by all parish councillors. The parish council welcomed Paul to the parish council and look forward to working together with Paul in the future.																										
6. Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Balance of Accounts as at 2nd November 2021<table><tr><td>Current Account</td><td>1721.60</td></tr><tr><td>Deposit Account</td><td>36012.60</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td><u>37734.20</u></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Payments for approval</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Parish Clerk Fees – October 2021</td><td>240.35</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Sub-total</td><td><u>37493.85</u></td></tr><tr><td>Minus Reserved Funds</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>The Quarry</td><td>666.00</td></tr><tr><td>Climate Grant</td><td>20000.00</td></tr><tr><td>BALANCE Remaining</td><td><u>16827.85</u></td></tr></table>Approval of payments - ApprovedBudget 2022/2023 - Forward Planning. The parish council discussed their priorities for the 2022/23 budget and 2022/23 parish council precept to include: Speed Control in Churchinford, Parish Events (to include a celebration for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in June 2022), Climate Change & Neighbourhood Plan.	Current Account	1721.60	Deposit Account	36012.60	Total	<u>37734.20</u>			Payments for approval		Parish Clerk Fees – October 2021	240.35			Sub-total	<u>37493.85</u>	Minus Reserved Funds		The Quarry	666.00	Climate Grant	20000.00	BALANCE Remaining	<u>16827.85</u>		
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7. Planning	None																										
8. The Quarry	The parish council expressed their gratitude to all those who attended the site meeting at the quarry on Sunday 7 th November. It was a very valuable meeting at which the Outdoor Space Management Group																										

	<p>(OSMG) were able to gather the views and / or concerns of those present about the future use of this community space.</p> <p>There was a lot of very positive feedback, comments, and ideas for the development of this space including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ensure no misuse of area or unauthorised access. – Signage to cover various health and safety aspects, personal responsibilities, litter, postcode location etc. – Gates on entrance & Height restricting barrier – Potential for 12 allotments – Installation of posts into the Quarry to restrict access for bikes and pedestrians only – Picnic areas – Meditation area – Make safe the bike jumps – Make pedestrian steps/ramp on steep areas – Woodland clearance working parties – Forest School – A further public consultation will take place in Churchinford village hall. 		
9. CDS Delivery of Phase 2 – Superfast Broadband	<p>BHPN have raised their concerns with the Public Accounts Committee which met last week and are questioning Ministers on the progress of the nationwide handling and rollout of superfast broadband. Somerset and Devon have one of the slowest rollouts in the country because of the failings of Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) and the BHPN have called for a rethink of the decision to exclude the CDS area from Project Gigabit's £1.2 billion of funding, of which we might have been able to obtain up to £30 million, but for CDS. A meeting of BHPN will take place later this week and we hope to find out more from this.</p>		
10. Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Update from Greening Committee</u> – As there hasn't been any interest from the community to date to set up a meeting for this group, it was decided to remove this from the agenda for future meetings. • <u>Speed Indicator Devices (SID) in Churchinford</u> - The parish clerk is awaiting a response from Somerset Highways providing the required approval to apply for funding from the Road Safety Grant for the provision of a SID on Taunton Road as you approach Churchinford. 		
11. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Somerset Bus Partnership – Representative</u> - The Somerset Bus Partnership are looking for a representative from the parish with whom they can liaise regarding our local priorities for bus services in the parish: where the buses need to go, how frequently, at what times including whether in evenings and at weekends. The clerk will advertise this via the CBO News. • <u>Grant for Armed Forces Day – 25th June 2022</u> • <u>BHPN AGM 2021 – Thursday 11th November by Zoom</u> – Cllr. Pearson to attend. • <u>Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons</u> - The clerk to contact a member of the parish to ask if they might be interested in leading on this event with the support of volunteers from the parish. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>NALC Report on Climate Change</u> – NALC have published a report called ‘What can local councils do on Climate Change? It was agreed that Climate Change should be a standing agenda item and Councillor Rifath would lead on this. 		
12. Items of Future Business for the next Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model Standing Orders • Financial Regulations • Proforma Budget 2022/23 • Climate Change 		
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 8th December 2021		