

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 2nd January 2018 at 7.30pm in Burtle Village Hall.

124 PRESENT

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman)
Councillor A Duval (vice chairman)
Councillor S Bull
Councillor Nathan Ponsillo
Councillor J Porter

125 APOLOGIES

District Councillor S Kingham
County Councillor David Huxtable

126 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

127 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

128 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th December 2017 were agreed and signed as correct.

129 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Hole is developing in Edington Road between Laversdale and West Heath Farm Clerk to report to Highways and remind them about the dip by the entrance to the cattery. Edge potholes are appearing by driveways in Station Road where vehicles drive off the edge of the tarmac to pass.

Drainage – nothing to report

Catcott Broad Drove – Enforcement Officer has advised that the cable being laid over the road to supply electricity to the occupants of the horsebox is a Highways issue. They have spoken to occupants who have said that they will discontinue the practice.

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

Sign on Sandpit and Finger Posts – The other Sandpit sign has now fallen down and Cllr N Ponsillo has offered to repair it. Working party to be arranged to carry out the work to the finger posts when the weather improves.

Road signs – Email from parishioner regarding road signs in the village was discussed. Clerk was asked to reply to let him know that Cllrs have taken advice from the Somerset County Council, Traffic Engineer for the Sedgemoor Area and she has stated that she has driven through Burtle and covered the entire 30mph zone and beyond and found all the necessary Terminal Signs for Entry and Exit of the Speed Limit and the various speed limit repeater signs to all be within the necessary criteria required for police enforcement. The funding of road signs connected with safety are not the responsibility of the Parish Council. The three ‘Burtle’ signs at the entrance to the village were purchased by the Parish Council several years ago as signs such as these do have to be funded by Parish Councils or other groups. Councillors agreed to clean all village signs during the annual clean up morning to be held on Sunday 4th March.

Cllrs agreed that the replacement reflector signs should be requested as soon as possible but that local farmers should be asked if the suggested SLOW signs would disturb any animals being walked over them before going ahead.

Daffodil Bulbs – Cllr A Duval has planted some under Burtle signs in Mark Road and Edington Road and Sandpit signs. Cllr S Bull will plant remainder under Burtle sign by First and Last

Defibrillator – Annual Awareness training will take place alongside Café Burtle on 10th February 2018. Clerk to make posters and to advertise in Burtle Newsletter.

SIDs

Mendip Community Transport - reply received to say that five people from Burtle are registered to use their services but they are unable to confirm how many journeys they made. Clerk asked to write to request some leaflets to display at Café Burtle.

Clean up day – 4th March 2018. Clerk to book Hall, arrange equipment loan from Sedgemoor and collection of rubbish on Monday 5th March, also to arrange publicity with posters and inclusion in Burtle Newsletter. It was agreed to provide free soup and pudding lunch for all volunteers.

Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 4th April 2018. Mr David Eccles from EDF suggested as guest speaker

SIDs – no definite details yet about self funding of SIDs after March 2018 when Somerset County Council will cease funding them. Suggested that Catcott and Edington might wish to join with Burtle in any scheme.

130 PLANNING

Applications – none notified

Decisions – none notified

131 FINANCE

No invoices have been received for payment.

Cllr A Duval confirmed that he had completed the six monthly internal audit of the accounts and found everything to be in order.

Precept 2018/19 After discussion Cllrs unanimously agreed to raise the precept to £4,100 which equates to an increase of approximately 99pence per year for each band D household in Burtle.

Proposed: Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded: Cllr A Duval

132 NOISE AND INCREASE IN HGV TRAFFIC FROM PEAT WORKS

no reply has been received from the Mendip Planning Officer to email asking them to set a time limit for the new application as the unauthorised activities on the site have already been going on for two years. Cllrs are concerned that the bank on the eastern side of the new lake that is being constructed adjacent to the Godwin's site is unusually high and it appears to be forming a bund which is resulting in stagnant water around the oak trees on the Godwin's site. Cllrs have been concerned for the health of these trees from all the disturbance and pollution caused by the wood chipping operations and have tried to have them protected by the Mendip Landscape Officer. Clerk to contact Somerset County Council Planning dept to enquire whether the lake is being constructed in accordance with the agreed 'after use plan' plus Environment Agency and Drainage Board about the changes to drainage and apparent pollution on the site.

133 CORRESPONDENCE

RLT2 monies Cllrs were pleased to receive a letter from Catcott Playing Fields Committee thanking them for transferring some of the RLT2 money that Burtle was unable to use. A picture of the equipment purchased with the Burtle money, which has now been installed, was also enclosed.

134 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Water pressure in the village Cllrs have had reports that some parishioners feel that their water pressure is low. Clerk to write to Wessex Water to enquire if there have been any problems in the area.

Criminal damage in the area Cllrs are concerned about the number of reports of theft and criminal damage in the area and wish to remind everyone for the need to be vigilant and report incidents. A police Beat surgery is planned for Cafe Burtle on 10th February and a PCSO will be available for parishioners to discuss any concerns.

Tree blown down in Catcott Broad drove Recent high winds brought down a damaged withy which had previously been reported to Highways, in Catcott Broad Drove partially blocking the road. Sedgemoor District Council arranged for it to be removed by a contractor.

135 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

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