

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 7.30pm in Burtle Village Hall. This was the Annual Meeting.

1 PRESENT

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

2 APOLOGIES

County Councillor David Huxtable

3 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cllr C Pople informed the meeting that he would not be seeking reelection as Chairman. The following were unanimously elected:

Chairman Cllr R Dallimore **Proposed** Cllr J Porter **Seconded** Cllr A Duval

Vice Chairman Cllr A Duval **Proposed** Cllr S Bull **Seconded** Cllr J Porter

Cllr R Dallimore duly signed the Acceptance of Office form and took over the chair of the meeting.

4 STANDING ORDERS, CODE OF CONDUCT AND FINANCIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Confirmed that all documents are current and up to date

5 BURTLE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Cllr R Dallimore will become an ex-officio Trustee/ Committee member by virtue of his role as Chairman of Burtle Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr S Bull would take his place as nominated Trustee/ Committee member

Proposed Cllr J Porter **Seconded** Cllr C Pople

6 FOOTPATHS LIAISON OFFICER

Unanimously agreed that Cllr A Duval continue in this role.

Proposed Cllr C Pople **Seconded** Cllr S Bull

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

8 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

9 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting and Annual Parish Meeting held on 5th April 2017 were agreed and signed as correct.

10 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Cllr Colin Pople and Cllr Tony Duval had a very successful site meeting with Alyn Jones, Interim Director of Economic and Community Infrastructure Operations and Andrew Turner, Service Manager – Highways, to discuss highway issues in the parish. They noted several outstanding items and gave assurance that where evidence was available HGV owners would be

required to pay for repairs to damage caused by their vehicles coming off the road. Unfortunately, there is no proof regarding the damage to Black Bull Bridge and so Somerset County Council is having to pay the cost of repairs. SCC Highways Dept would be very pleased to have any evidence about the incident in December 2015. However, there are photographs of the lorry that caused the damage to the verge just over the bridge and Somerset County Council intend to recoup the cost of those repairs. Unfortunately, the repairs have failed and arrangements are being made for the contractors to carry out the work again. This may mean another road closure in the near future. The white lining by the church, which failed shortly after application early in 2016 was reapplied within two days of their visit. Patching will be carried out shortly on the damaged road surface in Westhay Road near to the Peat works. Other defects in Catcott Broad Drove and Edington Road have been listed for attention in due course. It was suggested that the finger posts by Church and Burtle Inn could be repainted by Burtle Parish Council.

Drainage – nothing further to report.

Speed watch – nothing to report.

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

No action can be taken on green camper van that has been parked in the car park at the Burtle Inn for several months now. Caravan in Orchard is being investigated.

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

Laptop for Clerk – ongoing

Annual Parish Meeting - Clerk was asked to write to thank the speakers.

11 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

Letter has been received from Cllr C Pople tendering his resignation as a Parish Councillor from 4th May 2017. Clerk will inform the Returning Officer of the resignation and declare a Casual Vacancy for a Parish Councillor. The procedure to fill the position will be started by advertising the vacancy and giving electors the opportunity to request an election. If no such request is received within a set timescale the vacancy will need to be filled by cooption.

12 FINANCE

Audit 2016/17 accounts

Richard Young has agreed to act as Internal Auditor for 2016/17 accounts. Cllr A Duval will make his six monthly review of accounts before they are taken to Mr Young.

Papers have to be submitted to External Auditor by 28th June 2017.

Precept 2017/18 has been received

Bank Mandate – clerk will obtain new form to update signatures.

Insurance Proposal – from 1 June 2017 has been received. The premium has been increased to reflect the claim regarding Trees in Westhay Broad Drove although as far as Councillors are aware the claim has still not been settled. Cllrs will review policy with a view to renewing next month.

The following cheques were signed:

M Perdue - expenses Clean up lunch & Annual Parish Mtg £ 30.00

Proposed Cllr A Duval Seconded Cllr S Bull

13 PLANNING

Applications – None notified

Decisions – None notified

14 TREES WESTHAY BROAD DROVE

Matter is still being dealt with by insurance company.

15 NOISE AND INCREASE IN HGV TRAFFIC FROM PEAT WORKS

No news of planning application regarding current use of the site that the wood chipping company need to submit by 19th May. Landscape Officer at Mendip has been contacted regarding concerns that piles of chippings and wood etc are encroaching under the mature trees that surround the site and that this will be detrimental to the health of the trees. Many of these trees are believed to be mature oaks. Burtle Parish Council is still being proactive in bringing this inappropriate use of the site to the attention of all agencies and they have been assured that investigations are being made with regard to use of the site.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

RLT2 Cllr Polly Costello has made an approach regarding gifting unused RLT2 monies to Wedmore for their new recreation ground as she believes that Burtle shares a boundary with Wedmore. Clerk asked to contact Sedgemoor for more details of the money available and to contact other playing fields local to Burtle to enquire whether they have any plans for new equipment.

Cluster Meeting planned for 27.6.17. Items for discussion to Sedgemoor by 22.6.17

17 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Fly tipping Rubbish has been fly tipped in Westhay broad Drove again. Clerk to contact Sedgemoor to request removal.

Defibrillator Battery has needed replacing recently. Clerk to request details of expected life of the defib and estimated costs of replacement to aid financial planning.

Welcome Pack it has been suggested that a Welcome Pack could be produced for new residents

18 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

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