

BURPHAM
VILLAGE COMMITTEE AND PARISH MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4 December 2012
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

Action

1. **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Roy Kilford, Ed French and Colin Dick.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held 9 October 2012 were signed as a true record.
3. **Village Hall**
 - (a) It was agreed that Amy Binfield would be granted an extension to midnight for the booking she has made for her wedding on 2 August 2014, as she is a resident. However, it will be emphasised to her that the function must end promptly at midnight and music noise be kept at a reasonable level.
 - (b) The electricity meter has been changed to one giving real-time readings, instead of estimated. It is hoped this will make electricity bills more accurate.
4. **Planning**

Beech Tree House / Lowesden – tree reductions – no objection.
Chestnut Cottage – replacement of existing conservatory with a garden room – no objection.
Old Flint Hall – small kitchen extension and alterations / conversion of garage space into accommodation – no objection.
Burpham Farm House – replacement of existing garage – no objection, but with the comment that there should be a clear space between the proposed new wall and that of the adjacent property (Splash Farm Barn). In addition, the Splash Farm Barn wall should also be fully repaired as necessary.
5. **Treasurer Report**
 - (a) To date, both income and expenditure are less than last year, and also less than budgeted, mainly because the fête was not so profitable as last year, and there have been exceptional expenses such as the Jubilee Party. However, investments remain steady.

6. **Secretary Report**

- (a) £50 has been donated to ACCT.
- (b) The AirS subscription for 2012/13 has been paid at the basic level of £72.
- (c) Notices on the dangers of toxocarasis, caught from infected dog faeces will be dealt with in early spring. MGT
- (d) Marion will continue to try to contact Loraine Dixon, of Sussex Police, about the 20 mph limit. MGT
- (e) Changes are being made to the way the River Arun Internal Drainage District is administered and the Environment Agency is producing a long-term plan to manage flood risk on the River Arun between Pallingham and Littlehampton. A public consultation runs between 10 Dec 2012 and 15 March 2013, and there will be two public exhibitions, one being at Arundel Town Hall, 1-8 pm on Tue 5 Feb 2013.

7. **Councillor Dendle Report**

The issue of how to deal with parking at the junction of the village road and the A27 is on-going.

It was agreed a letter should be sent to SDNP objecting to the proposed private traveller caravan site on the former BP petrol filling station land adjacent to the A27 at Poling (Crossbush side). MGT

8. **Social**

- (a) The Jazz evening on 16 November, although enjoyable, raised only £30.
- (b) A Christmas party is planned for Sunday 23 December.
- (c) A shuffleboard evening is booked for 26 January 2013.
- (d) Future events planned are a Quiz Evening in February, and a "Grease" evening later in the year.
- (e) Next year's fête will be on Saturday 25 May.

9. **Any Other Business..**

- (a) The CCTV servicing costs are currently £120 a visit, twice a year. Ron will negotiate to have these reduced. RC
- (b) It was agreed that as Phil and Stef Michele now own the land on which the 'phone box outside their house is situated, they should negotiate directly with BT for its removal. Paul Challen will speak to Stef. The Committee felt that the box was now obsolete because of the improvement in local signals and the increase in mobile 'phone usage. PC
- (c) The entrance to the cricket ground will be repaired by putting a layer of chalk into the depression. CD
- (d) Consideration will be given as to where in the Village Hall to store the new table cloths.
- (e) It was agreed that the current distribution of Village Hall keys should not be altered for the time being.
- (e) Repairs to the bench in front of Church Cottage are on-going.

(f) Ron will inspect the holm oak belonging to the Santanas that overhangs the benches near the church gate. It will probably be necessary to obtain SDNP approval for any pruning.

RC/MGT

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

Tuesday 5 February 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Agreed as a true record:

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for Burpham and Wepham Village Committee and Parish Meeting