

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 7.30pm in Burtle Village Hall.

150 PRESENT

Councillor C Pople (chairman)
Councillor A Duval (vice chairman)
Councillor R Dallimore
Councillor J Porter (*arrived late*)
District Councillor Stuart Kingham

151 APOLOGIES

Councillor S Bull
County Councillor David Huxtable

152 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Pople declared an interest in drainage issues as a member of the Internal Drainage Board

153 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

154 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

155 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Burtle Parish Council is continuing to try obtain confirmation from Highways dept that the costs of all damage to the roads and verges caused by HGVs coming off the road are recouped from the company involved especially as repairs to edge of highway by Black Bull Bridge have failed and are having to be carried out again. A deep pothole has appeared in Robins Lane on the site of some old badger workings. There is no evidence of badgers there at present. Clerk to report to Highways.

Drainage – work has now been completed on properties in Mark Road which were previously owned by the school. Matthew Wall from drainage Board will continue to coordinate the work along the route.

Speed watch – nothing to report.

Catcott Broad Drove – nothing has been heard regarding clearing of site where gentleman was camped in the bushes.

Enforcement Officer is investigating 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 clerk has contacted the company concerned following complaints from parishioners that rubbish is left about after recycling collections are made. A supervisor will go out with the team on 2nd March to observe and check that the flaps are correctly closed to stop paper etc being blown out of the vehicle.

Joint Parishes meeting 22.2.17 – Cllrs Duval and Pople attended the meeting and spoke with County Councillor David Fothergill about the dissatisfaction with Highway matters. He agreed to meet with them together with Alyn Jones, Interim Director of Economic & Community Infrastructure Operations to discuss the matter further.

156 FINANCE

Letter was discussed from Burtle Church explaining that they had had to purchase a strimmer to cut the grass in the churchyard at a cost of £200 during the past year. It was agreed to make an additional grant of £200 to cover the cost of the strimmer as well as a grant of £200 towards the general upkeep of the churchyard 2016/17.

Proposed Cllr C Pople

Seconded Cllr R Dallimore

The following cheques were signed:

Burtle Church	£400.00
Clerk's salary 1.10.16 – 31.3.17	£307.20
Clerk's expenses	£ 90.00
Burtle Village Hall - Hire of hall for meetings 2016/17	£248.00

Proposed Cllr A Duval

Seconded Cllr R Dallimore

Burtle Babies have advised that they do not have a bank account and after taking advice Burtle Parish Council has been advised that they are unable to make payment to an individual. However, the items could be purchased and donated to the group. Clerk has contacted Argos supplier of boxes requested, but unfortunately they will not take cheque payment in their shops. Cllrs agreed to let the group know that they are unable to make the donation until Burtle Babies has a bank account.

Proposed Cllr A Duval

Seconded Cllr C Pople

157 PLANNING

Applications – None notified

Decisions – None notified

Notice has been received that planning condition regarding drainage on the Old Rectory, Mark Road has now been removed following satisfactory completion of the work.

158 TREES WESTHAY BROAD DROVE

Matter is still being dealt with by insurance company.

159 NOISE AND INCREASE IN HGV TRAFFIC FROM PEAT WORKS

Mendip District Council Planning Team are still in discussion with the wood processing company and are waiting for them to submit a planning application which has been promised by 19th May. The Environment Teams from both Mendip and Sedgemoor are liaising with each other regarding the nuisance. They have both stressed that completed diary sheets from residents will help them to assess the nuisance being caused.

160 SPRING CLEAN

Sunday 19th March. Equipment loan arranged from Sedgemoor, Insurance informed, Hall booked and event advertised. Jenny Duval and Maureen Perdue will prepare a free soup and pudding lunch for the volunteers

161 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Will take place on Wednesday 5th April at 8pm. Clerk to invite groups etc.

Suggestions for speakers: Kerry Rickards, Sedgemoor District Council, AW Jenkinsons or Chipmonks . Clerk will issue invitations and refer back to councillors.

162 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Fly tipping items dumped in Westhay Broad Drove again. Clerk to arrange removal

163 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A meeting short of the Parish Council to deal with urgent issues will be held on Wednesday 5th April 2017 **at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall. The earlier start time is to accommodate the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 8pm.

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

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