

## **BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm in Burtle Village Hall.

### **63 PRESENT**

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman)

Councillor A Duval (vice chairman)

Councillor S Bull (*arrived at 7.35*)

Councillor N Ponsillo

District Councillor Stuart Kingham

County Councillor David Huxtable (*present for first part of meeting*)

### **64 APOLOGIES**

Councillor J Porter

### **65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

District Councillor Stuart Kingham declared an interest in the planning application

### **66 DISPENSATIONS**

None were sought

### **67 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 were agreed and signed as correct.

### **68 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING**

These were reviewed and progress noted

### **69 MATTERS ARISING**

**Highways** – Cllrs are disappointed to see that dip by the cattery is returning so soon after repairs were carried out. Clerk to inform Highways.

**Drainage** – nothing to report

**Catcott Broad Drove** – caravan at Honeysuckle Villa should be vacated at end of August

**Bus Shelter** – Tarmac has now been laid in front of the bus shelter. Cllrs agreed that it was an excellent job and a vote of thanks was proposed to Cllr J porter for carrying out the work. Mr Steve Tenant regularly empties the bin at the bus shelter. Clerk was asked to purchase a pack of black bin bags to send to Mr Tenant with a letter of thanks for doing this for the community.

**Sign on Sandpit and Finger Posts** – both items ongoing

**SIDs** – Delay in setting up County scheme but officer is about to be recruited. Cllrs agreed to be included on list of those wishing to participate when it is in place.

**Defibrillator** – Options from other sources for replacement in December still being researched.

Clerk to collate details of options. SWAST has said that they will not leave Burtle without a defib if one is on order even if from another source.

**Postbox at Burtle Inn** – Royal Mail has finally replied to email of July regarding safer location but say that all agreements are now in place for site by the noticeboard. Postbox cannot be moved from Burtle Inn until scaffolding is removed. Clerk to write to ask for a temporary box as work at the Burtle Inn site cannot recommence until a new planning application has been made and agreed.

**Speedwatch Signs** – Clerk has arranged purchase of the signs. Cheque required before order could be processed.

## 70 PLANNING

### Applications –

**55/18/00003/** Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian and the erection of a timber stable block on land to the West of, Mark Road, Burtle. After discussion Cllrs agreed the following response:

*Cllrs have no objections to the application. However, they would like to question the reasons for a change of use*

- *The application states that the land will be farmed for hay and it will be stored on the site which would appear to be agricultural use*
- *The application also states that two horses are to be grazed on the site as well as hay production. Given the small size of the site, 1.66 acres minus the area covered by the substantial proposed stable block, it would not appear to be large enough to produce grazing for two horses and hay production.*
- *Councillors feel that the narrow access would be too restrictive to manoeuvre a horse box through to and from the highway*

**Decisions – none notified**

## 71 FINANCE

The following invoices were agreed and cheques signed:

Morelock signs - Speedwatch signs <i>(Agreement of cheque previously signed to expedite order)</i>	£127.37
S Hodge - Grass cutting Sandpit 1.4.18 – 22.6.18	£336.00
S Hodge - Grass cutting & weedkilling Sandpit 17.8.18 – 31.8.18	£121.00

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr A Duval

In view of recent developments around pesticides and chemicals clerk was asked to write to Mr Hodge for future reference to ask for confirmation that he has undertaken the necessary training in the safe handling and application of pesticides.

**Grant application from Friends of Burtle Church** it is understood that clarification will be contained in the next edition of Local Council Administration which should be available within the next month.

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

Cllrs were sorry to learn that Paula Debenham, Senior Enforcement Officer at Mendip is leaving the authority. Still no news of CLEUD which was promised some nine months ago. Cllrs are considering whether it is appropriate to contact the ombudsman about the delays.

## 73 BURTLE INN SITE

New planning application for the whole site is still awaited.

Sedgemoor have replied to District Councillor Kingham and clerk to confirm that CIL payment cannot be collected now that planning permission has been withdrawn even though the applicant did not comply with the regulations and make the payment on time.

## 74 CORRESPONDENCE

**Community Speedwatch Group** An email from the group coordinator was discussed at the meeting and Councillors expressed the following views: The speed limit through the village was introduced in 2003 after many years of lobbying by Burtle Parish Council. Councillors have committed to joining the new scheme to pay for the installation of Speed Indicator devices on a regular basis following the County Council's withdrawal of the previous scheme which installed them free of charge. They have supported the Community Speedwatch group by purchasing the signs that they requested for the approach roads to the village. Councillors do not believe that

concrete planters or chicanes are suitable for Burtle Road but they are pleased to note that the police speed van is visiting more often. Clerk to respond to email with above comments.

**Amendments to Local Plan** to be discussed at next meeting

**Poppies on Sandpit** Request has been received from Burtle Poppy organizer to place a display of large poppies on the Sandpit again this year. Cllrs agreed that it was an excellent display last year and they are happy for a similar one this year especially as it will be the centenary of the end of the Great War. Clerk to reply.

**75 ITEMS OF INTEREST**

There were no items of interest

**76 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

**77 ACTIONS FROM MEETING**

Action	Assigned to	To be actioned by	Actions Taken
Write to Mendip Planning officer to ask if CLEUD has been made or action taken	Clerk	October 2018	
Purchase bags and write to Mr S Tenant to thank him for emptying bin at bus shelter	Clerk	October 2018	
Continue to pursue clarification re Grants to Churches	Clerk	October 2018	
Research new signs for Sandpit c/f from February	Cllrs and District Cllr	October 2018	
Research Defib options	Cllrs /Clerk	October 2018	
Reply to Speedwatch coordinator	Clerk	October 2018	
Reply to Poppy organizer re Sandpit display	Clerk	October 2018	
Write to S Hodge re weedkilling at Sandpit – does he hold necessary qualifications?	Clerk	October 2018	
Continue to pursue details for new SID scheme	Clerk	October 2018	

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