

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

32 PRESENT

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

33 APOLOGIES

None received

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None noted

35 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

36 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2024 were agreed and signed.

37 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Highways dept intend to review gullies.

Bridge at Redgate – one reflector has been replaced but damage to stonework has not yet been repaired.

Damage to railings at Black Ditch Rhyne, Westhay Road - nothing to report

Finger post by Blackbull (River) Bridge - nothing to report

Mark Road sign on verge by the Sandpit - awaiting replacement.

Councillor Refresher Training - to be arranged when suitable date available

38 FINANCE

Audit of 2023/24 Accounts - Exemption certificate has been submitted to external auditor.

Grant Request has been received from Burtle Village Hall Committee asking for help towards purchase of materials to refurbish the surface at the front of the hall. Councillors agreed to make a grant of £476.22 to cover full cost of materials listed on quote supplied.

Invoices for Payment –

Elan City	<i>bracket for SID</i>	£ 63.01
Burtle Village Hall	<i>hire charges 1.1.24 – 30.6.24</i>	£115.20
Burtle Village Hall	<i>grant toward front of hall upgrade</i>	£476.22

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded Cllr S Bull

New Financial Instructions – to be reviewed

39 PLANNING

Applications

55/24/00005 Application to reduce spread of 3No. Horse Chestnuts (within TPO Ref Group G1) on western side by 1.5m at Merlouin, Mark Road, Burtle.

After discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application with the following comments:

1 Photographs supplied with the application appear to show that the building being constructed is very near to the protected trees. Councillors would like confirmation that the building is in the position agreed in application 55/19/00001 and that all measures set out in item 2 of the permission granted ie position of the building, Tree Protection Plan and Method Statement and the submitted and approved Tree Protection Plan (Blackledge Design) have been complied with.

2 Councillors position remains the same as in previous applications on this site in that any work agreed will not be detrimental to the health of these mature protected trees which are a feature on the entrance to the village.

Decisions – none notified

40 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Nothing to report

41 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS

Towans Lorries Travelling Through Burtle - Somerset Highways Traffic Management are unable to take any actions regarding the number or size of lorries passing through the village. No response has been received from Somerset Planning. Other enquiries suggest that Towans are visiting more than one site in the area. Clerk has liaised with Meare Clerk and residents in Meare and Westhay are experiencing a nuisance with Towans lorries travelling from Ashcott to Meare, Oxenpill, Westhay to Shapwick. It is believed that they may also be taking peat from Godwin's to reinstate land involved in the installations of the new pylons. Burtle Parish Council will continue to pursue the matter and liaise with adjacent Parish Councils.

SID has recently been situated by Southview Farm. Some high speeds were recorded but data shows that 70% of vehicles adhering to the speed limit.

Additional bracket has been ordered for SID. There will then be one for each post making it easier when location of device is changed.

Extra bracket for SID has been received

42 CORRESPONDENCE

Local Police – email with details of new monthly newsletter

Huntspill House – email from manager to say that he will attend September meeting

Footpaths survey – Cllr N Ponsillo will complete

43 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Burtle defib Polden Post has published correction that Burtle defib is included on Circuit National site, with details of location.

44 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

No meeting is planned for August and unless any urgent matters arise next meeting will be Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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