

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

30 PRESENT

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

31 APOLOGIES

None

32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr N Ponsillo declared an interest in any discussion regarding footpaths

33 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

34 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2022 were agreed and signed.

35 MATTERS ARISING

Highways Cllrs noted that edge potholes by the school have been done.

Deep Lake by Godwin's Reflector posts are still awaited. Traffic engineer to be approached about the corner nearer to Burtle on the other side of the peatworks. This is a sharp bend with no verge and a steep drop into the rhyne. The problem is made worse by the mud and grit that is usually over the road causing a skid hazard.

Plaque for Bow Bridge still no reply from bridge dept

Footpaths nothing to report

Damaged Finger Post has been repaired but still awaiting to be installed.

Bus Shelter two quotes received, third awaited.

Jubilee Mugs still some remaining. Cllr Bull will take some to deliver remainder to be taken to Café Burtle.

Sandpit Bill for plants etc to be dealt with under finance

Black Bull Bridge Plaque in memory of Albert Watts has been repaired and erected in a safer place on the bridge by Brenda Gibbons and Dudley White. Letter of thanks to be sent to them.

36 FINANCE

2021/22 of Accounts - Period for exercise of public rights 1.7.22 – 11.8.22

The following cheques were signed:

Sedgemoor DC <i>election expenses</i>	£100.00
Mr P Ham <i>Grass cutting at Sandpit</i>	£ 90.00
S Bull <i>plants etc for Sandpit</i>	£ 82.88

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr J Hedges

37 PLANNING

Applications – none notified

Decisions –

55/22/00002 Erection of two storey rear (SE) extension on site of existing conservatory (to be demolished) at Catcott Crossing Cottage, Catcott Broad Drove, Burtle

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55/22/00003 Crown lift Walnut (T1) to 3m above ground level. Removal of epicormic growth. Reduce spread by 2m all round at The Old Vicarage, Mark Road, Burtle

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38 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

No progress to report. Tipping is continuing in Catcott Broad Drove.

39 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS

Speed Indicator Device Councillors are frustrated at the amount of time it is taking to complete this project but are pleased that the site meeting with Traffic Engineer has finally taken place. Unfortunately, she has advised that posts previously used for SIDs by Somerset County Council opposite Chapel Hill Farm, Mark Road and Sunset Bay Farm, Burtle Road are no longer suitable and new poles will need to be erected in these locations, the location of the pole by Southview Farm Burtle Road is suitable but it will need to have an extension fitted as it is not considered tall enough. Fortunately, the two suggested locations in Catcott Broad Drove and Station Road are suitable with no modifications. The work to the poles has to be financed by the Parish Council but undertaken by Highways Dept. and the only estimate for completion of the work is ‘within the current financial year’.

Road Safety Opportunity was taken during the visit to review other ways to slow traffic including cutting back vegetation to make signs clearly visible and refurbishment of some signs. Cllrs agreed to look again at ‘village gateways’ at the entrances to the village to try to slow through traffic as it may now be possible to obtain grant funding for these.

There have been several incidents of vehicles damaging items in the village recently, many seem to occur at night. The most recent and serious being the house on the Cross which has been extensively damaged after being hit by a car.

40 CORRESPONDENCE

Table of Councillor’s Interests - draft of details to be published has been agreed.

Footpaths at Burtle Moor Farm - email received from potential purchasers requesting information about footpaths through the farm which are shown in the definitive map. Enquiry referred to Somerset County Council Footpaths Dept.

41 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Royal Mail Collection Times - Although there has been no contact from Royal Mail, it was noted that Royal Mail has changed the collection times from the box in the wall by Gatcombe Farm. Collections are now 9am weekdays and 7am on Saturdays. Collection times at the box near to the Burtle Inn remain as 4.15pm weekdays and 10.30am on Saturdays.

42 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

It was agreed to not hold a meeting in August unless any urgent business arises.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

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