



Burrington Parish Council Newsletter: March 2011

Membership of the Parish Council:

Mr Stephen Hale resigned as a parish councillor in November 2010. Thanks are due to Stephen for his service on the Parish Council, including his work with the Parish Councils Airport Association, Traffic Management Through the Villages and Campaign to Protect Rural England.

As the vacancy occurred within six months of the normal date of Parish Council elections, the post was filled by co-opting Mr John Rhodes at the meeting on 17th January 2011. Local Elections are due on 5th May 2011

Current members of the Parish Council are:

Mr Paul Keel (Chairman)
Rickford Farm, Rickford, Burrington, BS40 7AJ, Tel: 01761 462104

Mrs Frances Wilson (Vice Chair)
The Square, Burrington, BS40 7AB, Tel: 01761 462301

Mrs Colette Davidson
Yarlington Mill, Rickford, Burrington, BS40 7AJ, Tel: 01761 462820

Mr Roger Daniels
Lodgewood House, Bath Road, Upper Langford, BS40 5DQ, Tel: 01934 853031

Mr John Rhodes,
Hylsbroke Lodge, Lower Langford, Bristol BS40 5BN, Tel: 01934 862838

The Parish Clerk is Mrs Louisa Purcell
Harbrow, Lower Langford, Bristol BS40 5BN, Tel 01934 862250
email: lp175011@hotmail.com

Information about Parish Council meetings, news, events, meetings and local organisations can also now be found on the parish web site:

www.burrington-pc.org.uk

Please take a look and post your questions, suggestions or other contributions on the feedback page. The more everyone uses it, the more useful it will be.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 28th March in the Parish Room, Burrington (refreshments from 7.00)

Letter from Mr Paul Keel, Chairman of Burrington Parish Council

Dear Parishioner,

I hope you will be able to come to the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 28th March. If you are unable to attend, this newsletter should give you an idea of activities undertaken by the Parish Council during the past year.

In the coming year, in addition to routine matters, the Parish Council will need to respond on behalf of the Parish to North Somerset Council's emerging 'Core Strategy', and to consultations by central and local government and other organisations that will have implications for this Parish. It will also need to look at the implications of the Localism Bill which is now before Parliament.

Please feel free to raise any questions about the activities of the Parish Council at the Annual Meeting, with me, other Parish Councillors or the Parish Clerk, or on the Parish web site: www.burrington-pc.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Keel

The Parish Council is supporting members of Burrington Pre-School to hold a **Celebration of the Royal Wedding** on 29th April.

There will be **activities for children** starting at 3.00 pm
(please contact Annie Pratt on 01761 462070)

and a **loyal toast** in the Parish Room at 6.30 (please bring a bottle)

Further details will be on the web site later

Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting 29th March 2010:

Reports were given by the Chairman (Mrs Frances Wilson), the Police (PC Ray Bradley), District Councillor (Cllr Liz Wells), Commons Conservators (Mr Paul Keel), Parish Room (Mrs Colette Davidson), Wedmore Charity (Mrs Colette Davidson), Traffic Management Through the Villages (Mr Stephen Hale) and the Parish Councils Airports Association (Mr Stephen Hale). Copies of the draft Annual Accounts for 2009/10 were circulated.

Questions from the public were:

- Mr David Simpson asking about a parish web site. The Parish Council undertook to introduce a web site during the following year.
- Mrs Judith Tranter, Wildlife Warden, alerting the Parish to the problem of invasive weeds like Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam.
- Mr Alex Kolombos describing the work of the Langford History Group to restore and preserve rare maps of the area and their need for donations to restore the maps.
- Other matters raised included traffic management and highways issues, the expansion of Bristol Airport, improved access to the Parish Room, conservation of Black Down and Burrington Ham, management of the burial ground and churchyard, and Parish Council Accounts.

Actions by the Parish Council:

- The parish web site became live in May 2010 and is available for information about the Parish, meetings, local events, and consultations that are relevant to the Parish. The range of information and level of usage are increasingly steadily. Contributions from parishioners are invited to widen the range of content.
- Information on invasive weeds was subsequently placed on the Parish web site.
- The Parish Council agreed to contribute £100 to the Langford History Group for the preservation of historic maps.
- A meeting was held with the Conservators and the project team for the Black Down and Burrington Ham Conservation project. A bid for funding from the National Lottery was submitted in November 2010, with support from the Parish Council.
- The Parish Council contributed £1,000 to Parish Room improvements

Maintenance:

The Parish Council has attended to the following maintenance issues:

- Maintenance of the burial ground and churchyard;
- Contacting the Conservators about legibility of The Rock of Ages plaque (in response to the comments from a visitor on the web site);
- Supporting Rickford Residents Association's proposals for footpath maintenance, road junction line marking and bridge/retaining wall repairs.
- The Parish Council has also contacted North Somerset Council for action in relation to drainage and highway issues

Responses to consultations:

Responses were made to North Somerset Council on a number of planning applications, consultations on planning and housing policies, parish liaison arrangements, and proposals to modify speed limits on the A368. Responses were also made to consultations by the National Grid on overhead power lines for the proposed second nuclear power station at Hinckley Point, and to the Wrington Vale Medical Practice on their re-organisation plans. Support was given to a funding application by the Conserving Black Down project to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Parish Council also made representations to retain the library van service at Rickford.

The future of the Avon Local Councils Association has been under review and a number of Parish Councils have decided to withdraw. The Association is to continue in a slimmed-down form and is supported by the Parish Council, pending the ongoing review of its operation.

Meetings Attended:

- Wrington Vale Medical Practice Consultation Reference Group
- Bristol Airport Liaison Committee

Accounts:

During 2010/11, the Parish Council precept was maintained at £3,000. Other income was £1,363. Expenditure is currently estimated at £5,696. Because local elections are due in May 2011, which may require drawing on reserves, it has been agreed to maintain the precept at £3,000 for the coming year.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
Balance brought forward	£10,106.03	Clerk's Salary	£1,700.00
		Admin Expenses	£49.97
Annual Precept	£3,000.00	Website	£23.57
Village Orderly Grant	£100.00	Grant to History Group	£100.00
Closed Churchyard Grant	£1,130.00	Grant for Parish Room	£1,000.00
Burial Fees	£130.00	Audit Fees	£161.00
Interest	£3.31	Hall hire	£175.00
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TOTAL	£14,469.34	Subscriptions and Insurance	£734.78
		Burial Ground	£322.96
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BALANCE	£9,559.14	Churchyard	£550.00
comprising:		Parish Maintenance	£863.92
Current Account	£2,984.06	Sundries	£15.00
Deposit Account	£6,575.08		
Un-presented cheques	(£768.00)	TOTAL	£5,696.20
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