

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 7.30pm in Burtle Village Hall.

128 PRESENT

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman)
Councillor A Duval (vice chairman)
Councillor S Bull
Councillor N Ponsillo
Councillor J Porter
District Councillor Stuart Kingham
District Councillor M Martin (Mendip)

129 APOLOGIES

County Councillor D Huxtable

130 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

131 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

132 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes of the meetings held on 4th and 11th December 2019 were agreed and signed as correct.

133 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

These were reviewed and progress noted

134 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Cllrs pleased to note that pothole in Catcott Broad Drove has been repaired.

Clerk to inform Highways Dept. that drain at the Cross by Watts Farm is ineffective as it is higher than the road surface also road surface is breaking by the Sandpit.

Still some trees overhanging the Highway in Robins Lane. Land owner to be made aware.

Contractors are continuing with building up the sides of the road in Westhay Road. No drainage channels have been constructed clerk to write to make Highways aware.

Bridge Dept are aware of damage to bridge in Catcott Broad Drove. Clerk has contacted Somerset heritage for help to retrieve the historic plaque on the bridge. Cllrs are willing to clean and repaint the notice as a piece of Burtle's history.

The pond in Robins Lane is overflowing and water is flooding the road. This was reported to drainage Board and Highways Dept some two years ago but not resolved. Clerk to contact them again.

District Cllr Stuart Kingham's enquiries regarding the safety of deep-water lake beside the peat works are still ongoing. Cllrs feel that a safety barrier is needed. The Mendip District Councillor for Meare and Westhay, Matt Martin, was present and will also take the matter up as the lake is actually in Westhay.

CIL Payments for Burtle Inn development still outstanding.

Notice boards Cllr N Ponsillo has inspected the noticeboard by the postbox and has reported that it is looking a bit tired but is still useable. Cllrs unanimously agreed to review and repair as necessary all three noticeboards in the Spring.

The chairman agreed to bring the next item forward to allow District Cllr M Martin to attend another meeting.

135 WOOD CHIPPING OPERATIONS

Mendip District Cllr Matt Martin informed the meeting that, following the withdrawal of the appeals, the Ashcott Road site is being cleared. The Meare group are now looking at the Godwin's site which is in their Parish. Burtle Parish Council has already copied some correspondence regarding the Westhay site to District Cllr Martin but they offered to share any further correspondence from their files about the site. He agreed to keep Burtle Parish Council informed of any progress.

District Cllr Martin left the meeting

136 PLANNING

Applications – *none notified*

Decisions –

55/19/00009 Demolition of existing single storey rear extension. Raising of roof height, erection of a two storey extension and erection of a detached garage. Knapp Cottage, Catcott Road, Burtle
GRANTED by SDC

55/19/00010 Application for the prior notification of the formation of concrete yard area at Lowland Farm, Burtle
FORMAL APPLICATION NOT REQUIRED

Appeal to Planning Inspectorate

55/19/00005 Refusal by Sedgemoor DC re retrospective application for the erection of a front wall with down lights.
APPEAL DISMISSED

137 FINANCE

Invoices for payment There were no invoices for payment

Precept 2020/21 Statement of expenditure for the year to 31.12.19 was reviewed together with expected expenditure until the end of the financial year. Cllrs also reviewed anticipated expenditure 1920/21 and bearing all this in mind unanimously agreed to set the precept for 1920/21 at £4100. This is the same as 2019/20.

Proposed: Cllr R Dallimore

Seconded: Cllr A Duval

138 SSSI LAND AT WESTHAY BROAD DROVE

Liam Gill, Highways Dept has now inspected the area and has removed some unauthorized fence posts. He has written to the owners of the central plot and asked them to remove the barbed wire fence or respond to his letter by 6.1.20. Clerk has written to ask for an update but he has not replied to the enquiry. There has been a lot of activity on the section nearest to Westhay. Steve Parker at Natural England has been informed and he is pursuing the matter. Unfortunately, contact from Environment agency who was dealing with this matter has now left.

139 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE

Cllr D Huxtable was not present at the meeting but reported that his December meeting with the Traffic Engineer had been cancelled and so he had been unable to take up the Parish Council's continued requests for road markings. This matter has been ongoing for two years now.

140 FINGER POSTS

Some grant aid may be available for the renovation of the post at the Cross. Clerk to pursue with Somerset heritage. The post by Black Bull Bridge has been renovated by Mark Parish Council but as the border is so convoluted at this point Cllrs unanimously agreed to make a donation to cover half the cost of the work with Mark Parish Council. Mark PC have advised that the cost of this renovation was £550 but clerk to check whether this included VAT.

Proposed: Cllr S Bull

Seconded: Cllr A Duval

141 CORRESPONDENCE

Meeting re River Brue – Meare PC are trying to arrange a meeting to discuss maintenance of the Brue. Burtle PC would like to attend.

SALC Training events – details circulated

142 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Diary dates – the following proposed:

Annual Parish Meeting 1.4.20

Annual Meeting 6.5.20

Village Spring Clean 15.3.20

Climate Adaptation Meeting Cllr N Ponsillo to attend

Sedgemoor DC are having a new logo

VE day May Celebration etc to be discussed at next meeting

Tipping in Catcott Broad Drove Building spoil has been tipped in this area opposite Shepherd's Drove which is believed to be SSSI land. Clerk to inform planning and Natural England.

143 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

144 ACTIONS FROM MEETING

Action	Assigned to	To be actioned by	Actions Taken
Contact Meare PC re Brue Meeting	Clerk	Feb 2020	
Continue to remind Highways re barbed wire fence on SSSI land at Westhay Road.	Clerk	ongoing	
Request 20/21 Precept	Clerk	Jan 2020	
Publish updated Media Policy on website and review website	Clerk/Clr R Dallimore	Feb 2020	
Continue to request information re progress of overdue cil payment at Burtle Inn	Clerk	ongoing	
Write to Mark PC to confirm whether cost quoted re fingerpost at Black Bull Bridge includes VAT	Clerk	Jan 2020	
Continue to monitor response from Natural England re hardcore on SSSI land at Westhay Broad Drove	Clerk	ongoing	
Report highways defects at Sandpit to Highways Dept	Clerk	Feb 2020	
Arrange Spring Clean Day	Clerk	Feb 2020	
Report tipping at Catcott Broad Drove	Clerk	Feb 2020	
Liaise with Somerset Heritage re finger post and bridge plaque	Clerk	Feb 2020	
Write to BVH re Noticeboards	Clerk	Feb 2020	

Signed.....Date.....