

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 7.30pm in Burtle Village Hall.

78 PRESENT

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

79 APOLOGIES

County Councillor David Huxtable

80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

District Councillor Stuart Kingham declared an interest in the planning application

81 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

82 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2018 were agreed and signed as correct.

83 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

These were reviewed and progress noted

84 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – 30mph sign in Edington road is falling over clerk to inform Highways.

Drainage – nothing to report

Catcott Broad Drove – nothing to report

Sign on Sandpit and Finger Posts – both items ongoing

SIDs – no further information

Postbox at Burtle Inn – Royal Mail have agreed to erect a temporary box until the one at the Burtle Inn can be accessed.

Speedwatch Signs – received and given to Community Speedwatch Coordinator who has erected them.

Grants to Ecclesial bodies – Clerk has received information that this matter will be dealt with in new edition of Arnold Baker - Local Council Administration. Cllrs agreed that clerk should make enquiries about purchasing a copy.

Amendments to Draft Local Plan – Inspector has cut Sedgemoor's plan to create another tier of limited development above 'Open Countryside' into which Burtle would have fallen. With current proposal Burtle will continue to be in 'Open Countryside' but there will be some room for very limited development such as infilling after consultation and demonstration of need. The plan is still with the Inspector.

85 PLANNING

Applications –

55/18/00004 Retrospective application for the change of use of part of the old Burtle Inn to 1 No. residential unit. Catcott Broad Drove, Burtle.

Councillors reviewed the documents and plans submitted. Unfortunately, the documents submitted are inaccurate and incomplete and Councillors had to defer their decision until revised plans and amendments are received.

55/18/00005 Erection of 1 No. 4 bed semi-detached house on site of demolished section of the Old Burtle Inn, Catcott Broad Drove, Burtle

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Decisions –

55/18/00002 3 No. Horse Chestnuts (with Group G1) crown lift to a height of 2m on west side and reduce spread on west side by 1.5m at Merlioun Mark Road Burtle **GRANTED**

55/18/00003 Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian and the erection of a timber stable block on land to the West of, Mark Road, Burtle **GRANTED**

86 FINANCE

Welcome Booklet - Burtle Village Hall Committee has devised a welcome booklet containing information for newcomers to the village. Three members of the committee presented a draft to the council and requested help with costs involved in setting up and printing. Councillors unanimously agreed to a donation of £100.00.

Proposed Cllr N Ponsillo

Seconded Cllr A Duval

The following invoices were agreed and cheques signed:

M Perdue – Clerk’s salary 1.4.18 – 30.9.18	£400.00
M Perdue – Clerk’s expenses 1.4.18 – 30.9.18	£ 91.59

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr S Bull

87 NOISE AND INCREASE IN HGV TRAFFIC FROM PEAT WORKS

In the absence of any reply to the last correspondence, Cllrs agreed to send a formal letter of complaint to the Chief executive of Mendip District Council. *(copy attached)*

88 BURTLE INN SITE

The owner of the site and the agent were present at the meeting. The agent assured the meeting that accurate plans and amended information would be submitted to the planning officer with the next few days.

He also noted that it was their intention to apply to have the highway in front of the restaurant end of the site stopped up. Clerk requested to obtain further details of this procedure.

89 REPLACEMENT DEFIBRILLATOR

Clerk to have three options available for next meeting

90 CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk has applied for free daffodil bulbs from Sedgemoor.

91 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Shapwick Road Closure - Cllrs were pleased to see that common sense had finally prevailed and the diversion route has been moved from Catcott Broad Drove to Edington Road. Clerk to Edington and Catcott PCs and Burtle clerk have been in constant correspondence with Kier and Somerset County Council to let them know that Catcott Broad Drove is totally unsuitable. Cllr A Duval and District Councillor S Kingham both visited the site to explain the safety concerns but no action was taken until, just as predicted, two lorries became stuck some two hours after the diversion was put in place.

92 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

93 ACTIONS FROM MEETING

Action	Assigned to	To be actioned by	Actions Taken
Send formal complaint to Mendip Chief exec	Clerk	November 2018	
Write to Sedgemoor Planning Dept re inaccurate and incomplete information for Burtle Inn planning application	Clerk	14 October 2018	
Continue to pursue clarification re Grants to Churches	Clerk	November 2018	
Research new signs for Sandpit c/f from February	Cllrs and District Cllr	November 2018	
Research Defib options	Cllrs /Clerk	November 2018	
Report leaning 30mph sign- Edington Road	Clerk	November 2018	
Continue to pursue replacement letter box	Clerk	November 2018	
Seek further details re 'stopping up highways' procedure	Clerk	November 2018	
Continue to pursue details for new SID scheme	Clerk	November 2018	
Monitor situation re Shapwick Road closure	Clerk	November 2018	

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

11 October 2018

Mr Stuart Brown
Chief Executive
Mendip District Council,
Cannards Grave Road,
Shepton Mallet,
BA4 5BT

Dear Mr Brown

FORMAL COMPLAINT

Re: Industrial processing at Godwin's, Peat Works, Burtle Road, Westhay, Glastonbury BA6 9TT

Burtle Parish Councillors would like to make a formal complaint about the way in which Mendip District Council have dealt with the wood chipping activities at the above site and the subsequent delays.

Burtle Parish Council first flagged this matter up in December 2015 and it is still ongoing. I have attached a brief timeline of actions taken in the almost three years since the wood chipping commenced on the site for your reference.

My Councillors asked me to write to you personally on 23 September 2016 to enquire what action Mendip District Council was taking regarding the activities of South West Wood Products on this site as they were becoming frustrated about the apparent lack of action to deal with the matter. In your reply, you confirmed that the Planning Enforcement Department and Environmental Protection Department were looking into the matter but there had been some delay because of illness.

I have been in constant correspondence with your officers but the matter has still not been resolved. In July 2017 Ref: 2017/1838/VRC section 73 application for a minor amendment was made but was withdrawn in November 2017, on advice from the planning officer that it would not be successful. This was after some five months and over seventy letters of objection from members of the public and the many consultees who noted that obligatory impact assessments had not been carried out. In January 2018 we were advised that, following meetings, the applicant intended to submit a CLEUD. Intrigued as to how this could be considered appropriate Burtle Parish Council made a Freedom of Information request for minutes of the meetings. As far as we are aware the CLEUD has still not been received despite being told in May that it was 'imminent'. In fact, the occupants of the site seem to be becoming more entrenched. The piles of wood chippings are being expanded amongst the oaks towards the back and western side of the site and a very large section of hard standing complete with permanent security fencing is currently being developed on the western side of the site.

Councillors feel that Mendip District Council has very little appetite to resolve this situation and would like your comments on the current position and how long you intend to allow the matter to drag on before any enforcement action is taken. Councillors hope that the matter will now be progressed in a timely fashion so that they will not need to consider any further action.

Yours sincerely

Maureen Perdue
Clerk to Burtle Parish Council

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Email copies of this letter have been sent to:

County Councillor David Huxtable
Ian Liddell-Grainger MP
James Heappey MP