

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 1st July 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

47 PRESENT

Councillor S Bull (Chairman)
Councillor J Hedges (Vice Chairman)
Councillor J Porter
Councillor M Carter

48 APOLOGIES

Councillor N Ponsillo

49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

50 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

51 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2026 were agreed and signed.

52 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – Catcott Broad Drove – vegetation growing out over the highway, causing vehicles to drive on verge opposite. Clerk to report to Highways. This route used by the school bus.

Bridge in Catcott Broad Drove – Road closure notice for work to commence 13th July for 19 days. Email sent to suggest reflectors are fitted to improve visibility in the dark which will be considered.

Bridge at Redgate – nothing to report

White Lines – still awaiting response or repainting. Clerk to remind

53 FINANCE

2025/26 Accounts

Exemption certificate has been submitted to external auditors

Audit forms posted on noticeboard and website.

Period for electors to exercise rights 24.6.26 - 4.8.26 has been advertised

Invoices for payment

D Chapman <i>Grass cutting Sandpit June 2026</i>	£108.00
Somerset Council <i>Election expenses</i>	£100.00

Proposed Cllr J Hedges

Seconded Cllr M Carter

54 PLANNING

Applications –

None notified

Decisions -

None notified

55 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Cllrs are very disappointed with response received today from new Enforcement Officer regarding activity in Robins Drive. Clerk instructed to write to ask the nature of the negotiations as the case seems to be progressing backwards.

Email from Tessa Munt MP confirming that she is reminding Somerset Council about all the outstanding issues in Burtle and asking what actions are being taken.

Barbed wire fence in Catcott Broad Drove – reminder has been sent to Liam Gill

56 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS

Clerk to contact police to ask if they would like to have copies of the data collected from SID

57 WESTHAY BROAD DROVE

Concerns regarding large trees overhanging the highway from near First and Last to Kingdon plot. First reported to Highways Dept in 2025. Liam Gill replied that ‘he would look at it when next in the area’ in an email 18.9.25. A branch fell down at the end of September 2025 blocking road, reported to Liam Gill who replied on 2.10.25 to say the branch had been removed. – no further response from Highways Dept but a local resident subsequently cut them back which improved things. Now overgrown again and some limbs have been damaged. Clerk to report to Highways again.

58 CORRESPONDENCE

Grit Bins – email received enquiring whether Parish Grit bins need replenishing before the winter – clerk to inspect bins and reply.

59 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Footpaths – Letters have not yet been sent to landowners. It was agreed to defer sending them until after the outcome of the proposed meeting between Cllr M Carter, in his role as a Footpath Volunteer, and Chris East, Somerset Rights of Way Warden is known.

Sandpit – fencing and gate to be reviewed. Clerk to research Parish Council taking on formal ownership.

Parish Council Information Sheet – clerk to update

60 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There will be no meeting in August unless there is urgent business to discuss.

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

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