

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 8.00pm. This was a virtual meeting held via zoom.

28 PRESENT

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

29 APOLOGIES

None received

30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Porter declared an interest in both planning applications
District Cllr S Kingham declared an interest in both planning applications as a member of the Planning Committee.

31 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

32 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 7th October 2020 were agreed and will be signed as correct by the Chairman.

33 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – SCC Bridge Dept say hole in the bridge at Halterpath Drove has been repaired. Cllr R Dallimore to check as he does not believe that it has. Hole in the road near to historic badger activity near Lilac Farm and pothole at junction of Mark Road and Robins Lane have been repaired. Liam Gill has asked Parish Council to write to landowner where trees and vegetation are overhanging the highway in Catcott Broad Drove. Clerk to reply that they do not know who owns the land. Clerk also asked to report pothole in Burtle Road near to Sunset Bay Farm.

CIL Nothing further to report.

VE day coins Some delivered still trying to find names of other young people in the village.

Noticeboards Cllr N Ponsillo has refurbished the noticeboard by the postbox. Cllrs gave him a vote of thanks for his work and donating the materials used. Cllrs R Dallimore and Cllr J Porter will assess the legs on the one by village hall. Cllr A Duval will repair the doors when it has been made stable again.

Mr Craig House joined the meeting at a prearranged time. The Chairman then dealt with Item of Interest- Chapel Hill Farm listed at minute 38 below.

Mr Craig House then left the meeting and the agenda items were resumed.

34 FINANCE

Cil money received for period up to 31.10 20 - £26.32 Total in hand at present £107.68

Invoices for payment

The following cheque was agreed to be signed:

HMRC 1.4.20 – 30.9.20

£100.00

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr A Duval

Review of Clerk's salary

An increase of 10% backdated to April 2020 was agreed. It was also agreed that a new Parish Council laptop be purchased as the one currently in use by the clerk is having problems. Cllr R Dallimore to research a suitable one for the Parish Council's needs.

Proposed Cllr S Bull

Seconded Cllr A Duval

35 PLANNING

Cllr J Porter and District Cllr S Kingham left the meeting

Applications –

55/20/00005 Removal of Condition 8 of Planning Permission 90564/1 (Erection of an agricultural dwelling) to remove the agricultural tie at Sunset Bay Farm, Burtle Road

After discussion Councillors unanimously agreed that they were unable to support the application for the following reasons:

- *Cllrs feel that a property on working farm should have an agricultural tie*
- *There is permission for a new build property on an adjacent plot with no agricultural tie*
- *Cllrs understand that under the conditions of an agricultural tie it is permissible for a retired worker to live in the property 'the occupation of the dwelling shall be limited to a person solely or mainly working, or last working, in the locality in agriculture or in forestry, or a widow or widower of such a person, and to any resident dependants'.*

55/20/00006 Erection of an agricultural building at Whites Farm, Burtle Road

After discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application providing that the building is used solely for the purposes outlined in the application. *'a purpose built- livestock building to provide the required animal welfare for his cattle and meet the Farm Assurance Scheme standards'*

Decisions – none notified

Cllr J Porter and District Councillor S Kingham rejoined the meeting

36 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE

Chairman and vice chairman recently attended a long-awaited site meeting with the County Traffic Engineer to try to identify cost effective ways to reduce speeding and improve road safety through the village. Traffic Engineer's report with a plan of action based on the observations and discussions is awaited

37 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Burtle Village Hall Committee re support for an application that they are considering to 'Somerset County Council Climate Energy Community Fund' was discussed and they are encouraged to learn that the Burtle Village Hall Committee is looking to make a tangible commitment towards energy efficiency. Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application in principle but would add a caveat regarding ongoing costs.

While noting that this is a fully funded grant Councillors can envisage that the projects proposed are very likely to incur future financial outlay for the Village Hall Committee in the form maintenance costs to ensure continued efficiency and to comply with ongoing changes in regulations together with potential increase in insurance costs etc.

Burtle Parish Council operates on a very limited budget and whilst acknowledging that no financial help is being requested from the Parish Council with the set-up costs of the projects it is unlikely that budget constraints would enable Councillors to offer much or any financial help with ongoing costs in the future.

Road Closure Mark Road 19th November for 2 days noted

Daffodil bulbs Sedgemoor DC are offering a free bag of daffodil bulbs to plant around the village again this year. Cllrs agreed to accept the offer.

38 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Chapel Hill Farm Mr Craig House requested to join the meeting to show Cllrs his most recent plans for part of the Chapel Hill site. He was invited to join the meeting at a prearranged time for a ten-minute slot at 7.45pm. It was explained that Councillors could make no decisions until a formal planning application had been made.

Break ins Cllrs were disturbed to learn of recent attempts to break into property in the parish and urge everyone to be vigilant.

39 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 7.30pm via zoom.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

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