

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

107 PRESENT

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman)

Councillor S Bull (vice chairman)

Councillor J Hedges

Councillor N Ponsillo

Councillor J Porter (*Joined the meeting after planning applications were discussed*)

County Councillor H Munt

108 APOLOGIES

None received

109 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

110 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

111 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2023 were agreed and signed. There was no meeting in February.

112 MATTERS ARISING

Highways nothing to report

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

Parish Council Noticeboard nothing to report.

Contractor's rubbish left in Catcott Broad Drove - Liam Gill, Highways dept has said that he will request contractors to return and remove it. Clerk will send reminder as rubbish still there.

113 FINANCE

Change of bank Signed application form and all document required have been submitted and are currently being assessed.

Donation

Letter has been received from Burtle Church asking for a donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard. Clerk referred Councillors to the letter dated May 2022 regarding divided opinions over such payments. After discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to make a payment of £200 as they consider the churchyard to be an amenity in the village. It is the village burial ground and is a pleasant and tranquil focal point in the village.

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr S Bull

Invoices for Payment

R Dallimore <i>web domain</i>		£52.75
M Perdue <i>clerk's salary 1.10.22 – 31.3.23</i>	£440.00	
<i>Clerk's expenses 1.10.22 – 31.3.23</i>	£ 97.65	£537.65
Burtle Church <i>Upkeep of churchyard</i>		£200.00

Proposed Cllr S Bull

Seconded Cllr N Ponsillo

114 PLANNING

Applications –

55/22/00004 Retrospective application for the erection of agricultural workshop and storage buildings at Tor View, Robins Drive, Burtle, TA7 8NY

After discussion Cllrs agreed to support the application with the following comments:

- *Councillors only support this application for use in connection with an agricultural small holding.*
- *They would like confirmation that the sheds will not be used in connection with any other purpose especially in view of the activities that have taken place on this agricultural land in recent years and appear to be continuing on the adjoining agricultural land.*
- *Councillors note that hard standing and access has been created from the garden area of Tor View and would like confirmation that the drainage ditch that runs between the garden to the property and the agricultural field has been properly constructed and piped.*
- *Councillors were disappointed to see that this is a retrospective application and feel that application should have been made before any work commenced.*

55/22/00005 Conversion of agricultural buildings to form 1no. residential dwelling, with the erection of single storey extension to the North elevation at Whites Farm, Burtle Road, Burtle TA7 8NH

After discussion Cllrs agreed to support the application with the following comments:

- *Cllrs feel that the building will be in keeping with the local environment.*
- *They welcome the provision of accommodation which will enable a younger member of an established farming family to remain in the village*

Decisions-

55/22/00005 Erection of new front (NE) porch and two storey detached garage with carport to the front (NE) boundary, with alterations to fenestration. Also, alterations to entrance gate, repositioning of oil storage and garden shed at The Old Vicarage, Mark Road, Burtle

Agreed by Sedgemoor DC

Cllr J Porter joined the meeting

115 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Cllrs continue to engage with Sedgemoor Enforcement Dept, Natural England and Environment Agency regarding the numerous planning breaches within the parish.

116 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS

Nothing further heard from Traffic Engineer although it has been noticed that extensions have been fitted to two of the existing poles. One of them was deemed not to need an extension and one that was deemed to require one still has not had one fitted. The new pole has not been erected.

In view of all the delays and the fact that there are now some poles that could be used for the SID, Cllrs unanimously agreed to go ahead and purchase the device as soon as possible. Hopefully, the remaining poles will be available to use shortly. Clerk will contact Elancity to check whether the price originally quoted still holds and ensure that other requirements around legally operating the device are met.

117 GRASS CUTTING AT SANDPIT

Mr P Ham has given notice that he does not wish to continue to cut the grass for the coming season. Cllrs agreed to advertise for tenders to cut the grass for the period 1.4.23. – 31.3.24. Schedule of work and terms available from the clerk. Applications to be received by Monday 3rd April to enable Cllrs to discuss at the meeting on 5th April.

118 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Agreed to hold this on Wednesday 5th April at 8pm. Representatives from village organisations to be invited to give a report. Mr Daniel Moncrieff, Strategic Manager - Strategic Partner Development, Children’s Commissioning Team has agreed to give an overview of Somerset Council’s plans for a Childrens Home at Pennywise, Burtle

119 VILLAGE CLEAN UP DAY

Agreed will take place on Sunday 26th March . Meet at the hall at 10am. Clerk will arrange for loan of equipment from Sedgemoor and collection of rubbish on Monday 27th April. She will complete risk assessment and book the hall for the morning.

120 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Coronation of King Charles – Cllrs agreed to mark the occasion by planting the flower bed at the Sandpit in appropriate colours.

Trees on Sandpit – Cllr R Dallimore has recently pollarded the willows and planted a Bird Cherry tree in a space created by storm damage.

121 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall. This will be a short meeting to deal with any urgent business before the **Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm**

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

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