

## **BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

### **1 PRESENT**

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

### **2 APOLOGIES**

None received

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Planning Application 55/21/00002** Cllr N Ponsillo declared an interest as the applicant and District Cllr S Kingham declared an interest as a member of the District Council Planning Committee.

### **4 DISPENSATIONS**

None were sought

### **5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held virtually on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were agreed and signed.

### **6 MATTERS ARISING**

**Highways** – Potholes in Robins Lane near to Glebe Farm, Burtle Road by Sunset Bay farm and hole in road by the church to be reported to Highways dept.

**Bridge in Halter Path Drove** repairs still outstanding

**Flooding by pond in Robins Lane** nothing to report

**Plaque for Bow Bridge** have made contact to collect from Rural Life Museum for lettering to be painted.

**Footpaths** SCC Rights of Way Dept have advised Cllr N Ponsillo that delay in repairing sleeper bridge on footpath from Edington Road to Catcott Broad Drove has been caused by national shortage of timber and it will be completed by the end of the month.

### **7 RETURN TO IN FACE MEETINGS**

Government emergency legislation to hold meetings virtually ended on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and despite requests from many authorities it has not been extended. All future Parish Council meetings must be held 'face to face'.

Burtle Village Hall has put safety measures in place and Special Conditions of Hire form has been signed. Risk Assessment has also been completed. All Cllrs, clerk and members of the public must comply with current Covid regulations when attending meetings.

## 8 BUSINESS CONTINUITY MOTION

Although a return to ‘face to face’ meetings is now allowed the Covid situation is still very fluid Cllrs considered it pertinent to pass the following resolution to ensure that official business of the Parish Council can continue:

*This council resolves that:*

*(a) Should the council be unable to meet for whatever reason, the Clerk be given delegated authority to progress all ongoing matters and projects and authorise all regular payments and incur expenditure in line with the council's agreed budget.*

*(b) Any decisions taken under resolution (a) above will be taken, whenever possible, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and all members of the Parish Council. A record of all decisions and expenditure incurred under delegated authority will be kept and reported to members when the council next meets.*

*(c) The authority to decide the council's response to planning applications be delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council. Whenever possible, all members of the Parish Council will be informed of applications out for consultation and will be invited to submit comments to the Clerk.*

*(d) The provisions outlined in resolutions (a-c) above will override any requirements to the contrary in the council's standing orders, financial regulations or terms of reference.*

**Proposed** Cllr A Duval      **Seconded** Cllr S Bull

## 9 FINANCE

**Audit 2020/21** Exemption certificate sent to the external auditor. Period for exercise of rights to inspect the accounts to run 21.6.21 – 30.7.21

The following cheque was agreed for payment:

W Pople *Grass cutting sandpit 3.3.21- 31.5.21*      £168.75

**Proposed** Cllr R Dallimore      **Seconded** Cllr N Ponsillo

## 10 PLANNING

*Cllr N Ponsillo and District Cllr S Kingham left the meeting*

**Applications –55/21/00002 Outline application with all matters reserved, for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling on site of existing agricultural buildings (to be part demolished) at Lower Whites Farm, Burtle Road, Burtle**

After discussion Cllrs unanimously agreed to support the application for the following reasons:

- They believe that it is important for the security and welfare of stock that somebody is living on site.*
- They believe that it is important for the security of equipment that somebody is living on site.*
- The applicants are a Burtle farming family of long standing who take an active part in the village community and Cllrs support a local business.*

*Cllr N Ponsillo and District Cllr S Kingham rejoined the meeting*

**Decisions – 55/21/00001** Extension to existing agricultural building to cover feed yard at land to the East of Green Drove, Burtle      **GRANTED**

## 11 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS

Nothing to report

**12 CATCOTT BROAD DROVE and OTHER ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

**Catcott Broad Drove** Clearing, tipping and erection of buildings on SSSI land. Nothing more heard from Natural England or Sedgemoor Enforcement Officer. Clerk to issue reminders and to advise that a shipping container has now been placed on the plot opposite Shepherds Drove. Other issues still under review.

**Edington Road** Arras fencing around field and shipping container and dumper truck on land just off Dobbins Drove. Clerk to Edington to be contacted as it is believed that both issues are within their parish.

**13 GRASS CUTTING AT SANDPIT**

Only one tender received in response to advertisement inviting tenders to carry out the grass cutting from 1.6.2021 – 31.3.22. Cllrs accepted the tender from Mr Paul Ham to cut the grass at a charge of £15 per hour with a 2 hour minimum visit on each time.

Agreed via email to allow the contract to commence. Decision unanimously ratified.

**Proposed** Cllr J Porter                      **Seconded** Cllr S Bull

Clerk to write to Wayne Pople to thank him for his work in cutting the grass at the Sandpit so efficiently.

**14 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Footpaths Two** emails received recently from parishioners regarding inaccessible footpaths. Cllr N Ponsillo has contacted area Warden again for update.

**Deep water lake by Godwin’s** reply from traffic Engineer 12.4.21 forwarded from Meare PC. Planning site visit with Cllr Kingham when Covid restrictions lifted.

**15 ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Clerk has contacted Clerk for Burnham without to enquire about the newly installed SID at Watchfield. It is a joint venture with several other parishes using a grant from Hinkley and is not a simple installation that would be suitable for Burtle PC.

**16 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

To be confirmed

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

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