

Butcombe Parish Council

MINUTES

Tuesday 20th June 2019 7:30 pm at Butcombe Village Hall

1. ATTENDEES

Richard Whittington (RW) – Chairman
Justin Milward (JW) – Vice Chairman
Ivor Metherall (IM) - Parish Councillor
John Collins (JC) – Parish Councillor
Trevor Mitchell – Parish Councillor
John Rodaway – Parish Councillor
Steve Hogg (SH) – Ward Councillor
Clare Collins (CC) – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES

John Adams – Resident
Ivor Metherall - Resident

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MEETING HELD ON 19/03/2019 AND AGM 21/05/2019

The minutes form 19/03/2018 were discussed and one amendment was made to point 9. The minutes were agreed and signed by RW.

The minutes form 21/05/2019 were agreed and signed by RW.

4. WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT (SH)

Councillor Surgeries

I am pleased to be able to share the following dates and locations with you for my first councillor surgeries;

Mother Hen Café, Broad St: Friday July 5th 1000-1130

Cleeve Village Hall, BS49 4PG: Saturday July 6th 0930-1100

Butcombe Village Hall, BS40 7UX: Saturday July 6th 1130-1300

I am relaxed about the format of these sessions. I'll use these first dates to gauge the best way forward. All of these sessions are open to everyone. I am hoping that it will be a good way to

meet with as many residents as possible and to hear of anything they would like me to look into. I am happy to discuss matters in total confidence.

Bristol Airport

We await confirmation of a date when the airport planning application will come before the Planning and Regulatory Committee (of which I am a member). Planning officers are busy working through the detail, and it is my current understanding that it will be August at the earliest, and most likely September before the meeting takes place.

In the meantime, Phil Neve (Wrington PC) is working on a briefing evening for councillors which will take place in Wrington sometime in July. The evening will feature guest speakers and cover economic, environmental, legal and social arguments with a view to bringing councillors fully up to speed and providing some balance to this debate.

The planned surface dressing of the A38 between Downside Rd and the South Bristol Link Rd has been postponed from last weekend to 22nd/23rd.

My mailbox has been bursting with emails from local and not so local residents concerning the airport's plans. All of them so far have been against expansion and none in favour of it.

A very interesting site visit took place last week for councillors (Deborah and Joachim from Wrington PC also in attendance). The tour of the Silver Zone, in particular, was a real eye-opener with cars as far as the eye could see and plans for yet more.

Sutton Lane

The remedial repairs on Sutton Lane are being dealt with this week. I am hopeful this will provide some relief for those residents having to use the road frequently.

5. HIGHWAYS

The drainage channel that runs from the VH down to the bottom of The Batch needs clearing out and councillors discussed again asking North Somerset Council to carry out this work. SH will make contact with the responsible person within NS and see if this work can be carried out. It was also discussed seeking private quotes for the work to be carried out if NSC is unable to do this.

ACTION: SH to see if NSC will carry out the work.

JR to seek a private quote for the work.

SH provided an update on verge Cutting.

5a. YEW TREE BATCH – DRAINAGE

The drains at the top of Yew Tree Batch between Cleves well and Lake View Stud need clearing and the water that appears to be bubbling up through the tarmac investigating. JR reported that previous drain clearing had been carried out lower down the road but the blocked drain at the top are still causing water to run down the road. Once the drains have been cleared, the road will need resurfacing or at least patching.

ACTIONS: SH will speak with NSC representative to see if he can arrange for the drainage work to be carried out.

5b. THE BATCH – DRAINAGE

The recent resurfacing work at the top of The Batch determined that there is a road drain sufficient to cope with rainwater, however, the soak away needs clearing and maintenance. This matter has been discussed previously and discussions with NSC have been had but no agreement on the work being carried out has been made.

ACTION: JR to seek private quotes to have the maintenance work carried out.

6. 19/P/1072/LDP – LINDEN GROVE, THE BATCH, BUTCOMBE. THE ERECTION OF AN OUTBUILDING AND REAR SINGLE STORY EXTENSION.

RW provided an update on a site visit that councillors made on Tuesday 18th June. The application was discussed and agreed that application for lawful development is a technical matter that is to be decided by NSC Planning Department, however, the following points will be commented on:

The “residential curtilage” of the property to be determined.

Clarification on the rear extension and which elevation of the property is classed as the front and rear.

ACTION: JM to compile comments on the application and CC to submit them on behalf of the Parish Council.

7. PCAA UPDATE (JM)

JM provided an update and CC shared an update from John Adams.

NSC P&R meeting to consider the Airport application will be delayed until September. SH confirmed this.

8. FINANCES

8a. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT

CC provided a brief overview of the Audit. RW signed the Audit on behalf of the PC.

8b. BUDGET 2019/2020

CC provided the draft budget for the coming year. Councillors agreed to assign £750.00 to highways to carry out maintenance to drainage and gully’s as discussed in point 5.

9. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

9a. REPORT FROM ALCA AGM (RW)

RW reported from ALCA's recent meeting.

9b. INFORMATION SHARING FROM PLANNING WORKSHOP (JR)

JR reported that the planning portal will be updated and advised CC to attend the training which is being provided by NSC.

TM reported that handrails on the two bridges on the footpath that runs from the centre of Butcombe through the wood towards the lake are to be installed.

ACTION: JR to speak with Daniel Barwise at Bristol Water and confirm what work is to be carried out.

CC shared correspondence from resident Ivor Metherall regarding the number of new poles that have been erected by Truespeed in the village. IM and other residents are not happy that an additional number of poles have been erected by Truespeed in close proximity to existing BT poles. CC advised that correspondence from NSC had been received regarding the poles however councillors agreed that this was unsatisfactory.

ACTION: CC to write to Ofcom and complain.

Next meeting: Thursday 19th September 2019

Meeting closed at 08:55 pm

Signed: R Whittington
Chairman

Date