

## **BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL**

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm in Burtle Village Hall.

### **87 PRESENT**

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman)  
Councillor A Duval (vice chairman)  
Councillor S Bull  
Councillor N Ponsillo  
Councillor J Porter  
District Councillor Stuart Kingham  
District Councillor M Martin (Moor Ward, Mendip)

### **88 APOLOGIES**

County Councillor D Huxtable

### **89 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **90 DISPENSATIONS**

None were sought

### **91 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Minutes of the meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 were agreed and signed as correct.

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

These were reviewed and progress noted

### **93 MATTERS ARISING**

**Highways** – Cllrs pleased to note that patching has been carried out especially the two areas of subsidence in Edington Road near to Hill View. Deterioration of surface in Catcott Broad Drove near to Little Acre to be reported to Highways.

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.

### **94 PLANNING**

**Applications** – *none notified*

**Decisions** – *none notified*

**Appeal against refusal of 55/19/00005 Retrospective application for the erection of a front wall with down lights at Edington Burtle Church of England School, Mark Road, Burtle**

Unanimously agreed that clerk should send previous submissions to the Inspector and confirm that Councillors views on the matter have not changed.

## **95 FINANCE**

### **Invoices for payment**

The following cheque was signed:

HMRC PAYE 6.4.19 – 5.10.19                      £100.00

**Proposed:** Cllr S Bull

**Seconded:** Cllr A Duval

**Cil money** received re school development £711.36

## **96 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE**

District Cllr D Huxtable was not present at the meeting but has assured Councillors that he is in the process of taking the matter up with the Traffic Engineer including the concerns raised by the Village Hall Committee regarding safety of those visiting the hall.

## **97 FINGER POSTS**

After consideration of costings from Somerset Forge and The Men's Shed presented by Cllr A Duval, it was unanimously agreed to ask Somerset Forge to proceed with renovating the finger post by the Sandpit. The company, who have carried out similar renovations for surrounding parishes, will undertake the whole process in accordance with the requirements set out by Somerset County Council at a cost of £630.

Consideration will be given to funding the renovation of the post at the Cross at a later date. This will be more expensive because the missing arm will need to be recast.

Cllrs confirmed that letter to Mark PC regarding finger post at Black Bull Bridge should include an offer of a contribution towards the cost of renovation.

**Proposed:** Cllr R Dallimore

**Seconded:** Cllr J Porter

## **98 SSSI LAND AT WESTHAY BROAD DROVE**

The Environment Agency, Natural England and the planning department are aware of the huge amounts of building waste tipped on this strip of SSSI land and have given assurances that they are working together to take formal steps to have it removed and the land reinstated. They are in contact with the owners of the land.

Still no reply from Highways dept as to whether they have contacted the owners of the eastern end of the site regarding the siting of the barbed wire fence on the highway verge. Further reminder to be sent.

## **99 MEDIA POLICY**

Cllrs unanimously agreed to adopt the draft media policy that has been circulated. This will now be put on the website.

**Proposed:** Cllr R Dallimore

**Seconded:** Cllr A Duval

## **100 WOOD CHIPPING OPERATIONS**

The chairman welcomed the Mendip District Councillor (Moor Ward), Matt Martin and members of the Meare Action Group to the meeting. He expanded on his suggestion to hold cross boundary discussions about the activities being carried out by South West Wood Products at the two sites in Westhay Road and Ashcott Road. The company are currently appealing against an enforcement notice issued on the Ashcott Road site. Clerk was asked to send District Cllr Martin the timeline of actions taken by Burtle PC since December 2015, response to Burtle PC's formal complaint to Chief Executive of Mendip District Council together with other documents to give him an

understanding of actions taken by Burtle PC regarding the wood chipping activity and its effect on the surrounding area and people living in the vicinity.

It was noted that another lorry loaded with wood chippings had overturned in Burtle Road recently. It had rolled off the road and the driver had to be cut out of the cab by fire crews. The road edges are giving way in several places between Godwin's and the junction with Shapwick Road with very steep drops which are a hazard to vehicles.

### 101 CORRESPONDENCE

**Hallmark** – Letter has been received from Burtle Village Hall to notify Councillors that Hallmark that they now have Hallmark 1 and 2. Councillors were also very pleased to learn that they had received an extra award for the management of the hall.

### 102 ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Burtle Inn Site** It was noted that scaffolding has been erected on the southern end of the site. Work is permitted on this section but not on the restaurant end of the old pub due to the continued non-payment of Cil money due.

### 103 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

### 104 ACTIONS FROM MEETING

Action	Assigned to	To be actioned by	Actions Taken
Contact Highways re surface in Catcott Broad Drove	Clerk	Dec 2019	
Remind Highways again re barbed wire fence on SSSI land at Westhay Road.	Clerk	Dec 2019	
Send timeline and info re Godwin's to D Cllr Matt Martin	Clerk	Dec 2019	
Publish updated Media Policy on website	Clerk/Cllr R Dallimore	Dec 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	Dec 2019	
Continue to monitor response from Natural England re hardcore on SSSI land at Westhay Broad Drove	Clerk	Dec 2019	
Write to Planning Inspectorate re school appeal	Clerk	11 Nov 2019	

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