

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This was the Annual Meeting.

This was the first meeting after the election on 5th May 2022. All Councillors signed their Acceptance of Office Forms before the start of the meeting with the exception of Councillor N Ponsillo who was unable to attend because of illness. (*His form was signed at a later date when he had recovered*)

1 PRESENT

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman)
Councillor S Bull (vice chairman)
Councillor J Hedges
Councillor J Porter

2 APOLOGIES

Councillor N Ponsillo

3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr R Dallimore was Proposed as Chairman and unanimously elected

Proposed Cllr S Bull

Seconded Cllr J Hedges

The acceptance of office form as Chairman was duly completed

Cllr S Bull was proposed as vice chairman and unanimously elected

Proposed Cllr J Porter

Seconded Cllr R Dallimore

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None made

5 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2022 were agreed and signed.

7 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS, MEDIA POLICY AND FINANCIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The above documents have been reviewed and agreed as correct. It was noted that the financial Instructions will need to be further reviewed if the proposed change of bank and adoption of electronic banking is completed.

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr S Bull

8 NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the new code of conduct

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr J Porter

9 BURTLE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NOMINEE AND FOOTPATHS LIAISON OFFICER

Cllr R Dallimore, as Chairman of Burtle Parish Council, agreed to accept the ex officio membership of the Burtle Village Hall Management Committee. It was agreed not to exercise the right to nominate another member of the committee at the present time.

It was unanimously agreed that Cllr N Ponsillo continue as Footpaths Liaison Officer

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr S Bull

10 MATTERS ARISING

Highways Deep edge potholes in Mark Road particularly outside of the old Edington school site and at Sweet's corner. Clerk to report to Highways. Still awaiting repainting of white lines as promised for this financial year. Several Highway signs appear to have been deliberately knocked over in Burtle and the surrounding areas. Tyre marks can be seen in the grass and marks on the posts. Highways dept and police have been informed.

Deep Lake by Godwin's awaiting installation of reflector posts

Plaque for Bow Bridge still to be fixed. Bridge was hit and damaged again recently by a vehicle which managed to drive around the corner on to Burtle Road before being abandoned. Incident has been reported to the police and the SCC Bridge dept are to make a safety inspection of the bridge

Footpaths nothing to report

Damaged Finger Post nothing to report

Bus Shelter was knocked by a vehicle and moved a few feet as fixings were broken. The shelter was already being assessed for repair and advice will be sought with a view to seeking quotes for the work. Thanks to Cllr J Hedges for carrying out a temporary repair to make the shelter safe.

Jubilee Mugs order has been confirmed and delivery is expected on 24th May. Chairman will distribute them at Jubilee events in the village.

Sandpit clearing of some of the paths and reseeded has been completed making maintenance easier. Tree in container is ready to plant in the Autumn. Volunteers to be invited to revamp the planted area by the seat. Cllr S Bull will coordinate.

11 FINANCE

Internal Audit of 2021/22 Accounts arranged. Formal agreement of accounts and completion of audit form to be completed at June meeting.

Insurance - renewal of policy with Zurich was unanimously agreed

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr S Bull

Change of Bank Account - Clerk has made preliminary enquiries with Nat West and they appear to be able to offer better terms than HSBC. She will proceed with an application to transfer the accounts.

The following cheques were signed:

Mr P Ham <i>Grasscutting at Sandpit</i>	£112.50
Mrs M Perdue <i>reimbursement of cost of Jubilee mugs</i>	£295.20
Zurich Insurance	£309.12

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr J Porter

12 PLANNING

Applications – none notified

Decisions – none notified

13 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Still very little response to all the longstanding enforcement issues in the village. New tipping at Catcott Broad Drove opposite Shepherds Drove has been reported to all the relevant authorities with little response. It would appear that, because of the wet conditions in November 2021, Sedgemoor DC gave the owner of the mobile home on land at Westhay Broad Drove a time extension until May to remove it. Burtle Parish Council was not informed of this at the time despite numerous emails to the officer concerned most of which went unanswered. The mobile home now has an advertising banner on the side and this has been reported to the planning department.

14 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS

Speed Indicator Device

Site meeting arranged between traffic engineer and Chairman on Friday 20th May to finalise locations etc for SIDs

Quote has been obtained from Evolis which is valid for three months.

15 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Will be held on Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 7.30pm.

16 ITEMS OF INTEREST

The new owners of the Old Vicarage have let the Parish Council know, as a matter of courtesy, that they are planning to landscape the grounds and cut down some of the fir trees. They have contacted the Landscape Officer at Sedgemoor for advice and who has confirmed that they are not protected.

Black Bull Bridge the sign in memory of Albert Watts has been damaged. It is currently being repaired and will be replaced.

Fly tipping two heaps of tyres have been dumped in the verge by Chapel Farm. Matter was reported to Clean Surroundings and they have been removed.

17 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This is one week later than usual because of the Jubilee.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

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