

# Butcombe Parish Council Annual Parish Council Meeting

## MINUTES

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 6.00 pm

**DRAFT**

Richard Whittington (RW) – Parish Councillor  
Justin Milward (JW) – Parish Councillor  
John Collins (JC) – Parish Councillor  
John Rodaway – Parish Councillor  
Clare Collins (CC) – Parish Clerk

1. Welcome and apologies (RW)  
Trevor Mitchell – Parish Councillor

2. Election of Chair  
John Rodaway nominated Richard Whittington to continue his role as Chairman  
John Collins seconded  
RW accepted the role for another year.

3. Election of Vicechair  
John Rodaway nominated Justin Milward to continue his role as Vice Chairman  
John Collins seconded  
JM accepted the role for another year.

4. Appointment of representative bodies  
RW will continue to represent the PC with Avon Local Council's Association (ALCA)  
JM will continue to represent the PC with Parish Council's Airport Association (PCAA)

CC requested authorisation to pay the annual PC insurance of £152.62. Agreed  
ACTION: CC to raise a cheque.

JR asked for Counillors views following the 20's plenty presentation on 30th April 2021.  
Councillors agreed that further discussions with NSC were necessary and feedback with residents to determine if residents would support a campaign to reduce the village speed limit.  
ACTION: JR to draft a note to circulate to residents along with a map provided by NSC outlining potential speed reduction areas.

DW stated that this would be our last official Zoom Meeting, however current COVID restrictions mean it is not possible to meet face to face initially. DW proposed that for the interim that they would delegate decisions to the Clerk following an informal meeting via Zoom or emails. ALCA has confirmed that: *Following the **High Court Judgment on remote meetings**,*

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*without further legislation there are no definitive answers and NALC is taking the approach of advising the safest course for local councils taking into account both Covid laws and local government law.*

*The current position is unsatisfactory and will cause huge problems for many of the 10,000 local councils in England, which the sector will address in its usual professional way and in the best interests of residents.*

*It is clear that the legal position is that local councils need to meet face-to-face, rather than remotely, and be open to attendance in person from the public.*

*As we have advised previously in our guidance on preparing for the possible return to face-to-face meetings, local councils should take steps to address this issue through measures such as delegation to clerks, deferring controversial decisions, or holding meetings later in the year, after the 21 June roadmap date.*

Meeting closed at 6 20 pm

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Signed: R Whittington	Date
Chairman	

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