

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 5th June 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

18 PRESENT

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

Also present: one member of the parish, representative from Meare and Westhay PC and Mr Thibaud Sulzer, Somerset Wildlife Trust, Community Engagement Officer, ELMS Adapting the Levels Landscape Recovery Project

19 APOLOGIES

Councillor N Ponsillo
Somerset Councillors M Martin and H Munt did not attend due to the General Election called for 4th July

20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None noted

21 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2024 were agreed and signed.

23 MATTERS ARISING

Highways - photos of blocked gully on corner by Sunset Cottage has been emailed to Highways Dept. Bund outside of Trevale, Burtle Road is to be enlarged to help stop water flooding on to the property from the road.

Bridge at Redgate - nothing to report

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.

Official portrait of King Charles 111 - Burtle Village Hall Committee are pleased for the portrait to be hung in the village hall. At the suggestion of the BVH Committee, Cllr R Dallimore will attend June Café Burtle to 'unveil' it.

Councillor Refresher Training - to be arranged when suitable date available

24 TOWANS LORRIES TRAVELLING THROUGH BURTLE

Concerns about the number of Towans lorries travelling through the village was brought to the meeting by a member of the parish. Data was presented that showed that a lorry passed along Burtle Road on average every two minutes on certain days, mainly on Saturdays. They appear to be travelling to the Peat works. It is believed that some lorries might contain hardcore that is being tipped but it is also believed that imported peat is also being brought in. Councillors agreed to contact Somerset Highways about the volume of traffic and Somerset Strategic Planning to check whether there is planning permission for this activity.

25 ADAPTING THE LEVELS PROJECT

Mr Thibaud Sulzer was welcomed to explain this project which is a pilot landscape recovery project between Defra and Somerset Wildlife Trust to bring together bring together and support those who live and work in parts of the Brue Valley on the Somerset Levels. Further information is available at www.somersetwildlife.org/adaptingthelevels

26 FINANCE

AUDIT OF 2023/24 ACCOUNTS

Formal agreement of accounts and completion of external Audit forms

Internal audit has been successfully completed by Mr Richard Young with no matters to draw to the attention of councillors.

a. Formal approval of Financial statement 2023/24

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore Seconded Cllr S Bull

b. Formal approval of Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore Seconded Cllr J Hedges

c. Formal approval of Accounting Statements for 2023/24

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore Seconded Cllr S Bull

d. Formal approval of Exemption Certificate 2023/24

Proposed Cllr J Porter Seconded Cllr J Hedges

Notice period for Exercising of Public Rights 2023/24 Accounts will run from 24.6.24 – 2.8.24

Invoices for Payment –

Mr W Pople <i>Grass cutting Apr, May</i>	£180.00
Mr R Young <i>Audit exps 2023/4</i>	£ 10.00
Mrs S Bull <i>Plants for Sandpit</i>	£ 19.98

Proposed Cllr R Dallimore Seconded Cllr J Hedges

New Financial Instructions – to be reviewed

27 PLANNING

Applications – none notified

Decisions

55/23/00001 Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage at Cherry Tree Barn, Robins Lane, Burtle GRANTED BY SOMERSET PLANNING - NORTH

55/24/00003 Occupation of the dwelling known as 'Greystones' in non-compliance of the joint agricultural occupancy condition applied as condition 3 of planning permission

55/01/0008 at Greystones, Burtle Road

GRANTED BY SOMERSET PLANNING - NORTH

28 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Catcott Broad Drove – Somerset Enforcement, Natural England and Environment Agency are reviewing the two shipping containers.

Natural England has sent an email listing all the sites within the parish that they currently have under review.

29 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS

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.

30 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Fly tipping bags of rubbish by the pond in Robins Lane has been reported to Clean Surroundings

31 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

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