

BURPHAM
VILLAGE COMMITTEE AND PARISH MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1 October 2013
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Those attending: Paul Challen (Chairman)
Val Belton (Treasurer)
Marion Tucker (Secretary)
Ed French (Planning)
Heather Birch (Social)
Julie Tester (VH Hire Co-ordinator)
Kevin Foster (Cricket Club)
Paul Dendle
Bob Baynes

Kevin, as newly elected Chairman of Burpham and Warningcamp Cricket Club, was welcomed onto the Committee.

Action

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ron Chapple and Chris Hales.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 6 August 2013 were signed as a true record.

3. Village Hall

(a) Construction of a storage cupboard for the projector and other items is in hand. It will be in the changing room, and will be similar to the other bench storage facilities there. Materials have been ordered and because the cost of these is only approximately £200 it was agreed that a CIF grant was not necessary.

There was discussion about how to manage and charge any hiring out of the projector, and also the possibility of positioning it permanently in the hall so it would not have to be moved each time it was used. Paul Challen will talk with Chris Hales about this.

PC / CH

(b) Auto Historica 2014 - Paul Challen has received an email from Dominic Santana saying he was considering whether to hold this event next year, and asking whether the VC would be charging for the use of the hall and ground if villagers were allowed in free. It was agreed that Marion will write to Dominic to tell him that the VC is not in a position to allow free use of the hall and ground.

MGT

(c) Cricket Club - In future, the Cricket Club will pay £100 per annum rent, and will continue to maintain the whole of the recreation ground and the playground. The VC will cover the cost of repairs, maintenance and replacement of equipment used by the Cricket Club. So as to keep these

costs to a minimum the VC, with the Cricket club Chairman being a member, will scrutinize any expenditure whenever envisaged. The cricket square will continue to be solely the responsibility of the Cricket Club as will all items relating to the game itself. The Cricket Club will give the Village Committee an inventory of the equipment used for maintenance. Servicing of this equipment is up-to-date.

The Cricket Club will make renewed efforts to raise money, perhaps by holding an event in the Village Hall at no cost for the use of the hall, and the VC and CC will assist each other in further fund-raising where possible and practical, either formally or informally.

4. **Planning**

- (a) The proposed traveller site at Crossbush has been approved by SDNP.
- (b) Lample House – conversion and extension of existing garage into accommodation and store, and erection of new garage – VC position neutral.
- (c) Tree pruning and felling applications for Backwoods, Thomas Cottage and Beech Tree House – VC position on all neutral.
- (d) 82 The Street – erection of annexe in rear garden – VC position neutral.
- (e) Burpham House has extensively pruned some trees without planning permission. Ed will write to them pointing this out and suggesting they obtain such permission retro-actively. He will also compose a small piece for the website and the newsletter on the planning rules governing trees.

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5. **Treasurer Report**

- (a) Hall hire figures are good, but the investments are down for the second time in a row.
- (b) Val has changed to a cheaper electricity supplier. This arrangement starts 6 October.

6. **Secretary Report**

There are some road and footpath issues:

- (a) Forge Road – the last few yards linking this road to the footpath are very overgrown. Paul Challen will look at this.
- (b) Bridge near Splash Farm. This is badly cracked and looks to be in danger of collapsing. West Sussex Highways have inspected it but nothing further has been heard.
- (c) Blocked rain at side of road outside vicarage. Paul Dendle has provided two contacts to report this to and Marion will action.

PC

MGT

7. **Councillor Dendle Report**

Paul Dendle reported on various ADC matters.

- (a) He will keep a close watch on the contamination issues surrounding the proposed traveller site at Crossbush.
- (b) There are still problems with the pedestrian crossing lights on the far side of the railway bridge.

PD

(c) He is still endeavouring to find out more about the broadband proposals for this area. PD

8. **Social**

- (a) The Village Fête will be held on Saturday 24 May next year.
- (b) Friday 1 November - Drip Action evening at the Village Hall.
- (c) Friday 22 December - Children's Party.
- (d) Thursday 16 January – proposed talk on Santiago de Compostela walk
- (e) Friday 7 February – shuffleboard evening

9. **Any Other Business**

(a) Ron Chapple has received information on SDNP's new "Local Plan Newsletter". Marion has entered details on the website, and Bob will put a piece in the newsletter. MGT/BB

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

Tuesday 3 December 2013 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