

**MINUTES FOR THE BURROWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD TUESDAY 16th JANUARY 2024**

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none

Welcome: S.Kirk, Chairman, N.McGrath, L.Jeanes, D.Fothergill, D.House, Parish Clerk

Apologies: N.Covell,, S.Wilton, H.Husain, M.Jay, J.Jeanes

Members of the Public: There were none

1260. Minutes of December's meeting: These were signed once the action points were checked.

1261. Question & Answer Session: There were none

1262. Matters arising from the previous Minutes: There were none

1263. Finance: a. Update on Finance: The Clerk informed the meeting that there is £7239.16 in the Active Saver Account. £1044.41 in the Community Account. £437.78 in The Coach House Account.

b. Precept: The Councillors have attended the recent LCN meeting which was held on 15th January 2024 where Somerset Council might move the responsibility and costs to Parish Councils from Somerset Council, such as Buriel Grants, Dog Poo collection, Hedge & Verge cutting. Because of this the meeting voted unanimously to increase the PRECEPT to £10,000.00. If the reserves aren't used at the end of the next financial year, the 2025/26 PRECEPT will be reduced. **Action: DH**

c. Parish Clerk's Salary. The Clerk's presented her December's Salary. The SK proposed and LJ seconded. **Action: DH**

d.Parish Clerk's Par Rise: Due to the announcement of the Nalc Parish Clerks 2023/24 inflation pay rise, the Clerk was due £208.00 back pay from 1st April 2023/30th November 2023. SK proposed, LJ seconded. **Action: DH**

d. Parish Clerk's Expenses: The Clerk presented her expenses for December £19.11, SK proposed, LJ seconded. **Action: DH**

e. Christmas Tree Invoice: Not yet submitted **Action: DH**

f. Parish Garden Invoice: The Gardener submitted the invoice for the Community Garden £120.00. SK proposed & LJ seconded. **Action: DH**

h. Village Hall Rent: An invoice was submitted for Village Hall rent from 04/01/22 to 07/11/23 £393.00. SK Proposed & LJ seconded. **Action: DH**

f. Any Other financial issues: Nothing to Report

1264. Planning Application: a. 51/23/0007 Replacement of outbuilding at New Corner House, Bullplace Bridge Road, Stathe: The Parish Councillors fully supported this planning application: **Action: DH**

b. 51/23/0005 Replacement of dwelling at Oak Lodge, Stathe Road, Burrowbridge (resubmission of 51/22/0006). No update to date.

1265. Highways:

a. Flooding Stathe Road: Stathe Road: Works were carried out on the 11th Jan 2024 at Parrett Cottage to Lilac Cottage. Tree roots were encountered and have been removed. The crew was amazed the amount of silt which had accumulated/been washed in since August 2024. Several loads of muck from the channels, gullies and drains had previously been removed. The drains are now clear, but will no doubt silt up again. A new outlet drain is needed. The flooding at Hill View is a similar problem. The Parish Council would like to

thank David Walker and his water pumps for his commitment to working with Highways in trying to resolve the above problems and help the residents.

David Walker, Flood Coordinator for Burrowbridge is in regular contact with Ken Gordon, Assistant Highway Service Manager about the regular flooding on Stathe Road.

Action: DH

e. Hedges West Yeo Road: To date the owner of the hedges have not cut back the hedges. A call has been placed with Highways to cut back the hedges along the A361.

Action: DH

1266. Footpaths: Due to no current volunteers to check the footpaths in Burrowbridge, the chairman suggested whether setting up a scheme, where residents would check a footpath that they regularly walk. The Clerk will speak with Somerset Council Footpath officer to see if this is acceptable.

Action: DH

1267. Parish Land: a. Post Box – Stanmoor Road: The Post Office has been instructed to return the Post Box to its original location. However, it has been reported to the Clerk, that the planning department has told the Post Office that a planning application has to be submitted. The Clerk has raised calls to the Post Office to ask for clarification.

Action: DH

1268. The Coach House: Nothing to Report

1269. Flood Resilience: Nothing to Report

1270. Neighbourhood Watch/Police Matters: Nothing to Report

1271. SALC: Nothing to Report.

1272. Correspondence: Nothing to Report

1273. LCN: SK & LJ attended a TEAM meeting on the 15th January 2024. At the meeting, it was confirmed that due to the unitary authority joining of the County Councils, that some maintenance could be moved to Parish Councils to manage and fund. The areas of concern for the Parish Council are that the Buriel Grant may move to the Parish Councils. The management of Tree & Hedge Cutting, Dog Poo emptying may be moved to the Parish Councils. However, a Parish Council can refuse to take on these responsibilities due to lack of finances and resources.

Action: ALL

1274. Annual Parish Meeting: The date for next year APM will be 14/05/23. The clerk will commence work in inviting guest speakers.

Action: DH

1275. Items of Information Council Only: Nothing to Report

Matters to be reported:

Steve Kirk, Chairman:

Date:.....Tuesday 5th March 2024

Close of Meeting: 2050