

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 1st February 2017 at 7.30pm in Burtle Village Hall.

137 PRESENT

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

138 APOLOGIES

County Councillor David Huxtable

139 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

140 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

141 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th January were agreed and signed as correct.

142 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Highways dept has advised that defective white lines will be repainted by the contractor within the next three months – this defect was first reported to them in March 2016. Highways has confirmed that gulleys by Burtle Inn have recently been jetted. Drain in Robins Lane requires jetting. Councillors were disappointed to see that the reinstatement of the verge recently carried out by Black Bull Bridge appears to be cracking.

Concerns that overgrown hedges in Robins Lane are causing vehicles to drive out in the road and damage verges on the opposite side. Clerk requested to write to landowner requesting that they cut back the hedges.

Drainage – Work has started on improving drainage by landowners with properties in Mark Road. Matthew Wall from drainage Board is coordinating the work as it needs to be carried out in a certain sequence so as not to cause problems to properties along the route.

Speed watch – nothing to report.

Catcott Broad Drove – Enforcement Officer will contact owner of the site to request the owner to clear the rubbish and tidy the site now that the gentleman who had set up camp there appears to have complied with the order to leave the site. Clerk asked to contact Enforcement Officer regarding green camper van that has been parked in the car park at the Burtle Inn for several months now.

Bus Shelter – resurfacing the area in front of shelter ongoing.

Laptop for Clerk - ongoing

Burtle Website - Mr R Myers has confirmed that there are no hosting costs this year. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr R Dallimore who has recently overhauled and updated the website and oversees the website on a voluntary basis.

Grass cutting at Sandpit – Mr S Hodge is happy to continue to cut the grass at the Sand pit for the period 1.4.17 -31.3.18 under the same terms and conditions as the current year. Clerk to write to formally confirm.

143 FINANCE

Precept for 2017/18 was discussed and Cllrs agreed an amount of £3716 which together with the CT grant of £84 will make a total of £3800. This is a slight increase over the 2016/17 amount partly to offset the reduction of the CT grant from £139.

Proposed Cllr S Bull

Seconded Cllr J Porter

Donation request from Burtle Babies – reply has been received detailing items that they need to purchase totalling £329.88. After discussion Cllrs agreed to make a donation of £100. Clerk to contact the group for details of their banking arrangements to raise a cheque.

Proposed Cllr A Duval

Seconded Cllr R Dallimore

144 PLANNING

Applications –

None notified

Decisions -

55/16/00020 Change of use, conversion and extension of former Inn to two dwellings, formation of parking at Burtle Inn Catcott Broad Drove Burtle TA7 8NG

WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT

55/16/00021- Erection of single storey extension to West elevation, replacement of one door and window with folding doors to South elevation at Glebe Farm Cottage Robins Lane Burtle TA7 8NT

GRANTED

145 TREES WESTHAY BROAD DROVE

Matter is still being dealt with by insurance company.

146 NOISE AND INCREASE IN HGV TRAFFIC FROM PEAT WORKS

Planning Enforcement Team at Mendip has now received detailed explanations from the owners of the chipping processing company as to why they believe that the chipping is lawful use of the site. This is currently being reviewed by the Mendip team, in the meantime they have made some visits to the site together with officers from their Environmental Protection Team.

The operators have indicated that they will be submitting a planning application to house the machinery that is currently outside.

The Environmental Protection team at Sedgemoor continues to monitor nuisance caused to residents of Burtle and anyone affected can obtain a diary sheet from them to record dates and times of noise or other nuisance from the site. Completed diary sheets are used as evidence of the amount of nuisance that the wood chipping processing is causing. One local resident has informed the Parish council that he is keeping such a diary.

Lorries and other traffic coming off the site or passing from one side of the road to the other have dragged a great deal of mud and gravel on to the highway making that stretch of road extremely dangerous to vehicles. The matter has been reported to the Highways Dept and the police who confirmed that the company has a duty to clear the mud etc off the highway and to erect warning signs that there is mud on the road.

147 CORRESPONDENCE

Local Plan – Consultation period has just started and dates of local exhibitions were circulated

Joint Parishes meeting 22.2.17 – Cllrs Duval and Pople will attend.

Code of Conduct Training 1.3.17 – unfortunately this will clash with Parish Council meeting.

Highways – letter received advising of new contract with Skansa for repairs and maintenance.

Police attendance at PC meetings – they have advised that this will no longer be a priority.

148 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Annual Village Clean up It was agreed to hold a Cleanup morning on Sunday 19th March providing that there is no service in Burtle church that morning. Meet in the Village Hall at 10am. Cllrs agreed to provide a free soup and pudding lunch for all volunteers. Clerk to make all arrangements including informing insurers.

Black bin collections District Cllr S Kingham advised that there are plans to reduce the frequency of collections to every three weeks instead of every two weeks at present.

Recycling Collections There have been complaints that paper and card etc is being blown around because the operators are not closing down the doors on the collection vehicles. Clerk to write to Steve Reid, Managing Director, Somerset Waste Partnership.

Road Salting Cllr C Pople reported that he has not been out with the salting equipment this year as we have not had any extreme weather. However, he has recently spread some salt from the bins on the bend by Burtle Inn and junction by the church on mornings when there was a heavy frost.

149 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm

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