

# Butcombe Parish Council

## MINUTES

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 7:30 pm at Butcombe Village Hall

### 1. ATTENDEES

Richard Whittington (RW) – Chairman  
Justin Milward (JW) – Vice Chairman  
John Collins (JC) – Parish Councillor  
Trevor Mitchell – Parish Councillor  
John Rodaway – Parish Councillor  
Clare Collins (CC) – Parish Clerk  
John Adams – Resident  
Richard Wear – Resident  
Margaret Wear – Resident  
Iris Bendall – Resident  
Jane Pemberton – Resident  
Jocelyn Ryder-Smith - Resident  
Lee Wright – Planning agent for Ruslin Farm  
Graham Aldridge – Applicant for Ruslin Farm

### APOLOGIES

Steve Hogg (SH) – Ward Councillor

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RW Declared an interest on Item 8 due to be part of the Village Hall Committee.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 21/11/2019

The minutes were agreed and signed by RW.

### 4. PLANNING

#### 4a. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/P/2766/FUL - Ruslin Farm, Rusling Lane, Butcombe, BS40 7XQ. Demolition of hay store, conversion of barn and erection of a two storey extension to form 1no. dwelling and conversion of barn to self-contained annexe/ home office (all Unit 1). Demolition of farmhouse, removal of ancillary farm buildings and erection of 1no. replacement dwelling and detached two storey garage/office (all Unit 2)  
Lee Wright provided an overview of changes to the application following the initial application in 2018. Several points that have been addressed as per the recommendations of North Somerset Council: Ecological survey work along with providing suitable bat roost and nesting. A reduction in the amount of glass being used. A solution for glare and privacy in the glass.  
Following questions from Councillors and residents, all councillors agreed that they have no objection to the application.

ACTION: CC to draw up comments for the application and provide to JM for approval.

CC to submit approved comments on the NSC Planning Portal.

Lee Wright and Graham Aldridge left the meeting.

19/P/2888/FUL – Land to West Of Sunnymead, Blagdon Lane, Butcombe

Re-roof with pitched tiled roofs to 2no. buildings (Barn 2 and store building); removal of a section of the roof and small extension to an agricultural building including re-sheeting the whole building (Barn 1) Councilors have no objections to the application.

ACTION: CC to submit comment on NSC planning portal.

19/P/3070/FUH - Florence Cottage, The Batch, Butcombe Bristol, BS40 7UX. Demolition of existing side and rear extension. Construction of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

Councilors support the application and welcome the property to be brought back into a habitable state.

ACTION: CC to submit comment on NSC planning portal.

19/P/2871/LBC **AND** 19/P/2870/FUH - Coach House, Butcombe Court, Butcombe Court Road, Butcombe, Bristol, BS40 5TR. Erection of single storey rear extension.

Councilors have no objections to the application.

ACTION: CC to submit comment on NSC planning portal.

#### 5.WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT (SH)

Not submitted

#### 6.PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD (JR)

Following the success of our application to the Airport Community Fund, we have received £750.00 towards a new notice board. JR has received quotes to match what is already there. A new noticeboard will cost £950.00. Councilors agreed to spend the additional £200.00 towards the new noticeboard.

ACTION: JR to order new Noticeboard and send invoice to CC for payment

#### 7.HIGHWAYS

JC reported that we have not received a second cut of the verges this year. Numerous potholes around the village, NSC recommends they are reported on Council Connect which we believe most have been. JC will invite Richard Blanchflower (RB) to visit the village in the Spring and again highlight issues and determine what can be done by NSC.

ACTION: JC to make arrangements with RB

#### 7.DRAINAGE ON YEW TREE BATCH

To be raised with RB when he visits.

#### 7b. GRIT BINS

New bins have been put in place to replace to most damaged bins, we still need a few more.

ACTION: DW to ask Andy Crocker if he can provide anymore.

CC to write to AC and thank him for his assistance with the grit bins.

#### 8.GRANTS 2019/2020 – AGREEMENT OF PROCESS

RW introduced the subject but due to his declaration, JM continued the discussion.

Proposals:

1. £300.00 Grant to both the Village Hall and Church and pay the additional rent cost to the Village hall on top: JR & JM agreed. JC doesn't agree.
2. Deduct the rent from the Village Hall donation and still grant the Church £300.00 and the Village Hall £150.00. JC agreed.
3. Not provide a grant to either. TM agreed but also stated that if there wasn't anything more pressing to spend the money on then yes to his year but wants the budget reassessed at our next meeting to establish what the parish needs money spending on.

With 2 votes to 1 on proposal 1, this year both the Village Hall and Church will receive a grant of £300.00.

ACTION: CC to raise the cheques and distribute them.

### 9. PRECEPT 2020/2021

No increase on the current precept is required.

ACTION: CC to complete precept matrix and submit.

CC to put the Budget on the next agenda.

### 10. CLIMATE EMERGENCY

RW will attend the ALCA climate Emergency workshop day to determine what we can do as a parish to make a difference.

ACTION: RW to attend and report back. Possibility to run a separate Climate Emergency evening where residents can come along and learn what Butcombe can do to make a difference.

CC to submit RW's interest to attend the workshop.

### 11. COUNCIL ASSETS – LAPTOP AND PRINTER

RW has a council laptop and printer which is now obsolete.

ACTION: CC to establish when within NSC the computer and laptop can be disposed of.

### 12. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

DEFIBRILLATOR: CC exchanged information obtained from the heartbeat trust. CC will see if further instructions can be obtained and circulated to residents. CC will also find out the cost of running another information evening from the Heartbeat trust.

ACTION: CC to circulate information when all has been obtained.

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS: JR reported that nominees from the Village Hall, Church, and Parish Council have formed a committee to put on an event to celebrate VE day. 08/05/2020.

PCAA – JM reported the PCAA is focused on the current planning application that has yet to be brought to the planning committee.

JM reported that houses on The Batch did not have any refuse collection for 3 weeks. JR reported that this is in hand with people within NSC.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 26th March 2020

Meeting Closed at 9:07 pm

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Signed: R Whittington                          Date

      Chairman