

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7.30pm in Burtle Village Hall.

71 PRESENT

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman)
Councillor A Duval (vice chairman)
Councillor N Ponsillo
Councillor J Porter
District Councillor Stuart Kingham
County Councillor D Huxtable

72 APOLOGIES

Councillor S Bull

73 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

District Cllr S Kingham declared an interest in planning matters as he sits on Sedgemoor District Planning Committee.

74 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

75 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meetings held on 4th September 2019 were agreed and signed as correct.

76 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

These were reviewed and progress noted

77 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Two patches of subsidence in Edington Road near to Hill View have been marked out by Highways. Clerk asked to write to them again pointing out concerns as to how quickly they are sinking and how deep they have become. Highways dept have stated that road surface in Halterpath Drove/ Goose Lane and Mark Road on bend between Halterpath Drove and Redgate are not safety defects but they will be monitored. They have written to owner of overgrown hedge in Robins Lane near to the pond.

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.

Land at Westhay Broad Drove. Highways dept are still trying to obtain details of the owners of this land to contact them regarding the siting of the new fence on the highway verge and the hazard that the barbed wire poses to cyclists etc. Substantial amounts of hardcore have now been imported on to this SSSI site. Clerk to inform Natural England.

78 PLANNING

Applications – *none notified*

Decisions –

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.

Granted by SDC

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

79 FINANCE

2019/20 Accounts Cllr Duval reported that he has carried out the six-monthly review and found everything to be in order.

A quick review of spending to date was made and found to be as expected.

Invoices for payment

The following cheques were signed:

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| Mr W Pople | <i>Grass cutting at Sandpit, May – September 2019</i> | | £328.49 |
| Mrs M Perdue | <i>Clerks salary, 1.4.19 – 30.9.19</i> | £400.00 | |
| | <i>Expenses 1.4.19 -30.9.19</i> | <u>£ 94.28</u> | £494.28 |

Proposed: Cllr A Duval

Seconded Cllr N Ponsillo

80 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE

District Cllr D Huxtable was present at the meeting is taking the matter up with the Traffic Engineer including the concerns raised by the Village Hall Committee regarding safety of those visiting the hall.

Cllrs have learned from the local PCSO that the Community Speedwatch Group has been disbanded

81 FINGER POSTS

Cllr Duval is still researching options and costs. He is currently awaiting estimates from Somerset Forge in Wells. It was noted that the finger post by Black Bull Bridge has been renovated by Mark Parish Council. The parish boundary is very convoluted in this area and contact to be made with Mark PC. It was noted that in some instances small grants towards the cost of the work may be available from the Heritage Fund.

82 MEDIA POLICY

SALC model policy was considered too complicated for Burtle's needs. An updated media policy to suit the needs and activities of Burtle PC has been prepared. Draft to be circulated to Councillors and listed for discussion at next meeting.

83 CORRESPONDENCE

Somerset Rivers authority Annual Report

Free daffodil bulbs – Cllrs agreed that bulbs had already been planted in most suitable areas in the village and they would not request any this year unless Friends of Burtle Church would like some to plant in the churchyard.

84 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Chapel Hill Farm The current owner of the site which was previously part of Edington school was present at the meeting. Along with his architect he had brought some preliminary plans with ideas of how he would like to develop part of the western end of the site. Cllrs welcomed his attendance at the meeting and his desire to let everyone know of his ideas which coincide with their own commitment to openness and transparency. No decisions can be made by Councillors until a planning application has been made to Sedgemoor DC and the Parish Council will be a consultee. They welcomed his intention to take the preliminary plans to Café Burtle to allow as many people as possible from the village opportunity to see them and give feedback.

Burglaries in the area Cllrs noted a recent spate of break ins in the area including some in Burtle. It is understood that diesel has also been stolen in the parish. They advise all residents to remain vigilant and to ensure that all property including garages and out buildings are secured.

85 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Wednesday 6th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

86 ACTIONS FROM MEETING

| Action | Assigned to | To be actioned by | Actions Taken |
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| Contact Highways re subsidence in Edington Road. | Clerk | Nov 2019 | |
| Remind Highways again re barbed wire fence on SSSI land at Westhay Road. | Clerk | Nov 2019 | |
| Report fallen 30mph sign in Edington Road | Clerk | Nov 2019 | |
| Circulate draft of updated Media Policy | Clerk | Nov 2019 | |
| Continue to request information re progress of overdue cil payment at Burtle Inn | Clerk | ongoing | |
| Write to Mark PC re fingerpost at Black Bull Bridge | Clerk | Nov 2019 | |
| Write to Natural England re hardcore on SSSI land at Westhay Broad Drove | Clerk | Nov 2019 | |
| Contact Burtle Church re bulbs | Clerk | Nov 2019 | |

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