

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

31 PRESENT

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman)

Councillor S Bull (vice chairman)

Councillor J Hedges

32 APOLOGIES

Councillor N Ponsillo

Councillor J Porter

County Councillor M Martin

33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None noted

34 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

35 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2023 were agreed and signed.

36 MATTERS ARISING

Highways Concerns about the deterioration of the road surface in Mark Road by Sweets corner and near to the canal bridge in Halterpath Drove have been reported to Highways. No response to date Clerk to remind. It has been noticed that the recurring dip in Edington Road outside of Hillview is coming back again. Clerk to inform highways

Plaque for Bow Bridge repairs to bridge still awaited

Safety by deep lake and corners by Godwin's Burtle Parish Council has been highlighting their concerns about the safety of the corners on the Western and Eastern side of the peat works. Some white lining, slow signs and reflector posts etc. were installed around the entrance to Honeygar Farm last year when Somerset Wildlife Trust moved in. This has helped on the eastern side but as the Traffic Engineer has made it clear that no further lining or reflector posts will be installed around the Peat works. Burtle Parish Council has had to accept that their efforts to improve the safety in this area have not been successful.

Parish Council Noticeboard has been repaired and refurbished and has now been installed at the front of the hall under the canopy. This will give protection from the weather for those reading the notices and the fabric of the noticeboard. It will also mean that that people reading the notices will be further away from the road. Thanks to Cllrs J Porter, J Hedges, N Ponsillo and R Dallimore who carried out the work on a voluntary basis.

Dog waste bin waiting to hear if general rubbish bin by bus shelter is on list to be emptied by Clean Surroundings. Public continuing to fill it with dog waste.

Encroachment on to Highways Reply has been received from Liam Gill confirming that he has had the area inspected and there has been an encroachment on to the highway verge at 1 Robins Lane and the matter will be dealt with when time and resources allow. He does not believe that there are any other problems with the verges in the village.

37 FINANCE

Audit of 2022/23 Accounts

Exemption certificate has been submitted to the External auditor.

Period of Elector's rights to inspect the accounts 2022/23 will run from 26.6.23 – 4.8.23

Invoices for Payment

The following payments were agreed:

Elan City <i>purchase of SID</i>	£2640.00
Mr W Pople <i>Grass cutting at Sandpit</i>	£ 45.00

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr S Bull

38 PLANNING

Applications –

55/23/00003 Erection of a general purpose agricultural building at Whites Farm, Burtle TA7 8NH

After discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application

Decisions-

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

GRANTED by Somerset Planning - North

39 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

No progress to report. It has been noted that the horsebox that has been lived in whilst parked on the verge opposite Honeysuckle Villa has now been moved further along Catcott Broad drove to a plot near to the Stables. As this is SSSI land and no planning application has been made Somerset Enforcement and Natural England to be informed.

40 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS

SID has been received but incorrect brackets have been sent. Clerk to arrange return and delivery of correct ones.

41 CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk has been contacted recently by two separate individuals who own plots of land at Westhay Broad Drove. She has informed them that the plots are on SSSI land and subject to certain rules and has directed them to Natural England and Somerset Planning Dept

42 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Councillors agreed to not meet in August unless any urgent business arises.

Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

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