

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 5th October 2016 at 7.00pm in Burtle Village Hall.

83 PRESENT

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

84 APOLOGIES

County Councillor David Huxtable

85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C Pople declared an interest in planning application at Glebe Farm
Cllr S Kingham declared an interest in planning application at Glebe Farm as a member of the Sedgemoor District Council Planning Committee

86 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

87 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September were agreed and signed as correct.

88 MATTERS ARISING

Highways –Highways Department have contacted contractors regarding the poor quality of white lining that was carried out a few months ago. Large pothole by second lay-by in Westhay Broad Drove and one in Mark Road to be reported to Highways.

Road closure – Highways dept has confirmed that postponed road closure to carry out repairs to badger damage by Lilac Farm will take place in this financial year but are unable to give a date at present. Ecologists have confirmed that site is no longer active so work can be carried out at any time without a licence.

Drainage – nothing to report

Speed watch – nothing to report.

Catcott Broad Drove – Notice period to remove bus at Honeysuckle Villa expires on 15 October 2016. Enforcement office will send reminder to the owner. Enforcement officer also confirmed that action to remove the man who has set up a camp ear to Shepherds Drove is still progressing.

Bus Shelter –Cllr J Porter to tarmac the area in front of shelter as soon as possible .

New houses at Burtle Inn - Liam Gill from Highways department is planning to make a site visit to check position of the front wall to determine whether it has encroached on to Highway land.

89 PLANNING

Cllr C Pople left the room and Cllr A Duval took over the chair.

Applications –

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 together with extensions at Holiday Cottage, Glebe Farm, Robins Lane, Burtle TA7 8NT
After discussion councillors agreed the following response:

Councillors agreed to support the application as they understand that family requirements and the holiday letting situation have changed since the original application to convert the barn ten years ago.

However, they have the following concerns that they would like to raise:

They would like clarification with regard to the vehicular entrances and parking provisions that are proposed. As submitted, the plan shows two vehicle entrances for the holiday let plot and none for the main farmhouse. Councillors would like clarification about what parking and access arrangements are intended for the main farmhouse.

They would like clarification that each property will have adequate drainage. The application states that the enlarged barn property will use the existing septic tank connection. Councillors are unclear as to whether this is shared with the main house or not. If it is shared they would like reassurance that there is adequate capacity to cope with the potential increase of foul water that an enlarged permanently occupied residential property would produce.

The application states that the existing surface water soak away will be utilised. Councillors would like reassurance that this will be adequate for the substantially increased roof area.

Cllr Pople returned to the room

Decisions -

55/16/00012 Erection of two storey extension and alteration to porch roof to front (South) elevation, partly on site of existing (to be demolished) and two storey and single storey extensions to rear (North) elevation at New House, Burtle Road, Burtle, TA7 8NB **GRANTED BY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

55/16/00015 Variation of condition 3 of Planning Permission 55/01/00008, which restricted the occupancy of the dwelling to a person solely or mainly working or last working in the locality in agriculture or forestry, to allow equestrian occupancy at Hill Farm, Farm Lane, Burtle TA7 8NB **GRANTED**

90 FINANCE

2015/16 External Audit has been successfully completed with an advisory note to fully document internal controls. Notice completion of Audit will be published.

Clerks salary to deferred to November meeting due to time constraints.

91 TREES WESTHAY BROAD DROVE

Cllr C Pople, Cllr A Duval and Cllr J Porter met with the Loss adjuster on site recently. He will now make a decision regarding the compensation claim.

92 NOISE AND INCREASE IN HGV TRAFFIC FROM PEAT WORKS

Clerk has received a reply from Stuart Brown Chief Executive of Mendip District Council *Copy attached*

93 CORRESPONDENCE

Local government finance settlement 2017 to 2018: technical consultation Cllrs discussed the matter and agreed the following response, which was copied to District Cllr, County Cllr and MP:

Burtle Parish Councillors do not have the necessary expertise and therefore do not feel sufficiently qualified to make an informed response to the minutiae of the consultation document.

However, they would like to make some general observations on the matter.

They do not believe that 'a one size fits all' approach is beneficial and they feel that the current system serves small parishes such as Burtle well. Parish councillors who live and work within the communities they serve have a unique understanding of local issues and are acutely aware of how services that they strive to provide can be affected by policies and decisions made at Central Government level.

Burtle Parish Council, therefore believes that Local councils should continue to have the freedom and flexibility to raise the resources they need to invest in local services, especially at a time when they are taking on services and assets from principal councils, often much valued services which would otherwise cease completely and which their communities want to see continue.

Daffodil bulbs Burtle Parish Council has been allocated some daffodil bulbs and Cllrs agreed to plant them on the Sandpit.

New Parliamentary Boundaries Cllrs noted that Burtle will not be affected by proposed changes.

94 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Catcott Broad Drove reports have been received that somebody has been staying in a shed near to the field on the corner where the horses are. Enforcement Officer to be informed.

Defib check sheet has been completed and will be emailed to South Western Ambulance NHS Trust.

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

95 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2d November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm

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