

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

96 PRESENT

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

Also present

Mr S Parry, Chairman, Burtle Village Hall Committee
Mr N Haigh, Treasurer, Burtle Village Hall Committee

97 APOLOGIES

None received

98 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None noted

99 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

100 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2023 were agreed and signed.

101 BURTLE VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman welcomed the Mr Parry, Chairman and Mr Haigh, Treasurer of the Burtle Village Hall Committee to the meeting. He explained that Councillors were concerned about the article in the recent newsletter suggesting that the hall might be forced to close. Mr Parry explained that the main concern is the lack of volunteers to become committee members – they currently have just three. This means that they have a huge workload and more volunteers are urgently needed to help share the responsibility of running the hall. The hall is in a satisfactory position financially at present although income has to be maintained to cope with rising costs. Plans are in hand to remove the sheep fleece from the loft and to replace it in the Spring. Funds have been identified to do this work.

The chairman thanked them both for coming and explaining the situation. Councillors all agreed that they would be willing to offer practical help with any projects if needed.

102 MATTERS ARISING

Grit Bin by Black Bull Bridge new grit bin has been installed opposite Riverlea by Blackbull (River) Bridge. Some grit has been placed in the bin and Highways dept are going to top it up. Thanks to Cllr R Dallimore for installing the bin.

Bow Bridge in Catcott Broad Drove await repair by Somerset Council before refixing plaque.

Finger post by Blackbull (River) Bridge repair of finger post damaged by a vehicle is in hand.

Soil piled up between grass verge and highway in front of Mapledean, Station Road

Highways dept have been notified of concerns about the mound of soil that has been created on the edge of the verge. They have inspected the area and do not consider it to be a safety concern.

103 FINANCE

Invoices for Payment

None received

Somerset Council’s Financial situation. Asset and Service Devolution

The budget was discussed and despite correspondence from Somerset Council regarding devolving provision of certain services to Parish and Town Councils. There is no definite information at the moment and to date there seems to be very little that will affect a very small parish such as Burtle.

Precept 2024/25

Councillors unanimously agreed to keep the precept for 2024/25 at £4400.00, the same as the current year.

Proposed Cllr J Porter

Seconded Cllr S Bull

104 PLANNING

Applications – none notified

Decisions – none notified

105 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Email has been received from Enforcement Officer for Natural England, Candice Sreaton, advising that local officers are proposing to make site visits to Westhay Broad Drove and Catcott Broad Drove in the near future.

Clerk has received a telephone call from Mr Colin Taylor, Enforcement Lead Advisor, Complex Case Unit, Natural England. He will be arranging site visits and will now be taking the lead with the Westhay Broad Drove site.

106 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS

Speed Indicator Device continues to be rotated around the village to the approved locations. It would seem that it does slow some traffic.

107 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Village Clean up day Clerk to make enquiries about suitable dates

Flooding at Trevale – this is still a problem Clerk to write to Highways.

Overgrown hedge in Robins Lane – Clerk to write to Highways Dept

108 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

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