

BURPHAM
VILLAGE COMMITTEE AND PARISH MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 03 February 2015
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Those attending: Paul Challen (Chairman)
Marion Tucker (Secretary)
Val Belton (Treasurer)
Julie Tester (VH Hire Co-ordinator)
Ron Chapple
Heather Birch
Kevin Foster (Cricket)
Bob Baynes

Action

1. **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Ed French and Chris Hales.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2014 were signed as a true record.

3. **Village Hall**
 - (a) The JDAC (Joint Downland Area Committee) have awarded £639 towards the Village Hall lighting scheme. The equipment for this has been purchased and will be installed shortly. CH
 - (b) Kevin would like to provide better storage for the cricket pitch and recreation ground maintenance equipment, and proposed an area to the right of the shed. Kevin will look into this further. KF
 - (c) Repairs to various park benches around the recreation ground to be carried out in the spring..
 - (d) Chris and Ron will prepare instructions for the use of the projector. CH / RF
 - (e) It was felt desirable to know the exact location of the fire hydrant nearest to the Village Hall. Paul will look into this. PC
 - (f) There have been problems with the urinals in the gents' toilets. Ron is in the process of sorting this out with West Sussex Drains, who are proving very helpful. RC
 - (g) It was agreed a new tea urn be purchased.

4. **Planning**
 - (a) Application for tree pruning / felling – Flints and Wepham Farm Barn – pending.
 - (b) Application for change of use 105 Wepham from workshop studio to owner's accommodation - pending.
 - (c) Application for Wepham Farm Barn – additional double garage. The Committee are to object to this application on the following grounds: (a)

choice of brick instead of existing flint as building material (b) impact on neighbouring property's garden light.

(d) An update on the progress of the South Downs National Park Local Plan has been received, in particular the SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment). Two potential sites within this parish are rejected.

5. **Treasurer Report**

(a) The accounts are still very satisfactory, with current assets being £34,396.14. Investments have also increased in value by £243.26.

(b) Costs were very high (nearly £250) in December because of outgoings for the Children's Party and post-carol service refreshments. Heather said there were already plans in place to limit expenditure on the Children's Party later this year.

(c) Electricity costs in December were also very high.

6. **Secretary Report**

(a) A letter has been received from WSCC indicating they will be cutting back footpath inspections from every 9 months to every 15 months. WSCC have been given a list of Burpham Parish's top priority paths for clearance.

(b) Bob reported a number of trees down across footpaths in the Conyers MGT Wood area. Marion will report these to the estate responsible.

7. **Councillor Dendle Report**

In the absence of Cllr. Dendle, there was no report.

8. **Social**

(a) Shuffleboard evening - 21 February.

(b) Preparations are in hand for the fête on Saturday 23 May. Should it rain, the church will not be available because a wedding is arranged for that day. Planning meetings are planned for 23 March, 25 April, 21 May.

(c) Other events planned, although no dates fixed yet, are: an "Alternatives" band evening, possibly also with Willi Austen; a wine "Call my Bluff" evening, a karaoke evening, a BBQ at the Clump, a film evening, and a Drip Action evening (although probably not until early 2016).

(d) Christmas event dates were agreed as follows: Children's Christmas Party Sat - 19 December; Carol Service – Sun 20 December; Carol Singing around the Villages – Thur 17 December.

9. **Any Other Business**

(a) As soon as one of the "dog poo" bin from the recreation ground is moved to the triangle near Peppering the collections can be re-arranged.

(b) SDNP have launched a project to get International Dark Sky Reserve Status for parts of the park.

(c) CCTV: Ron pointed out that the current equipment is now about 10 years old, and will look into whether it should be upgraded. RC

(d) A new notice board has now been fitted at Wepham.

(e) Paul has cleared the approach to the Wepham post box, which was

very slippery.

(f) It was agreed that Kevin could put forward the cricket ground as a possible venue for a cricket fun day to be held by Sussex county Cricket Club, should they wish.

(g) When the pond area has dried out, Chris proposes to organise a clean-up party.

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

Tuesday 14 April 2015 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