

**MINUTES FOR THE BURROWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD TUESDAY 6th September 2022**

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none

Welcome: S.Kirk, Chairman, S. Wilton, M.Jay, M. Swan, , H.Husain, D.Fothergill, D.House, Parish Clerk

Apologies: I. Foster, N.McGrath, S.Buller

Members of the Public: 1 member of the public attended to discuss the reasons for the purchase of a 3rd Dog Poo bin.

1049. Minutes of July's Meeting: These were signed once the action points were checked.

Sarah Hill, Village Agent, attended the meeting and explained the role and the work a Village Agent conducts. The Councillors discussed with SH how the Village Agent and the PC can work together. Somerset Village & Community Agents are part of the Community Council for Somerset and is a charity which relies on donations. It was felt that residents need to be aware that we have a Village Agent who may be able to offer help/advice and support. A leaflet will be included in the Bridge Magazine. **Action: All**

1050. Question & Answer Session: a. A member of the Public attended the meeting to discuss the practicality of the purchase of a dog poo bin.

1051.Matters arising from the previous Minutes: Funding from Avon & Somerset Police. The Clerk has completed the paperwork in obtaining a Grant to purchase a Speed Monitoring Device. It was hoped to speak to someone in the first instance as the Parish Council have not yet got data and information which is required. **Action: DH**

1052.Finance: a. Update on Finance: The Clerk informed the meeting that there is £10,927.95 in the Active Saver Account. £495.46 in the Community Account. £1286.17 in The Coach House Account.

b. Parish Clerk's Salary. The Clerk presented her September's salary. SK proposed, SW seconded. **Action: DH**

c. Parish Clerk's Expenses. The Clerk presented her expenses for August & September £33.25. SK proposed, SW seconded. **Action: DH**

c. Any Other financial issues: A repair is required on the Clerk's lap top which will be about £70.00. All agreed. **Action: SK/ DH**

SALC: An invoice was received from SALC £142.26. SK proposed, SW seconded. **Action: DH**

1053.Planning Applications: Nothing to report.

1054.Highways: Purchase of a mobile Speed monitoring Device: DH & HH have commenced the research into the process and the costs of purchasing a SID. Quotes have been about £7,000.00. Discussion is still continuing whether the purchase of a device will have an impact on motorists reducing their speed. The Clerk will contact Traffic Management to ask for their advice on the best way to handle this problem. **Action: ALL**

1055.Footpaths: Nothing to Report

1056.Parish Land: a. A quote has been received for £744.00 to make 2 finials for the fingerposts. It was discussed whether a mould could be made. The Clerk will contact a local tradesman to see if he could make them at a lesser cost. Also, Westcountry Blacksmiths could be contacted for a price. **Action: DH**

b. Volunteer Gardner: Our Gardner is moving from the area. The Parish Council are asking if there is anyone who would like to volunteer to help keep the garden tidy. **Action: ALL**

1057.The Coach House: a. The Clerk is waiting to hear if the roof tiles and Cider Press have been moved which will then allow the tiles to be sold. **Action: DH**

b. The PCs discussed finalising the work on the Coach House. MS has received costs for building a patio. The group felt that further quotes will be sourced. Crushed stone for the base of the patio has been donated. The Parish Council are asking if anyone could donate 144 paving slabs, Benches or plant **s. Action: All/ DH**

1058.Flood Resilience: Nothing to Report

1059. Neighbourhood Watch/Police Matters: Nothing to Report.

1060. SALC: Nothing to Report.

1061. Correspondence: Nothing to Report

1062. Annual Parish Meeting: The Chairman asked the PC who we could invite to be the main speaker at next year's APM. **Action: ALL**

1063. Items of Information Council Only:

a. Christmas Tree: The PC agreed to purchase a Christmas Tree and agreed to order the height of 3 metres. However, a concrete stand will need to be made to hold the tree. The Clerk will order the tree. **Action: ALL/DH**

b. Dog Poo Bin: The Parish Councillors have agreed to complete the Coach House hopefully by the end of the year. Therefore a 3rd Dog Poo Bin will not be purchased this year. There is £4121.26 of CIL funds and £1286.17 in The Coach House bank account. It is felt that the Coach House will be able to be finished within this budget.

c. Speeding: Work will continue with finding the most effective way of getting motorists to reduce their speed on our country roads. **Action: All**

c. Repair of Notice Board – Stathe: The Clerk asked if the notice board could be repaired. Work in Progress. **Action: All**

1064: Items of Information Council Only: The Clerk informed the meeting that Ian Foster has stood down from his role of Councillor. Ian will be greatly missed and the Councillors wish him all the best in his new job.

Matters to be reported

Close of Meeting: 2130

Steve Kirk, Chairman:

Date:.....4th October 2022.....