

BURPHAM
VILLAGE COMMITTEE AND PARISH MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25 March 2014
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Those attending: Paul Challen (Chairman)
Val Belton (Treasurer)
Marion Tucker (Secretary)
Julie Tester (VH Hire Co-ordinator)
Kevin Foster (Cricket Club)
Ron Chapple
Ed French (part-time)
Paul Dendle
Chris Hales

Action

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Heather Birch.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 4 February 2014 were signed as a true record.

It was pointed out that under the Village Hall item, the cost of the rubbish collection is £19.95 per week, not £96.95.

3. Village Hall

(a) Chris has finished the wiring the projector, for which he was thanked. He will be writing a set of instructions for its use. He had received a letter from Colin Tourle, who recently gave a talk in the VH, saying that in 25 years of giving talks, he had been nowhere that had such good presentation technology.

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(b) Kevin reported that the Cricket Club had agreed to redecorate the outside of the Village Hall, with the VC providing the materials. In return, the VC will pay for the servicing of the gang mower and tractor. The tractor has been done by Mick Standing, but the cost of maintenance for the gang mower could be £1-2,000, this being a one-off but urgent service. Kevin will look at ways to keep this cost as low as possible, perhaps even by means of a grant from the JDAC (Joint Downland Area Committee).

KF

(c) The annual PAT (Portable Appliance Test) has been completed and everything is satisfactory.

(d) The defibrillator has been stolen. Kevin has contacted South East coast Ambulance, and will report it to the police.

(e) It was agreed that the hire charge for the VH and Recreation Ground be raised to £1,100 (hall/day) effective 1 January 2015.

KF

4. **Planning**

(a) Ed has consulted SDNP about his, and the Village Committee's, role in the planning process. Whilst the VC's views hold less weight than those of a neighbour, they are valid, and the stances of Support, Neutral and Opposing are reasonable.

(b) Ed will look further at Lample House's latest application, in order to clarify what exactly is wanted, as there is some confusion. EF

(c) Church Cottage has applied to prune the trees overhanging the seat.

(c) Ed is investigating the possibility / desirability of a Neighbourhood Plan.

(d) There was considerable discussion over the complaint received by the VC over the work carried out on the end of the burgh (clearing and planting with meadow turf). Paul Challen will talk with Peter Werner about this, in an attempt to settle the complaint. Peter is under the impression he had permission from English Heritage and the Estate. PC

5. **Treasurer Report**

(a) It is nearly the year-end, and Val reported that it has been a good 12 months. In particular hall hire and social had been very successful.

6. **Secretary Report**

(a) Roads – Marion has written to WSCC about the state of the local roads and drains, and Splash Bridge. To date no answer has been received nor any work done. She will chase after a few more weeks. MGT

7. **Councillor Dendle Report**

(a) Paul Dendle is still to meet WSCC over the positioning of extra posts at the road end.

(b) Warningcamp are still working on their 20 mph speed limit.

(c) There are ongoing discussions about the Lower Tidal River Arun Strategy.

(d) The plans to replace the traffic light crossing over the A27 with a footpath under the road are ongoing. It is felt this will considerably increase the difficulty of exiting the end of the Burpham road.

8. **Social**

(a) The Shuffleboard evening was very successful, raising approximately £90.

(b) There was a disappointing turnout for Alison Beadsworth's talk on her charity, although a good amount of nearly £400 was raised for it.

Future events:

Saturday 24 May – Village Fête (there will be a planning meeting / coffee morning on 26 April).

Saturday 7 June – Alternatives Band in the Grain Barn, Home Farm

Saturday 12 July – Barn Dance in the Village Hall

Sunday 10 August – Clump BBQ

Saturday 30 August – BBQ and Film Night in the Village Hall

Friday 31 October – Hallowe'en in the Village Hall

November – a curryoke evening

9. **Any Other Business**

(a) Dog poo problem – signs have been put up, and the ADC dog warden is assisting by occasionally circulating the area. It was agreed to try and have the one of the three bins currently around the recreation ground re-sited onto the triangle on the road to Peppering. Neil Brewer has very kindly donated some cans of poo spray paint. Marion will write to thank him.

MGT

(b) Cricket Club – Kevin reported that they are having a working party on 6 April to complete the fencing. Six matches have been arranged for the Juniors, and Sussex Ladies' U13s and U16s have approached BWCC to use the ground for some matches. It has been decided to inaugurate a Junior Cup from donations raised in memory of Jack O'Neill.

(c) Chris reported he had been approached by DEFRA to enquire whether there would be any objection to the releasing of information by them to a third party under the Freedom of Information Act to show that the village applied for a grant from the Rural Community Broadband Fund about 2 years ago.

(d) Ed will enquire further about speed guns to monitor car speeds on the village roads.

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10. **Date, Time and Venue for Next Meeting**

Tuesday 3 June 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Agreed as a true record:

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Date:

for Burpham and Wepham Village Committee and Parish Meeting