

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

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

71 PRESENT

Councillor C Pople (chairman)
Councillor A Duval (vice chairman)
Councillor S Bull
Councillor R Dallimore
District Councillor Stuart Kingham
County Councillor David Huxtable

72 APOLOGIES

Councillor J Porter

73 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C Pople declared an interest in planning application at Hill Farm
Cllr S Kingham declared an interest in planning application at Hill Farm as a member of the Sedgemoor District Council Planning Committee

74 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meetings held on 3rd and 16th August were agreed and signed as correct.

75 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Some repairs have been made to the Edington Road by the cattery. The dips have been filled but nothing has been done to the high points. An email has been received from a resident to let Councillors know that they consider the work to be unsatisfactory. County Councillor David Huxtable was at the meeting and said that he considered the work satisfactory but should further work be needed it will be repaired by the contractor at no additional expense to the County Council.

Burtle Parish Councillors will continue to monitor that stretch of road. Hole in Mark Road has been filled in. Clerk to inform Highways of hole that has appeared in Catcott Broad Drove. Clerk to contact BT to advise them that trees are fouling telephone wires in Robins Lane.

Road closure – the long awaited works to repair badger damage in Mark Road by Lilac Farm has been postponed as the necessary road closure was not possible because there were road works already in place on the diversion.

Drainage – nothing to report

Speed watch – nothing to report.

Catcott Broad Drove – nothing to report.

Bus Shelter – P Bishop Roofing have completed the work to repair the roof. Councillors are very pleased with the standard of the work which was completed before the children returned to school as requested. Invoice for £650 + VAT has been received. Clerk asked to write a letter thanking Mr Bishop for the way in which the work was carried out to be sent with the cheque. Cllr J Porter has agreed to tarmac the front shortly.

Social Housing – Nick Tait and Duncan Harvey are both available on Wednesday 5th October and it was agreed to hold a Parish Meeting to discuss Social/Affordable Housing at 8 pm. The time of the Parish Council meeting will be brought forward to 7pm to accommodate this.

76 PLANNING

Cllr C Pople left the room and Cllr A Duval took over the chair.

Applications –

Re:55/16/00015 Variation of condition 3 of Planning Permission 55/01/00008, which restricted the occupancy of the dwelling to a person solely or mainly working or last working in the locality in agriculture or forestry, to allow equestrian occupancy at Hill Farm, Farm Lane, Burtle TA7 8NB

Councillors discussed the application to include equestrian occupancy in addition the existing agricultural restrictions. Councillors noted their awareness that there could be considerable ramifications resulting from a change in the occupancy condition on Hill Farm, however, they did not feel that speculation about the future of the site should influence their comments on the application currently being made. Therefore, Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application for the following reasons:

- Councillors understand that the equestrian business has developed into a major part of activity at the farm
- The site is used for livery and someone is needed on site for animal welfare
- The business is providing employment in the countryside
- Councillors understand that local schools use the site as an educational facility.

Councillor C Pople returned to the room

Decisions –

55/16/00013 Erection of single storey extension to the Western elevation at Trevale, Burtle Road, Burtle, TA7 8NB GRANTED

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 GRANTED

The following application has been referred to Planning Committee on 13.9.16:

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

77 FINANCE

2015/16 Papers still with external auditor. Clerk has been asked for a little more information. Explanations were satisfactory.

The following cheque was signed:

P Bishop Roofing £780.00

Proposed: Cllr A Duval

Seconded: Cllr C Pople

78 TREES WESTHAY BROAD DROVE

Detailed information from Burtle Parish Council regarding the compensation claim by Mr & Mrs Lester has been forwarded to Zurich Insurers who have advised that they have appointed a Loss Adjuster to review the claim.

79 NOISE AND INCREASE IN HGV TRAFFIC FROM PEAT WORKS

Councillors noted a cutting from Central Somerset Gazette regarding residents concerns about an application from the wood chipping company to expand the capacity at their Meare site. County Councillor David Huxtable advised that the Burtle site and the Meare site are linked. He has been in contact with Mendip District Council again about the matter but progress is slow. Cllrs agreed to instruct the clerk to write Stuart Brown, Chief Executive of Mendip District Council to enquire exactly what action they are taking about the situation at the moment.

80 CORRESPONDENCE

Annual Amenity Survey has been received from Sedgemoor. Clerk to complete noting that Burtle once again has a pub to be included.

Planning Training Evenings at Bridgwater House will be held this year on 12th and again on 18th October. Cllr S Bull will attend on 18th session.

NHS Health checks contact from company willing to carry out these checks on behalf of NHS. Cllrs agreed that because of eligibility criteria numbers would be very small and not viable to set up in Burtle

81 ITEMS OF INTEREST

New houses at Burtle Inn these are now nearing completion and a boundary wall is being built at the front. There is concern that it is some way forward of the original wall and might be on Highways land. Clerk to check with Planning Dept and Highways Dept.

30mph sign in Catcott Broad Drove has become overgrown with vegetation. Clerk to notify Highways

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

82 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A short meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5th October 2016 at **7.00pm** in the Village Hall.

The time of meeting has been brought forward as a Parish Meeting to discuss Social/affordable housing will follow at 8pm

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

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