

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 7.30pm in Burtle Village Hall.

110 PRESENT

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

111 APOLOGIES

District Councillor Stuart Kingham
County Councillor David Huxtable

112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Pople declared an interest in the gritting scheme

113 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

114 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meetings held on 2nd November were agreed and signed as correct.

115 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Councillors were very pleased to note that the work to repair Black Bull Bridge has been completed and it is now open again. However, they were a little disappointed to see that stone work had been repaired with cement mortar. Clerk asked to write to Highways dept to ask for confirmation that costs of all damage caused by HGVs will be recharged to the company causing the damage. Clerk to remind again about the poor quality of the white lining. This has been going on since March now and the last reply from Highways dept said that they had referred the matter back to the contractor, also to ask if gully by Burtle Inn has been jetted recently.

Road closure – Notice has been given of a road closure in Catcott Broad Drove for one day on 19th December for Wessex water to carry out work.

Drainage – nothing to report

Speed watch – nothing to report. Dates for SID installations in 2017 will be: Mark Road 24.4.17 and 16.10.17. Sunset Bay Farm 8.5.17 and 30.10.17.

Catcott Broad Drove – Enforcement proceedings are still ongoing with regard to the gentleman who has been cutting down the trees and has set up a camp on the verge by Shepherds Drove. The gaps in the hedge have recently been blocked up. The enforcement officer is planning to serve a notice on the shed and horse box where someone appears to be staying overnight.

Bus Shelter – resurfacing the area in front of shelter still to be carried out.

New houses at Burtle Inn – the new boundary wall has been taken down and rebuilt on the line of the old wall.

Daffodil bulbs – Cllrs met on Sunday 13th November and planted them on the Sandpit.

Laptop for Clerk - ongoing

116 FINANCE

Precept for 2016/17 to be discussed at next meeting.

The following cheques were signed:

PAYE	£ 76.80
Gritting scheme 2016/7	£120.00

Proposed Cllr A Duval

Seconded Cllr S Bull

117 PLANNING

Applications –

55/16/00019 Erection of two storey extension to side (East) elevation, partly on site of existing (to be demolished) at Poplar Farm, Burtle Road, Burtle

Councillors discussed the application and agreed the following response:

- The plot is large enough to easily accommodate the proposed extension without appearing cramped
- The design is sympathetic to the existing property
- Councillors are pleased to see that it is proposed to use recycled bricks and tiles to help the extension blend in with the existing property.

However, Councillors would like reassurance that the existing septic tank is adequate for the enlarged property or that a new treatment tank or biodigester of a suitable size will be installed.

Decisions –

55/16/00018 Change of use of school to dwelling and erection of a two storey extension to South West elevation, on site of existing timber structure (to be demolished) at Old Vicarage, Mark Road, Burtle
GRANTED

The following review is ongoing and County Planning officer thanked Burtle Parish Council for flagging up the increased proposed working times.

2016/2549/CNT First Periodic Review of Schedule 14 Review of Conditions attached to Planning Permission 42103, dated 25/03/1958; as reviewed by Review of Old Mining Permission (ROMP) 042103/001 dated 13/01/1999, for the excavation of peat at Burtle Road, Westhay, Glastonbury (GR: 341990 - 142543)

118 TREES WESTHAY BROAD DROVE

Matter is still being dealt with by insurance company.

119 NOISE AND INCREASE IN HGV TRAFFIC FROM PEAT WORKS

Mendip District Council has confirmed that they are still looking into the use of the site for the wood chipping processing. They are planning to set a date by which the company has to prove that they have the necessary permission or to make an application. Another Jenkinsons lorry came off the road in mid November and caused considerable damage to the verge. Councillors are very concerned about road safety for all users and the amount of damage that is being done to the local roads by these lorries, this will be the sixth in the area this year including the damage to the Black Bull Bridge. Councillors asked the clerk to write to Somerset Highways for confirmation that the full cost of all the repairs will be recovered from the owners of the vehicles causing the damage.

120 DEFIBRILLATOR

Councillors were pleased that Mr Nathan chard has agreed to take over the regular checking of the village defibrillator. They agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Richard Masters who has regularly checked the defibrillator since it was installed. Mr Chris Perks from South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust will be at Cafe Burtle on 14th January 2017 between 10 am and midday to deliver the Annual Awareness sessions on how to use the defibrillator. These will

be drop in sessions alongside Cafe Burtle and everyone is welcome to call in for a short time to learn how the defibrillator works.

121 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter has been received from Burtle Babies requesting a grant. Clerk was instructed to reply asking for details of equipment needed and the cost in order that cllrs can consider the request.

Email has been received to say that PCSO Georgina Long is leaving the beat and will be replaced by PCSO Nick Mizon.

Letter from Mendip community Transport requesting a donation towards their service. Clerk instructed to reply that cllrs regret that they are unable to help at the moment.

122 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Burtle Village Hall committee needs a new voluntary bar manager and secretary.

Ramps have been installed in front of the new properties at the Burtle Inn, there is some concern that they may be too steep. Cllrs to research the relevant regulations.

123 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

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