

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

45 PRESENT

Councillor S Bull (vice chairman)
Councillor J Hedges
Councillor J Porter
Somerset Councillor H Munt

46 APOLOGIES

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman)
Councillor N Ponsillo

Mr T Tolson, Manager Huntspill House had accepted an invitation to the meeting but did not arrive.

47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None noted

48 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

49 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2024 were agreed and signed.

50 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Blocked gullies have still not been cleared - clerk to remind.

Bridge at Redgate – damaged stonework has not been repaired – clerk to remind

Damage to railings at Black Ditch Rhyne, Westhay Road – repairs still outstanding – clerk to remind

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

Mark Road sign on verge by the Sandpit - street sign by the Sandpit which appears to have been stolen in April is still awaited. Original estimate for replacement was six weeks but delays have been caused by Somerset Council cutbacks. The site was surveyed in July but, at present, there is no estimate as to when the sign will eventually be replaced

Councillor Refresher Training – agreed to book places for all Councillors and clerk on 16 September 2024.

51 FINANCE

Audit of 2023/24 Accounts - Exemption certificate has been approved by external auditor and 2023- 24 Audit is now complete.

Invoices for Payment –

W Pople <i>grass cutting at Sandpit July/August</i>	£135.00
SALC <i>subs 24/25</i>	£120.13
Mrs M Perdue <i>salary 1.4.24 – 30.9.24</i>	£520.00
Mrs M Perdue <i>exps 1.4.24 – 30.9.24</i>	£ 90.00
R Dallimore <i>website exps</i>	£158.24

Proposed Cllr S Bull

Seconded Cllr J Hedges

New Financial Instructions – to be reviewed

52 PLANNING

Applications

55/24/00006 Erection of single storey extension to (NW) elevation and the erection of a double garage at Cherry Tree Barn, Robins Lane, Burtle TA7 8NT
After discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application

Decisions

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.

GRANTED by Somerset Planning North

Councillors were disappointed by the response from the planning officer that she could not take any notice of the comments about the fact that the building taking place at the moment appeared to be very close to the trees and whether all the precautions to protect the trees laid down in the consent to application 55/19/00001 were being adhered to.

53 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Nothing to report

54 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS

Towans Lorries Travelling Through Burtle - There now appear to be heavy lorries from other companies as well as Towans travelling through the village. Somerset Highways Traffic Management have advised that they are unable to take any actions regarding the number or size of lorries passing through the village as the road through the village is a public Highway.

Somerset Planning was approached in June in an attempt to try to understand if there are any projects in the area causing this increase in heavy lorries. No response has been received to date.

Somerset Councillors for Burtle have been made aware of the problems being caused and it was agreed to continue to pursue the matter and liaise with adjacent Parish Councils who are experiencing similar problems.

55 CORRESPONDENCE

Adapting the Levels steering group Email received asking for a volunteer to sit on this group. Nobody available but Councillors believe that at least two local farmers are on the group and will be able to give feedback.

56 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Road Closure by Burtle Inn A road closure was advertised for Wednesday 4th September, the day of the Parish Council meeting, to allow a large crane to lift a prefabricated building into the rear garden of Huntspill House. Residents in the area had been advised of an interruption of their electricity supply on Thursday 5th September. The road was closed at 6.30am but sometime later it was opened as it appears that the wrong date had been advertised. Signs were then amended to show a closure the next day on 5th September.

57 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

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