

BURTLE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

58 PRESENT

Councillor R Dallimore (chairman)
Councillor S Bull (vice chairman) (*joined the meeting at 7.35pm*)
Councillor J Hedges
Councillor N Ponsillo
Councillor J Porter
Somerset Councillor H Munt (*left the meeting at 8.00pm*)

59 APOLOGIES

None received

60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None noted

61 DISPENSATIONS

None were sought

62 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2024 were agreed and signed.

63 MATTERS ARISING

Highways – No evidence that blocked gullies have been cleared.

Sink holes have appeared in Robins Lane and Halterpath Drove, clerk to report to Highways

Bridge at Redgate – Somerset Bridges dept have now located this bridge. It has been inspected and is listed for repair.

Damage to railings at Black Ditch Rhyne, Westhay Road – Somerset Bridges dept have confirmed that this bridge is listed for repair. Somerset Traffic Dept has advised that no additional Traffic Engineering measures will be installed to try to improve safety where the road narrows at Black Ditch.

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

Mark Road sign on verge by the Sandpit - nothing to report

Councillor Refresher Training – all councillors and clerk attended the SALC Code of Conduct refresher training on 16 September 2024. Confirm that Burtle has adopted the most recent Somerset Code of Conduct.

Road Closure by Burtle Inn - Councillor Harry Munt has investigated the situation regarding the failed installation of a temporary building at the rear of Huntspill House on 4/5th September. The building has been taken away to store while the contractor makes revised plans to install it. An amended date for the road closure and interruption of the electricity supply to parts of the village needed for the installation will be notified in due course. Damage to pavement will be repaired. He confirmed that all additional costs will be borne by the contractor.

64 FINANCE

Invoices for Payment –

R Dallimore <i>website domain exps</i>	£ 23.96
PAYE	£130.00
SALC (<i>Inv 1286 - Training</i>)	£125.00

Proposed Cllr S Bull

Seconded Cllr N Ponsillo

New Financial Instructions – being reviewed

65 PLANNING

Applications

55/24/00007 Erection of 1no. dwelling and detached garage on site of 1no. existing dwelling and outbuilding (to be demolished), and associated works at Little Acre/Lester, Catcott Broad Drove, Burtle TA7 8NG

After discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application noting that they were very impressed with the informative and detailed supporting documents supplied with the application.

Decisions

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

GRANTED by Somerset Planning – North (*any archeological finds to be recorded*)

66 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Nothing to report

67 TRAFFIC THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ROAD MARKINGS

A large number of heavy lorries are still travelling through the village often commencing before 6am. Somerset Councillors Harry Munt and Mat Martin have taken up the matter. A Towens lorry left the road and went into the rhyne in Burtle Road, Westhay just pass the Peat works. The lorry was recovered but it had taken off the edge of the road. Some topsoil has been piled up on the edge of the road but there are concerns that this will not hold. Bollards and road signs have been put in place and it is hope that a permanent repair will soon be made.

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.

68 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Volunteers Handbook has been produced and circulated to Councillors.

69 CORRESPONDENCE

Catcott School Grant request - Councillors agreed to discuss this at a future meeting

70 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Bleed Kit for village – Prices to be sought along with response from Burtle Village Hall

Donation of stain for Sandpit – letter of thanks to be sent to Mr J Fiddler

71 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6th November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

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