

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

83 PRESENT

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman)
Councillor S Bull (vice chairman)
Councillor J Hedges
Councillor N Ponsillo
Councillor J Porter

84 APOLOGIES

District Councillor S Kingham
County Councillor H Munt

85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

86 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

87 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2022 were agreed and signed.

88 MATTERS ARISING

Highways Parts of the road surface by Sweet's corner in Mark Road and several deep edge potholes in Westhay Broad Drove that were reported to Highways, have been marked for repair.

Deep Lake by Godwin's Reflector posts are still awaited.

Plaque for Bow Bridge still waiting for bridge repair to be completed before installing plaque

Bus Shelter agreed to leave repainting until the spring.

Parish Council Noticeboard nothing to report.

Grit bins have been topped up by Highways dept. Clerk to make a request to Highways for a dumpy bag of grit to be left by finger post at Black Bull bridge for use on the approach to the bridge in icy weather.

89 FINANCE

Invoice received from Somerset County Council for installation of poles for SID £300.00

As Burtle Parish Council has been waiting for this work to be carried out for almost six months with no indication of when work will be commenced apart from 'in this financial year' Cllrs unanimously agreed to withhold payment until the work is completed. Clerk was instructed to advise Somerset CC Finance Dept of this decision.

There were no cheques to sign

Change of bank Cllrs provided required information for online application to Unity Trust Bank

90 PLANNING

Applications – none notified

Decisions –

55/22/00008 Erection of single storey rear (SW) extension with parking alterations at 2 The Cross, Catcott Road, Burtle **GRANTED** by Sedgemoor DC

91 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Cllrs continue to engage with Sedgemoor Enforcement Dept, Natural England and Environment Agency regarding the numerous planning breaches within the parish. A member of the public raised concerns about the tipping and mobile home at Westhay Broad Drove. The chairman outlined the efforts Burtle Parish Council has taken to alert the relevant bodies about the unauthorized actions on SSSI land. Sedgemoor DC and Natural England are aware and are dealing with the matter. The member of the public was surprised to learn that the Environment Agency had issued a retrospective licence to tip on the land early in 2020.

92 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS

Aware of recent comments on social media Cllrs were disappointed that no members of the public had come to the meeting to express their concerns about the speed of traffic through the village and what some perceived as the inaction of the Parish Council. It was agreed that a detailed resume of the Parish Council’s actions and the limits of their powers should be included in the summary of this meeting to be published on the Burtle website and the Polden Post.

In the meantime, an email from the Traffic Engineer on 24th November states that post at Southview Farm needs adjusting and their technician will do that as soon as he can. Extensions to posts at Chapel Hill Farm and Station Road should be fitted soon but new post at Sunset Bay Farm will need an underground survey and no date can be given for that at present.

93 CORRESPONDENCE

Precept request form from Sedgemoor DC to be returned by 20th January 2023. Agenda item for next meeting

94 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

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