

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 7.00pm in Burtle Village Hall. This was a short meeting to deal with urgent business before the Annual Parish meeting at 8pm

164 PRESENT

Councillor C Pople (chairman)
Councillor A Duval (vice chairman)
Councillor S Bull
Councillor R Dallimore
Councillor J Porter
District Councillor Stuart Kingham

165 APOLOGIES

County Councillor David Huxtable

166 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

167 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

168 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st March were agreed and signed as correct.

169 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Large pothole in Robins Lane has been repaired. Councillors are still trying to get confirmation that owners of the vehicles that have caused damage to Black Bull Bridge and to the verges where they have come off the road are being charged for the repairs. Meeting has been arranged with Alyn Jones and Andrew Turner from SCC Highways Dept to discuss this and other longstanding highway issues in the parish.

Drainage – nothing further to report.

Speed watch – nothing to report.

Catcott Broad Drove – Enforcement Officer is taking official steps to have site where gentleman was camped in the bushes cleared by the owner.

No further information on green camper van that has been parked in the car park at the Burtle Inn for several months now.

Bus Shelter – resurfacing the area in front of shelter ongoing.

Laptop for Clerk - ongoing

Recycling Collections Supervisor went out with the team on a Burtle collection on 2nd March and it was observed that the flaps were not always closed at the appropriate times allowing rubbish to blow out of the vehicle. The crew have been reminded of the correct procedures.

Cleanup Day took place on 19th March. Very successful with about twenty volunteers who collected a huge amount of rubbish which was taken back to the Village Hall for Sedgemoor to pick up the following day. Free soup and pudding lunch, prepared by Jenny Duval and Maureen Perdue, was provided for the volunteers.

170 FINANCE

Unaudited accounts for 2016/17 were discussed and agreed.

Proposed Cllr C Pople

Seconded Cllr R Dallimore

The following cheques were signed:

J Duval - expenses Clean up lunch	£ 25.00
S Hodge – grass cutting Sandpit	£ 96.00
PAYE	£ 76.80

Proposed Cllr S Bull Seconded Cllr R Dallimore

171 PLANNING

Applications – None notified

Decisions – None notified

172 TREES WESTHAY BROAD DROVE

Matter is still being dealt with by insurance company.

173 NOISE AND INCREASE IN HGV TRAFFIC FROM PEAT WORKS

No news from Mendip they are still awaiting planning application for the current use of the site which has been promised by 19th May. Environment Officer from Sedgemoor is on Annual leave. Councillors noted that the piles of chippings etc appear to be expanding out to the edges of the site and they have concerns that this may have a detrimental effect on the health of the large oak trees. Clerk to contact landscape Officer at Mendip regarding possibility of placing TPO on them.

174 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Speakers: Kerry Rickards, Sedgemoor District Council was unable to attend and Tom Dunne from Godwin's site responded for AW Jenkinsons/Chipmonks. He feels unable to attend for security reasons but is willing to meet Parish Councillors in private. Councillors agreed to consider this if and when there is something to discuss. Duncan McGinty leader of Sedgemoor District Council and the management team from the Duck have accepted invitations to speak.

175 CORRESPONDENCE

Notice of Road closure at Burtle Road, East Huntspill for seven days from 2nd May 2017

176 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Large number of HGVs hauling hardcore to Huntspill using Liberty Drove. Road is signed as unsuitable for HGVs Clerk to contact Highways

177 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be the Annual Meeting
There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm

Signed.....Date.....