

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at 7.00pm in Burtle Village Hall.

96 PRESENT

Councillor C Pople (chairman)
Councillor A Duval (vice chairman)
Councillor R Dallimore
Councillor J Porter
County Councillor David Huxtable

97 APOLOGIES

Councillor S Bull
District Councillor Stuart Kingham

98 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

99 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

100 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meetings held on 5th October were agreed and signed as correct.

101 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Poor quality of recent white lining has been drawn to attention of Highways Dept again and they confirmed that it is still under enquiry with the contractor. They have also advised that the hole in the road in Catcott Broad Drove near to the corner by the horses will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Road closure – . Notice has been given of a road closure between Lilac Farm, Mark Road and River Road, Mark (the Mark side of Black Bull Bridge) for 12 days from 7th November. This is to allow repairs to be carried out to the badger damage by Lilac Farm, the verge where the lorry left the road by Black Bull Bridge and repairs to Black Bull Bridge where it was hit by dryers travelling to Godwin's Peat works last December. Councillors were very pleased to hear that repairs were to be carried out at last and agreed that it should be advertised on the website

Drainage – nothing to report

Speed watch – nothing to report.

Catcott Broad Drove – Bus has been removed from Honeysuckle Villa. Enforcement proceedings are ongoing with regard to the gentleman who has been cutting down the trees and has set up a camp on the verge by Shepherds Drove. The enforcement officer is investigating the shed and horse box where someone appears to be staying overnight.

Bus Shelter – resurfacing the area in front of shelter still to be carried out.

New houses at Burtle Inn – Agent has been on holiday so Liam Gill from Highways department is meeting with him to check position of the front wall on 7th November. Agent says that he believes that it has been built on the foundations of the old wall.

Daffodil bulbs – have been delivered and Cllrs agreed to meet on Sunday 13th November at 9.30am to plant them on the Sandpit.

Laptop for Clerk - Cllr R Dallimore to research cost. Grants are available

102 FINANCE

Cllr A Duval reported that he had made the regular six monthly financial check and had found everything in order. A copy of accounts for the current year was circulated to Councillors.

Precept request forms for 2016/7 have been received from Sedgemoor and have been circulated to Councillors.

The following cheque was signed:

Clerk's salary 1.4.16 – 30.9.16	£307.20
Clerk's expenses	<u>£112.36</u>
Total	£419.56

Proposed Cllr A Duval

Seconded Cllr J Porter

103 PLANNING

Applications –

55/16/00018 Change of use of school to dwelling and erection of a two storey extension to South West elevation, on site of existing timber structure (to be demolished) at Old Vicarage, Mark Road, Burtle

Cllrs agreed the following response:

The application was discussed at the November meeting of Burtle Parish Council and councillors agreed to support the application. However, they have some concerns about drainage issues on the site. The application states that foul water will be discharged to the main sewer but there is no mains drainage in Burtle. Councillors would like to know whether the property will continue to share drainage with the adjacent property, The Old Vicarage. Councillors believe that there needs to be an upgrade to an adequate bio digester or treatment plant for each property

2016/2549/CNT First Periodic Review of Schedule 14 Review of Conditions attached to Planning Permission 42103, dated 25/03/1958; as reviewed by Review of Old Mining Permission (ROMP) 042103/001 dated 13/01/1999, for the excavation of peat at Burtle Road, Westhay, Glastonbury (GR: 341990 - 142543)

Cllrs agreed the following response:

Councillors do not feel qualified to make any observations upon the technical issues raised in the report and left to the relevant officers who have the necessary expertise to make considered decisions.

However, they would like to make the following observations:

- Councillors note that the Abbot's Way, which is situated within this site, is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and feel that this ancient track way should continue to be protected in a way that reflects its national historical importance and. They feel that the best way to ensure that the site is given the care and protection it warrants is for it to remain in the ownership of Somerset County Council.
- In view of the sensitive nature of the whole area, Councillors would also like to request that an Environmental Impact survey is carried out on all the areas and that this informs the current use and planned after use of the site.
- Councillors note that there is a proposed increase in the number of hours allowed in a working day on the site and would like to know why this request is being made.
- Previous planning applications have required that the area used for the storage of bagged peat products is screened with hedging. Evergreen trees were planted some time ago but bagged products, empty pallets etc are now stored in front of the screening trees. This is probably due to a loss of space on the opposite side of the road in the area that is now being used for the wood chip processing activity.
- The increased number of HGVs visiting the site because of this wood chipping activity is also putting undue pressure on the narrow moor roads. The huge HGVs being used regularly come off the road and damage the road edge and verges.

Decisions –

55/16/00016 Removal of Condition 3 of Planning Permission 55/04/00010 Change of use and conversion of barn to holiday accommodation) to allow occupation of holiday let as a dwelling on a permanent basis at Holiday Cottage, Glebe Farm, Robins Lane, Burtle TA7 8NT **GRANTED**

Councillors noted that the original application included an extension to the property but had been changed to the above. Burtle Parish Council had not been informed of this change and had commented on the original. The officer concerned had apologized for not keeping Burtle Parish Council informed.

104 AFFORDABLE /SOCIAL HOUSING

Councillors noted their thanks to the officers from Sedgemoor District Council who attended the Parish Meeting in October. They feel that both Councillors and residents of the Parish have been informed on the subject

105 TREES WESTHAY BROAD DROVE

Nothing to report

106 NOISE AND INCREASE IN HGV TRAFFIC FROM PEAT WORKS

Nothing to report

107 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter has been received from HSBC regarding closure of Burnham on Sea branch in the new year. Burtle Parish Council account will be moved to Weston branch.

Letter has been received and circulated from Avalon Marshes to let councilors know that they propose to introduce charges for car parking at the local reserves. Clerk to respond to let them know that Cllrs are very disappointed to learn of this as they feel it will encourage people to park indiscriminately on the local roads and will result in families with children walking in the road.

108 ITEMS OF INTEREST

County Cllr David Huxtable informed the meeting that Highways dept are currently under spent but spending has to be tightly controlled as the County Council as a whole has ever increasing demands being put on it for adult social care and children in care.

Field at Robins Drive – Plots have been sold off to householders in Station Road to extend their gardens. Section has been sold to extend the area around the treatment plant. Section along Robins Lane has been fenced off and remainder is for sale by auction on 29th November

109 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm

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