

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

109 PRESENT

Councillor S Bull (vice chairman)
Councillor J Hedges
Councillor N Ponsillo
Councillor J Porter
Somerset Councillor Harry Munt

110 APOLOGIES

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman)

111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None noted

112 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

113 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2024 were agreed and signed.

114 MATTERS ARISING

Highways

Some deep potholes in Edington Road, clerk to report to Highways dept.

Bridge at Redgate has been knocked by a vehicle and coping is coming away. Both reflector posts on the Burtle side have been hit by vehicles and broken off at ground level. Clerk to report to Bridges Dept.

Damage to railings at Black Ditch Rhyne, Westhay Road Councillors are concerned that repairs have not yet been carried out. This is a pinch point in the road with limited view of oncoming traffic because of a bend in the road and the temporary barriers, signs etc are making the situation worse. They are being pushed into the rhyne by traffic or being blown into the road by the recent high winds. Clerk to write to Highways requesting that repairs are carried out as soon as possible and asking for some sort of road markings such as priority signs.

Bow Bridge in Catcott Broad Drove Clerk to remind Somerset Bridge dept re repairs.

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

115 FINANCE

Invoices for Payment

Burtle Village Hall *hire of hall October 2022- December 2023* £249.60

Proposed Cllr N Ponsillo

Seconded Cllr J Hedges

Current Treasurer of Burtle Village Hall has agreed to issue invoices six monthly in arrears at end of June and December in future.

Somerset Council's Financial situation. Asset and Service Devolution

Still awaiting any definite information from Somerset Council as to how this will impact Burtle PC

116 PLANNING

Applications –

55/23/00006 Erection of a two storey extension to the side (NE) elevation, single storey extension to the rear (NW) elevation on site of existing conservatory (to be demolished), and front porch to the (SE) elevation on site of existing porch (to be demolished). at 3 Station Road, Burtle TA7 8NU

After discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application with the following comment: *Councillors would like to see all materials used match those in the original building in order to ensure that the property remains in keeping with adjacent properties.*

Decisions – none notified

117 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Horse box being lived in at Rosebank plot, Westhay Broad Drove has been reported to Somerset Enforcement and Natural England although it now appears to have left the site. No other information from Natural England.

118 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS

It would seem that the SID does reduce the speed of most traffic travelling through the village. However, data from SID installation in Burtle Road does show that some still exceed the speed limit. It has recorded a vehicle travelling through the village at 82 mph at 1.30pm in the afternoon! There were also incidences of vehicles travelling well over the 30mph limit, between 50-70mph.S

119 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

April meeting date moved to Wednesday 10th April to avoid Easter. There will be a short Parish Council meeting at 7.15pm to deal with urgent business followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm

May meeting will be on Wednesday 1st May at 7.30pm and this will be the Annual meeting of Burtle Parish Council

120 Village Clean up Day will be held on Sunday 17th March. Meet at the hall at 10am. Clerk has booked the Village Hall, arranged for loan of equipment from Somerset Council and for collection of rubbish on Monday 18th March. Risk assessment to be completed. She will arrange refreshments. Event is being advertised in Village newsletter and posters.

121 CORRESPONDENCE

Footpaths – emails have been received from a gentleman regarding blocked footpaths in the Parish. Several footpaths in the Parish have been blocked for many years and are noted as obstructed on the Rights of Way map. Burtle PC has tried to liaise with the landowners in the past but without success. Somerset Councillor H Munt advised that Rights of Way dept have a huge backlog of reports re blocked paths but due to lack of resources and staff are unable to deal with them.

Grants to the Church – Recent SALC newsletter has reported that position has now been resolved and Parish Councils may legally make grants to ecliastical bodies

122 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Defibrillator Guardian, Nathan Chard will be at Café Burtle on 9th March to give people opportunity to familiarise themselves with the village defibrillator and to answer any questions that they may have.

Security residents are encouraged to ensure that all outbuildings' sheds etc are secure following reports of thefts of equipment from outbuildings and fields around the village

Police PCSO Ben Simpkin has been replaced on the Burtle Beat by PCSO Tom Russell.

A Village Apart, Villages Together Somerset Film has been successful in their grant application for a project to digitalise the archives of information about Burtle collected by the late John Sparkes. They will be holding events in the village hall around their project and will also be at Café Burtle.

123 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

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