

## **BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm in Burtle Village Hall.

### **55 PRESENT**

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

### **56 APOLOGIES**

Councillor N Ponsillo

### **57 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr A Duval declared an interest in planning application 55/19/00007  
Cllr J Porter declared an interest in planning application 55/19/00008  
District Cllr S Kingham declared an interest in planning matters as he sits on Sedgemoor District Planning Committee.

### **58 DISPENSATIONS**

None were sought

### **59 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Minutes of the meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 were agreed and signed as correct.

### **60 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

These were reviewed and progress noted

### **61 MATTERS ARISING**

**Highways** – Cllrs were pleased to note the resurfacing work in Edington Road and Westhay Road and that the potholes remaining after completion have also now been filled in. Both roads are now very much improved. Highways Dept apologised for the fact that no notification of the road closures was sent and that advance notice signs were not erected to warn of the road closures. Other areas in the parish have been marked up for patching work. Clerk to inform Highways of concerns regarding subsidence in Edington Road by Hill View and to remind re concerns about road surface in Halterpath Drove/ Goose Lane and Mark Road on bend between Halterpath Drove and Redgate also overgrown hedge and road deterioration in Robins Lane near to the pond. Badger activity in Burtle Road near to Lilac farm is being monitored by Highways Dept.

District Cllr Stuart Kingham's enquiries regarding the safety of deep-water lake beside the peatworks are still ongoing. Cllrs feel that a safety barrier is needed.

**CIL Payments** for Burtle Inn development still outstanding. Sedgemoor District Council has placed a 'stop notice' on all work on the restaurant end of the old pub until payment is made. It is now a criminal offence for any work to be carried out on that part of the site unless it is required for Health & safety reasons. Payment has been made with regard to school development and Burtle PC share, £711, is expected in October.

**Land at Westhay Broad Drove.** Still no reply from Highways Dept regarding the siting of the new fence and the hazard that the barbed wire poses to cyclists etc. Clerk to send another reminder.

## 62 PLANNING

### Applications –

*District Councillor Kingham and Cllr A Duval left the room*

**55/19/00007** Alterations and erection of two storey & single storey extension to rear (south) elevation and single storey extension to side (west) elevation at Robins Cottage, Robins Lane, Burtle.

Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application and agreed the following comments: Councillors feel that the proposed alterations and extension and materials to be used are in keeping with the original. They are encouraged that the character of this old cottage will be retained.

*Cllr A Duval returned to the room and Cllr J Porter left the room*

**55/19/00008** Erection of general-purpose agricultural building at Whites Farm, Burtle Road, Burtle.

Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application and agreed the following comments: Cllrs feel that the drawings show it to be an agricultural building within the curtilage of the farm and in keeping with the surroundings.

*District Cllr S Kingham and Cllr J Porter returned to the room*

### Decisions –

**55/19/00005** Retrospective application for the erection of a front wall with downlights at site of Burtle School, Mark Road, Burtle **Refused by SDC**

**55/19/00006** Erection of first floor extension at Bowdly, Burtle Rd, Burtle **Granted by SDC**

## 63 FINANCE

**Audit 2018/9** – completed no action necessary

### Invoices for payment

The following cheques were signed:

Mrs J Duval	<i>Exps for volunteer's lunch at Spring Clean</i>	£20.00
Mrs M Perdue	<i>Reimbursement for replacement defib pack</i>	£ 5.94

**Proposed:** Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr J Porter

## 64 SPEEDWATCH AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Burtle Parish Council requested a review of signage and road markings some eighteen months ago. Cllrs still believe that the best way forward is a site meeting between representatives from all interested parties including the County Traffic Engineer to review and try to agree on what would be effective and possible within practical, regulatory and financial limitations. At the May meeting, following several emails from parishioners, District Cllr D Huxtable offered to take the matter up with the traffic Engineer. Clerk to write to him to ask for an update of any progress made. A letter has been received from Burtle Village Hall Committee outlining their concerns for the safety of people using the hall and requesting consideration of suitable safety measures.

Cllrs have received an email which has made them aware that the topic of Speedwatch has recently caused a great deal of comment and unrest on social media in particular the Burtle Community Facebook page and the page was subsequently shutdown because of the nature of the comments being made.

Cllrs agreed the previous decision that Burtle Parish Council will take no part in any social media sites such as Facebook. Burtle Parish Council has a Media Policy in place which will be reviewed and updated to ensure that this decision is specifically mentioned within the policy.

## 65 FINGER POSTS

Cllr Duval and Robin Howell have now accessed the SCC site regarding the refurbishment of finger posts. They have made a preliminary assessment of the posts within the village based on the training that they completed some time ago. Finance for any refurbishment project still has to be identified. Meeting is due to take place tomorrow with a representative from the Bridgwater Men's Shed who have carried out refurbishment of finger posts for Burrowbridge PC. They will give an idea of potential costs bearing in mind that they are a nonprofit making organization fulfilling a social need for men within the community.

All work must comply with the stringent conditions set out by Somerset County Council and be affordable to Burtle. Cllr Duval to report back to the October meeting.

## 66 TREES OVERHANGING THE HIGHWAY

The Parish Council has no responsibility for any trees or hedges that overhang the highway. The land owner/occupier concerned is liable for the safety of any trees or hedges that may cause a danger.

However, in the interests of safety the Parish Council has advised the relevant landowners of concerns recently raised to them about some trees in the village.

## 67 CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to note

## 68 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Fly tipping has taken place in Millard's Drove.

## 69 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

## 70 ACTIONS FROM MEETING

Action	Assigned to	To be actioned by	Actions Taken
Contact Highways re subsidence in Edington Road Remind re Goose Lane/ Halterpath Drove, Mark Road and Robins Lane	Clerk	Oct 2019	
Remind Highways again re barbed wire fence on land at Westhay Road and defects in Halterpath Drove	Clerk	Oct 2019	
Request update from Cllr D Huxtable re Review of traffic measures	Clerk	Oct 2019	
Review Media Policy	Clerk / Cllr A Duval	Oct 2019	
Continue to request information re progress of overdue cil payment at Burtle Inn	Clerk	ongoing	

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