

## **BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 at 7.30pm in Burtle Village Hall.

### **54 PRESENT**

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

### **55 APOLOGIES**

County Councillor David Huxtable

### **56 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr S Kingham declared an interest in planning application at Cherrywood Lodge as a member of the Sedgemoor District Council Planning Committee

### **57 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July were agreed and signed as correct.

### **58 MATTERS ARISING**

**Highways** – Some potholes at Black Bull Bridge have been repaired but others are still to be done. Some reflector posts still have to be replaced in Mark Road. A deep hole has appeared between Lilac Farm and The Bungalow which is increasing in size and is now large enough for a pony to catch a foot in. Clerk to inform Highways as this is a hazard to the many horse riders using the road. Concerns about the state of the road surface in Catcott Broad Drove and the dips by the cattery in Edington Road. Clerk to refer to Highways Dept.

**Drainage** – nothing to report

**Speed watch** – suggested that Burtle might join forces with neighbouring parishes. Clerk to contact Meare & Westhay and Edington.

**Catcott Broad Drove** – nothing to report.

**Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** – Most of the medals have been distributed with just three remaining.

**Bus Shelter** – Three quotes received for the work: Meade Builders Ltd £1859 + VAT, D Vowles £950.00 + VAT, P Bishop Roofing £650 + VAT. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to accept the quote from P Bishop Roofing. Clerk to write to thank unsuccessful companies for their interest.

**Sign at the Duck** – Owners of the Duck have said that they plan to erect the sign further back from the entrance so as not to restrict the view of drivers leaving the car park.

**Social Housing** – Nick Tait has replied with some possible dates for a Parish meeting. Need to check possible dates with Duncan Harvey. Several people away in September, October Meeting date is an option.

### **59 PLANNING**

**Applications** –

**55/16/00013** Erection of single storey extension to the Western elevation at Trevale, Burtle Road, Burtle, TA7 8NB Councillors support the application for the following reasons:

- They feel that the design is visually in keeping with the main building and surrounding properties especially as they understand that the plan is to use reclaimed roof tiles to match the main house.
- They feel that the plot is large enough for the proposed extension without any overcrowding.
- This extension will provide a suitable home to help a young family, who take an active part in village life, continue to live in Burtle.

**55/16/00014** Erection of a double carport and workshop on site of existing workshop & garage (to be demolished) at Cherrywood Lodge, Burtle Road, Burtle, TA7 8NF  
Councillors agreed to support the application as they feel that the proposed buildings will greatly improve the area as the existing buildings are very run down.

**Decisions** – none notified

**Amended plans** have been received for the following application and councilors have been asked to comment. Details were received too late for inclusion on the agenda and a special meeting will be arranged for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016 to discuss a response.

**55/16/00012** Erection of two storey extension and alteration to porch roof to front (South) elevation, partly on site of existing (to be demolished) and two storey and single storey extensions to rear (North) elevation at New House, Burtle Road, Burtle, TA7 8NB

## **60 FINANCE**

2015/16 Papers still with external auditor. Period for voters to exercise their rights ends on 4<sup>th</sup> August.

## **61 TREES WESTHAY BROAD DROVE**

Letter detailing compensation claim from Mr & Mrs Lester has been forwarded to Zurich Insurers who are now dealing with the matter. They have asked for detailed information from Burtle Parish Council and this being compiled and will be sent in the next few days.

## **62 NOISE AND INCREASE IN HGV TRAFFIC FROM PEAT WORKS**

Email received from County Councillor David Huxtable to advise that he has been in contact with Mendip District Council, and been assured that they are actively pursuing the matter.

## **63 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Notice of road closure** - Mark Road to be closed for 12 days from 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 to repair longstanding badger damage. Cllrs pleased to hear that work is to be carried out at long last but concerned that, given the length of the diversion, HGVs might try to take a short cut around Robins Lane and get stuck. Diversion also takes in Liberty drove which is signed as unsuitable for HGVs Clerk to write to Highways to request 'unsuitable for HGVs' notices at both ends of Robin's Lane.

## **64 ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**Defib check sheet** has been completed and will be emailed to South Western Ambulance NHS Trust.

**Verge Cutting** in Burtle has been completed by Somerset County Council

**Devolution** Cllr S Kingham informed the meeting that talks are taking place regarding Somerset County Council joining with Devon County Council and Sedgemoor District Council are having merger discussions with Taunton Deane and West Somerset.

## **65 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at **7.30pm** in the Village Hall.(Short planning meeting will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 8pm)

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm

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