

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall. This was a short meeting to deal with urgent matters before the Annual parish Meeting at 8pm

122 PRESENT

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman)
Councillor S Bull (vice chairman)
Councillor J Hedges (*Arrived during meeting*)
Councillor N Ponsillo
Councillor J Porter
County Councillor H Munt

123 APOLOGIES

None received

124 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

125 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

126 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2023 were agreed and signed.

127 MATTERS ARISING

Highways Damage to road surface including potholes and a sink hole in Robins Lane to be reported to Highways. The recent heavy rain has resulted in the pond over running the road, requests to deal with drainage on this corner were made some two or more years ago. Edge potholes in Westhay Broad Drove and Edington Road to also be reported to Highways.

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 it is hoped to reinstate this shortly.

Contractor's rubbish left in Catcott Broad Drove – has now been removed.

Village Clean up Day Unfortunately, this had to be cancelled due to safety concerns because of weather conditions. The verges were very muddy, the ditches full of water and heavy rain was forecast. It is hoped to hold a clean up day in the autumn when the vegetation has died back.

128 FINANCE

Change of bank all set to go ahead on 13th April 2023

Invoices for Payment

HMRC PAYE	£110.00
M Perdue <i>reimbursement for compost to plant tree on Sandpit</i>	£ 13.28

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr S Bull

Cllr J Hedges joined the meeting

129 PLANNING

Applications –

55/23/00001 Erection of first floor extension to detached garage to allow for office space at Merlioun, Mark Road, Burtle TA7 8NJ

After discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application but asked for assurance that the proposed extension to the garage will not impact on the adjacent horse chestnut trees which Councillors believe to be protected by a tree preservation order.

Decisions-

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

Agreed by Sedgemoor DC

130 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

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

131 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS

Clerk has contacted Elancity and quote for SID still stands. Agreed to proceed with purchase of SID when change of Bank account is complete.

Clerk to contact Traffic Engineer for updated MIU to complete and also to check that all requirements are in place.

134 GRASS CUTTING AT SANDPIT

Twp people submitted tenders to cut the grass for the period 1.4.23. – 31.3.24. After discussion Cllrs unanimously agreed to accept the tender from Mr Wayne Pople for £45 per cut.

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr N Ponsillo

135 CORRESPONDENCE

Proposed street party email has been received from villagers organising a street party to mark the coronation of King Charles 111 requesting that the event is covered by the Parish Council's Public Liability Insurance. The clerk has contacted Zurich Insurance and this is permissible under the existing policy as long as a risk assessment is undertaken. Cllrs agreed to go ahead as long as the organisers provide them with a written copy of the required risk assessment for the Parish Council records.

136 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Unitary authority It was noted that from 1st April 2023 Sedgemoor District Council ceased to exist and Somerset became a unitary authority to be known as Somerset Council

Rubbish Bin by the bus shelter This is a general rubbish bin and was emptied on a voluntary basis by the late Stephen Tennant. It is now full and overflowing and appears to be being used as a dog poo bin. Cllrs unanimously agreed to investigate the purchase of a special dog poo bin and a contract to regularly empty it. It was suggested that a more suitable place for such a bin would be on the Sandpit rather than where the children wait for the school bus. The rubbish bin would then be removed.

Bus shelter Cllrs agreed to proceed with the painting of the bus shelter now that the weather has improved.

Coronation Cllrs agreed to fund the planting of the flower bed on the Sandpit with flowers in suitable colours to celebrate the coronation of King Charles 111. Cllr S Bull will lead the project.

137 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

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