

**BURPHAM**  
**VILLAGE COMMITTEE AND PARISH MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 04 February 2014**  
**at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

**Those attending:** Paul Challen (Chairman)  
Val Belton (Treasurer)  
Marion Tucker (Secretary)  
Heather Birch (Social)  
Julie Tester (VH Hire Co-ordinator)  
Kevin Foster (Cricket Club)  
Ron Chapple  
Paul Dendle  
Chris Hales

**Action**

1. **Apologies**  
Apologies were received from Ed French and Bob Baynes.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**  
The minutes of the meeting held 3 December 2013 were signed as a true record.
3. **Village Hall**
  - (a) Chris has worked out a plan for wiring the projector to secure it in the event of hiring it out, and will test it shortly. CH
  - (b) Following on from Kevin's proposal that the Cricket Club would like to do something useful for the village, it was agreed that, subject to their committee approval, the CC will decorate 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, subject to reasonable quotes, which Kevin will obtain. KF
  - (c) The cost of rubbish collection by Rabbit is rising to £96.95 per week.
4. **Planning**
  - (a) Chris outlined the problems with SDNP surrounding the planning permission for rebuilding The Leat.
  - (b) The exact process of consultation over planning applications is no longer clear since SDNP took over planning responsibility for the area. As Ed was not present, Paul Challen will talk to him about this. PC
  - (c) The question of whether Burpham and Wepham should have a Neighbourhood Development Plan was discussed. This idea of these Plans is that policies on planning permissions for their area can be set out by parishes, as well as buildings and spaces to be protected. Such plans

formally become part of larger plans for the district. It was agreed that this could well be a good idea for this parish, and Ed will be asked if he could look further into the matter as there are many questions arising from the fact of being in a conservation area, within the Norfolk Estate and within the SDNP. Paul Dendle suggested Ed talk to AirS (Action in Rural Sussex). There is no urgent time limit on this.

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#### 5. **Treasurer Report**

- (a) The accounts to the date of the meeting are satisfactory.
- (b) It was agreed that a further £4,000 be put into the two existing investments with CCLA.

#### 6. **Secretary Report**

- (a) There was brief discussion on what needed to be done in times of severe cold weather. Nick Field will continue to treat the roads as necessary, and the VC and volunteers will treat the area around the VH.
- (b) WSCC have completed any repairs necessary along footpaths in the area arising from their January inspection. However, following the recent bad weather there are several fallen trees blocking paths. These have been reported to the Estate, who will deal with them as soon as they are able.
- (c) There was discussion on whether there should be a post indicating the depth of water in the Splash, but it was felt that the current "Road Closed" sign being used was sufficient.
- (d) There are issues arising from lack of road maintenance in the area. Paul Dendle recommended that anyone wishing to report problems should email, with photos if possible, [rob.torrance@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:rob.torrance@westsussex.gov.uk), copying [nick.burrell@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:nick.burrell@westsussex.gov.uk), [nigel.peters@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:nigel.peters@westsussex.gov.uk) and also Paul himself on [pauldendle@aol.com](mailto:pauldendle@aol.com). People should also use WSCC's website.

#### 7. **Councillor Dendle Report**

- (a) Three extra posts will be erected at the junction with the A27 in the near future. Paul Dendle is in discussion about the exact positioning of these.
- (b) Warningcamp are still working on their 20 mph speed limit.
- (c) Broadband speed should increase as soon as the Arundel exchange becomes fibre optic.
- (d) Arundel Ward is increasing in size and will have 3 council representatives instead of 2.

#### 8. **Social**

- (a) The Christmas Party and the Santiago de Compostela evening were both very successful. Again, thank you to the organisers.
- (b) There is a Fête Committee Meeting on Tuesday 11 February.
- (b) Future events:  
Saturday 8 February – Shuffleboard evening – Village Hall  
March – Alison Beadsworth's postponed talk

Saturday 24 May – Village Fête.

Other events planned for later in the year are a Barn Dance; a dance with the “Alternatives” band, possibly in Home Farm Barn, (this to be in conjunction with RABI); a full-moon BBQ; a film night; a Hallowe’en party, and another Drip Action evening.

9. **Any Other Business**

(a) New fencing has been erected along part of the playing field boundary. Anti-rabbit wiring is also to be installed.

(b) There was discussion on the continuing problem of dog poo. It was suggested spray paint be used on offending “piles”, to suggest monitoring.

(c) It was agreed the AGM be held on Saturday 12 July.

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

Tuesday 25 March 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