#### **BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30pm in Burtle Village Hall.

#### **85 PRESENT**

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman) Councillor A Duval (vice chairman) Councillor Nathan Ponsillo Councillor J Porter District Councillor S Kingham

### **86 APOLOGIES**

Councillor S Bull (*arrived at 8.30pm*) County Councillor David Huxtable

# **87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr J Porter and District Councillor S Kingham declared an interest in the Burtle Inn Planning application

### 88 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

### 89 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were agreed and signed as correct.

### 90 MATTERS ARISING

**Highways** - Overgrown hedges in Robin's Lane have been cut back by a neighbouring farmer. There is a loose bollard on the side of the road near to River Bridge. There is no sign of where it has come from but it still has the concrete around the base and is causing a hazard to traffic – to be reported to Highways.

**Drainage** – Next stage of an ongoing project by the Drainage Board to reinstate historical water courses in the parish in a bid to help reduce the risk of future flooding in Burtle. A section from rear of Chapel Hill Farm to the pond in Robin's Lane is currently under way. The phase after that will cover the Robins Lane/Robins Drive area and cllrs discussed the possible need to look at ditches, hedges and trees in that area.

**Catcott Broad Drove** – nothing to report.

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

**Laptop for Clerk** – Suitable software to be purchased before grant application can be made.

**Sign on Sandpit and Finger Posts** -Working party to be arranged to carry out the work as soon as possible.

**Burtle website** – Cllr R Dallimore has completed the upgrading the website. Cllrs thanked him for all his work to improve the website for the village.

### 91 PLANNING

**Applications** – **55/17/00002** Change of use and extension of Public House to form two dwellings at Burtle Inn, Catcott Broad Drove, Burtle

The latest version of the plans for conversion of the Burtle Inn to two dwellings, registered on 27.9.17, was discussed together with a bat survey and materials schedule for the project. Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application in its latest form with the following conditions:

- No demolition and rebuilding takes place and roof heights and profiles remain the same as at present.
- A wall, the same height as the perimeter wall is built, prior to occupation, to delineate the garden area from the parking spaces on the northern side of the property facing Burtle Road
  Proposed Cllr A Duval seconded Cllr S Bull

Councillors noted that a lot of people in the village would have liked the Burtle Inn to remain as a pub but they have had to be realistic in accepting that that was not going to happen and therefore have felt it their duty to ensure that the site was redeveloped in the best possible way for the village. They are very happy to have ensured that the outside of this characterful old building will be retained and hopefully this corner of the village will be restored to be as attractive as it was in the past.

**Decisions** – none notified

**2017/1838/VRC** Application to vary condition 3 of planning permission 085439/001 (erection of replacement factory building) to enable the building to be used for the storage, processing and manufacturing of horticultural products and wood products for animal bedding and biomass at E J Godwin Peat Industries Limited, Burtle Road, Westhay, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9TT Still under consideration by Mendip planners. There are currently 76 comments registered none of which are in favour of the application.

### 92 FINANCE

A request for a donation to help with costs incurred in running Burtle Babies was agreed in principle in March 2017 but as the group has no bank account Burtle Parish Council had no means of making the payment. It has now been agreed that the donation will be made direct to Burtle Village Hall to cover rent due for use of the hall by Burtle Babies.

Invoices have been received and the following cheques were agreed:

R Dallimore - Website fees	£172.37
S Hodge – Grass cutting on sandpit	£288.00
M Perdue –Clerk's salary 1.4.17- 30.9.17	£307.20
M Perdue – Clerks expenses 1.4.17- 30.9.17	£215.47
Burtle Village Hall – donation to cover rent for Burtle Babies*	£100.00

Proposed Cllr J Porter seconded Cllr A Duval

**Bank Mandate** this has now been taken to HSBC bank in Weston super Mare. They also require a copy of September minutes.

# 93 TREES WESTHAY BROAD DROVE

No further information received

### 94 NOISE AND INCREASE IN HGV TRAFFIC FROM PEAT WORKS

Cllr Tony Duval and the clerk attended the recent meeting at Meare which their MP James Heappey had arranged to discuss the HGVs travelling through their village to the South West Wood products/ Chipmunks, Ashcott Road site. Representatives from several interested parties were present including SCC Transport, SCC Planning, Environment agency, RSPB, Meare Parish Council. Representatives of the owners of the Ashcott Road site and South West Wood products/ Chipmunks were also present. The meeting was very well attended and a lot of strong feelings were aired about the nuisance that the site causes to Meare and Westhay residents. There were a few people from Burtle present and they mentioned the application at the Godwin's site which is technically in Meare Parish although nearer to Burtle and highlighted the fact that this is also causing nuisance to

Meare and Westhay with HGV traffic and dust etc. At the end of the formal meeting the representatives from Burtle took the opportunity to flag up the application at the Godwin's site to all the panel members including James Heappey MP.

## 95 CORRESPONDENCE

Planning meetings to be held at Bridgwater House on 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October

### 96 ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Road signs** - Some parishioners have enquired about the signs through the village indicating the 30mph limit. These were agreed and erected when the limit was first put in place several years ago. Clerk to make enquiries about current rules for such signs and the possibility of having a priority sign by Red Gate for vehicles leaving and entering the village.

**Fly tipping** – Clerk to arrange collection of rubbish tipped at Huntspill Drove and Westhay Road. Cllrs noted correspondence from Sedgemoor regarding a gentleman who has recently spent a night in jail for not paying a fine for fly tipping.

**Poppies on Sandpit** – Burtle poppy organizer would like to erect some large poppies on the Sandpit during this year's campaign. Cllrs unanimously agreed to this request.

## 97 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm