

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

33 PRESENT

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman)
Councillor A Duval (vice chairman)
Councillor S Bull
Councillor N Ponsillo
District Councillor S Kingham

34 APOLOGIES

Councillor J Porter
County Councillor D Huxtable

35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Planning Application 55/21/00003 District Cllr S Kingham declared an interest as a member of the District Council Planning Committee.

36 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

37 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2021 were agreed and signed.

38 MATTERS ARISING

Highways nothing to report

Bridge in Halter Path Drove repairs due to start 6.9.21. Road closure notice displayed

Lake by Godwins District Cllr Stuart Kingham is still hoping to have a site meeting with the County Traffic Engineer to discuss road safety on the bend by the lake.

Plaque for Bow Bridge has now been restored with the help of South West Heritage Trust. Thanks to Cllr Tony Duval who has repainted all the lettering. Bridge department will now replace it on to the bridge

Footpaths Cllr N Ponsillo, Footpath Liaison Officer has again contacted the Area Warden regarding longstanding defects on the paths in the parish. Promised repairs to sleeper bridge on footpath along Dobbins Drove from Edington Road to Catcott Broad Drove have not been carried out

39 FINANCE

Audit 2020/21 Exemption certificate has been approved by external auditor. Audit 2020/21 is now complete

Bank charges notification has been received from HSBC that charges will be applied to both PC accounts from 1.11.21 Clerk to investigate other banking options

Invoices none to consider

The following cheques agreed for payment via email since 2.6.21.were confirmed:

P Ham Grass cutting sandpit 14.6.21- 30.6.21	£105.00
SALC subs 2021/22	£110.99
M Perdue Reimbursement re purchase of laptop	£549.99
P Ham Grass cutting sandpit 18.7.21- 10.8.21	£165.00
Apollo Services Wasps at sandpit	£ 60.00

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr N Ponsillo

40 PLANNING

District Cllr S Kingham left the meeting

Applications –

55/21/00003 Erection of detached garage/ store on site of existing outbuilding (to be demolished) at parade View, Burtle Road

Cllrs unanimously agreed to support the application with no comments

55/21/00010 Crown lift walnut tree to give a maximum of 2m from ground level.

Remove epicormic growth from main trunk at The Old Vicarage, Mark Road, Burtle

Cllrs unanimously agreed to support the application as they consider it will be beneficial to the health of the tree

District Cllr S Kingham rejoined the meeting

Decisions –

55/21/00002 Outline application with all matters reserved, for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling on site of existing agricultural buildings (to be part demolished) at Lower Whites Farm, Burtle Road, Burtle

Application withdrawn by applicant

41 OTHER ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Clearing, tipping and erection of buildings on SSSI land at Catcott Broad Drove, Westhay Broad Drove, Edington Road. New officer at Natural England is investigating. Sedgemoor Enforcement Officer is pursuing the matter and is expecting to reply in September.

Dumper truck in field by Dobbins Drove has been dealt with by police.

It was noted that large amounts of soil are being tipped on land off of Green Drove. Clerk to notify Natural England.

Westhay Broad Drove - what appears to be a caravan wrapped in black plastic was delivered over the Bank Holiday weekend to the site where tipping has taken place. Sedgemoor Enforcement team are looking in to the matter as there is no planning permission to site a caravan on that plot. Natural England have also taken the matter up as the site is part of the Chilton and Edington Moor SSSI.

42 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS

Clerk to Meare PC has supplied details and costings of their newly installed SIDs after enquiry by clerk. Information to be put on file.

43 CORRESPONDENCE

Information regarding Somerset reorganisation has been received. A single unitary council, One Somerset, has been approved and it is likely that some election dates may be moved.

44 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Email from Parishioner regarding dog fouling on verges in Burtle Road. Clerk has contacted the Sedgemoor Dog Warden to request signs but they have been on long term leave and there is no one available to deal with the enquiry. Cllrs authorised clerk to source suitable signs and purchase ten.

Chairman and Clerk attended Village Hall Committee Newcomers event. An information document explaining the role of the Parish Council along with other useful information was prepared. Copy to be circulated to all councillors and it will be kept on file for future use.

45 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6th October 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

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