

Clutton Parish Council

Business Plan for the Community Asset Transfer of Burchill Close Play Area

1. About Clutton Parish Council

Clutton Parish Council serves as the first tier of local government for the village of Clutton in Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES). It operates under the framework established by the Local Government Act 1972, which defines parish councils as statutory bodies with specific powers and responsibilities.

Aims and Objectives:

The council's primary aim is to represent the interests of Clutton's residents and enhance the quality of life within the parish. Key objectives include:

- **Maintenance of Community Assets:** Overseeing the upkeep of parish-owned land, The playground, football field, the allotments, and Station Park.
- **Planning and Development:** Reviewing and providing input on local planning applications to ensure developments align with the community's needs and preferences and the Clutton Neighbourhood Plan
- **Collaboration with B&NES Council:** Coordinating with the Bath & North East Somerset Council on issues affecting the parish, ensuring that local concerns are addressed at the district level.
- **Community Engagement:** Addressing issues raised by parishioners and facilitating public participation in council meetings. Residents are encouraged to attend monthly meetings, typically held on the third Monday of each month at Clutton Village Hall.

Track Record:

In 2015, Clutton Parish Council successfully developed and implemented the Clutton Neighbourhood Development Plan, covering the period from 2015 to 2035. This plan was created through extensive community consultation and was endorsed via a referendum, reflecting the council's commitment to participatory planning and sustainable development.

Legal Status:

As a parish council, Clutton Parish Council is a legally constituted local authority with the power to raise funds through local taxation (precepts) and to make decisions on various local matters. Its operations are governed by statutory regulations, and it functions independently while collaborating with higher tiers of government, such as the Bath & North East Somerset Council.

2. The vision for the future use of the building or land

This area was originally a play park built by the developers of Burchill's Close. When BANES approached the Parish Council concerning the asset transfer all the play equipment was removed by BANES. At present the grass is cut by BANES. When the asset transfer is complete Clutton Parish Council will take over the responsibility of grass cutting and maintenance of this area. The Village Operative would check this space on a daily basis and manage litter and any dog fouling. We are intending to use this as a quiet space and will provide benches. There is access through to the old railway line Station Park) from this space and we are planning to make this more accessible for pushchairs

and mobility scooters. The new estate of houses, Daggers Mead, will have pedestrian access onto Station Park and, with the improved access to the play park at Burchill's Close, this will provide a safe route to school, avoiding Station Road.

3. The need and benefits

The Parish Council will be consulting with people from the village about the future use of this small park.

The village playgroup would use this space for outside play as it is enclosed.

Wrap around care at the Cabin (providing before and after school care for children aged 5 to 11 years) are keen to have a safe route to school, avoiding the busy Station road which only has a virtual pavement. The children would also visit this area during after-school activities.

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4. Impact of the activities

5. Project resources

The Parish Council have ring-fenced CIL money from new builds to fund the work to be carried out at Burchill's Close play area. Funds will be allocated for work in this area when the annual budget is prepared each year.

6. Managing the building or land

The Village Operative will check this space on a daily basis and manage litter and any dog fouling.

7. Equalities, accessibility and diversity

The Village Operative will check this space on a daily basis and manage litter and any dog fouling.

The improved access on to Station Park will make it possible for dog-walkers using mobility scooters to access this space.

We will be canvassing the villagers to find out their ideas for future developments to this space.

8. Project delivery

The project will be monitored by the open spaces working group of the Parish Council . All proposals will be discussed at a Parish Council meeting, which is open to the public, and each decision will be voted on. Members of the public will have opportunities to give their views at the meetings and by email and in writing.

9. Monitoring and evaluation frameworks

We will be using reputable contractors to carry out any works that need to be carried out and their work will be monitored by Councillors with responsibility for open spaces in Clutton.

We will obtain three quotations for any work to be carried out.

10. Risk analysis

Risk assessments are carried out of all Parish Council activities.

11. Project costs

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