

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 2nd August 2017 at 8.30pm in Burtle Village Hall.

58 PRESENT

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

59 APOLOGIES

None received

60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

61 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

62 CASUAL VACANCY

Application to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr C Pople has been received from Mr Nathan Ponsillo who has lived Burtle all of his life. Cllrs unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Ponsillo to the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr S Bull

Seconded: Cllr A Duval

Cllr Ponsillo signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined Councillors for the remainder of the meeting.

63 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meetings held on 5th July and 10th July 2017 were agreed and signed as correct.

64 MATTERS ARISING

Highways - Councillors pleased to note that the edge potholes in Westhay Broad Drove have been filled with scalplings. Clerk asked to write to Highways dept regarding dangerous state of Catcott Broad Drove. Edges are broken away with steep drop on to verge, tarmac surface is broken and recent winds have split withy trees which are now overhanging the road. Highways also to be reminded that white lines at junction by Burtle Inn need repainting and that dip by cattery in Edington Road is getting worse.

Drainage – nothing to report

Speed watch – Speed camera van has recently visited the village. It is hoped that the Burtle speedwatch group will be reformed shortly.

Catcott Broad Drove – letter has been received from Enforcement Officer stating that the caravan at Burtle Inn has been moved from the orchard to the car park but he has asked for it to be moved completely.

Bus Shelter – it is hoped to carry out the resurfacing of the area in front of the shelter soon.

Laptop for Clerk – has been purchased. Grant to be investigated.

Defibrillator – Clerk has written to SALC as suggested by Councillor D Huxtable but no reply received yet.

RLT2 Money – Chilton Polden and Catcott playing fields are currently arranging to use the money available from the Burtle fund.

Sign on Sandpit and Finger Posts -Working party to repair Sandpit sign to be arranged. Cllr A Duval and Mr Robin Howell have attended the training course on finger posts on 27th July and plan to carry out the work as soon as possible.

65 PLANNING

Applications – 2017/1838/VRC Application to vary condition 3 of planning permission 085439/001 (erection of replacement factory building) to enable the building to be used for the storage, processing and manufacturing of horticultural products and wood products for animal bedding and biomass at E J Godwin Peat Industries Limited, Burtle Road, Westhay, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9TT

Cllrs discussed the above application and bearing in mind the comments raised by members of the public at the earlier Parish Meeting Councillors agreed to object to the application. Cllrs do not agree that this is a Section 73 material minor amendment and is in fact a major change. Godwin's have no planning permission for the chipping processing currently taking place. Cllrs agreed to send a detailed response to the planning statement with the application drawing attention to road damage, environmental damage, noise, dust etc. the prepared report will be circulated to Cllrs for approval before being submitted to Mendip Planning dept.

A copy of the response will be placed on the Burtle website and is also attached to these minutes.

Decisions – 55/17/00001 Erection of a field shelter on land adjacent to West Heath Farm, Edington Road, Burtle

GRANTED

66 FINANCE

Audit of 2016/7 Accounts – are with the External Auditor
Period for Public Inspection of accounts is 3.7.17 - 11.8.17.

Invoice has been received and the following cheque was agreed:

SALC subs 2017/18

£101.57

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

seconded Cllr A Duval

67 TREES WESTHAY BROAD DROVE

Letter has been received from Ian Liddell- Grainger to say that owner of the trees has contacted him for help with apparent delay in resolving his claim. Clerk to reply to let him know that his letter has been forwarded to the insurers for them to reply to him with details of the progression of the claim.

68 NOISE AND INCREASE IN HGV TRAFFIC FROM PEAT WORKS

This matter was dealt with by the planning application form Godwin's. Cllrs noted the large attendance at the meeting to discuss the matter and the strength of feeling against the wood chipping activities on the site.

69 CORRESPONDENCE

SID results –figures latest still show vehicles travelling through the village at speeds well in excess of the 30mph limit. They will be published on the Burtle website .

70 ITEMS OF INTEREST

The late Mr Clive Sweet – Cllrs were sorry to hear of the sudden death of Mr Sweet, a local farmer and father in law of Burtle Parish Council chairman. They conveyed their condolences to the family.

Hedges overhanging the highway – Clerk asked to write to owners of land in Robins Lane and Westhay Road by Black Ditch to ask them to arrange to have them cut back in the interests of road safety.

New Houses at Burtle Inn- Clerk to write to agent to request that tarmac in front of the houses is completed as soon as possible.

Affordable Housing – District Cllr has been approached by the owner of land on the corner of green Drove to discuss the possibility of a parcel being used for affordable housing. To be agenda item at next meeting.

71 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm

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