



BURITON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Buriton Parish Council held at Buriton Village Hall, at 7:15pm on Monday 23rd May 2022.

Present: Cllr D Jones (Chair), Cllr L Ashcroft, Cllr T Crew, Cllr L Lloyd, Cllr S Stevens, Cllr T Wheeler and Mrs P Norris, Clerk.

In attendance: There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr H Coates and County & District Cllr Mocatta

2. Declarations of Interest

Declaration of interest from Cllr Jones– as a Member of the South Downs National Park Authority, the Local Planning Authority for the area, I wish to make it clear that any views which I express today are based on information before me at this meeting and might change in the light of further information and/or debate at National Park meetings. This is to make it clear that I am keeping an open mind on the issues and cannot therefore be found to have predetermined any matter if it should come before me at the National Park for decision. Cllr Jones also declared that he is also a member of the South Downs Local Access Forum: a body which advises Hampshire County Council, SDNPA and others about their decisions in relation to Rights of Way and about making improvements to public access for outdoor recreation and sustainable travel. It is purely advisory and has no decision-making powers.

3. To approve minutes from BPC meeting held on 28th March 2022.

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2022 were approved as a correct record and the Chair will sign a copy for the Council's Minutes Book. **Action: Cllr Jones.**

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2022.

- Pond Green Bridge – this is still outstanding. As Matt Marriott may no longer be able to attend to this matter, Cllrs agreed to check what he had been considering doing and would look back through previous correspondence.
- Monks Walk: Cllrs Jones, Johnston and Lloyd still to meet to discuss the way forward.
- Staging stored in the village hall: not yet considered by the Hall Committee.
- Proposals from Buriton School for School Meadow – further details still awaited.
- Pond at Chalk Pits Nature Reserve: QECP investigating repairs.
- Installation of the defibrillator in the High Street kiosk by the defibrillator team: the team has cleaned the phone box, taken measurements to obtain stickers and signs and are arranging for an electrician to move the defibrillator from Kiln Lane.
- EHDC hedge along Petersfield Road – an update will be requested from Cllr Mocatta,
- Visits by EHDC Dog Wardens – an update will be requested from Cllr Mocatta
- Repairs to the school fence by the school still needed.
- Gullies up Kiln Lane: an update will be requested from Cllr Mocatta
- EHDC work at village pond: an update will be requested from Cllr Mocatta
- New seat in memory of a former resident – Cllr Johnston gave an update that the family have agreed to a £1000 donation and decided on the Dale Bench which is recycled plastic together with a remembrance plaque. It was agreed that the bench be sited in the top corner of the wild area in the recreation ground. It was agreed that the parish council will place the order and the family donate the money.
- EHDC litter picking along Greenway Lane – an update will be requested from Cllr Mocatta

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- Considering a 'Friends of Playground' Group: Cllr Coates was hoping to arrange a meeting soon to explore this idea. **Action:** Cllr Coates
- Action following accident on B2146 at Hurst: being investigated by Cllr Mocatta
- Buriton School has confirmed that it would be able to help accommodate refugee families from Ukraine as there is space in Year 2 and 3 classes.
- It was agreed that an allocation of money be placed in the reserves to cover the increased costs of elections charged by EHDC.
- The work has been completed to clear the blocked drainage grid at the bottom of Kiln Lane near the crossroads.
- Although reported no work has been carried out on the overgrown, ineffective ditch in Petersfield Road by Bones Lane. Clerk to check status. **Action: Clerk**
- Building Control plans for when the Changing Rooms and Hall had been built have now been received from EHDC.
- Copy of School Travel Plan – this has not yet been received from Buriton School – Cllrs agreed that they would still like to receive this and agreed that the Clerk to chase. **Action: Clerk**
- No further information has been received from SDNPA about a prospective event on 15th July to mark the 50th anniversary of the South Downs Way which started in the Village. **Action: Clerk** to email for an update.
- The cabinets at the phone mast in the layby on The Causeway have been repainted green, as specified in the application/permission granted. However, the entire mast has also been painted green rather than grey so that it blends into the sky as specified in the application/permission. SDNPA are investigating. **Action: Clerk** to chase.

5. Chair's Update

The Chair had circulated a short written report, attached to these Minutes. Main points included:

- An international delegation of planning official from Oman are visiting the parish on 7th June 2022. This event is being organised by the SDNPA. The group will be looking at the concepts of planning and national parks. Both village pubs will be providing refreshments and the village hall is also booked. As well as Cllrs Jones, Johnston and Stevens, Jonathan Jones from the Village Design Group will be available.
- A message from Tim Speller (QECP) had reported that there was strong advice not to allow camping near the South Downs Way on the old landfill site next to the Halls Car Park
- Following an email from Mr Lister concerning issues with Neosporosis in cattle at Halls Hill, the landowner, Mrs Shone explained that likely source of the Neosporosis was from the Hangers Way footpath rather than Halls Hill. She felt that there was not anything else that the Parish Council can do. It was agreed to reply to Mr Lister's email. **Action: Clerk**
- Plans are in place to hold a display honouring the men who left Portsmouth 40 years ago in the Falklands Conflict and to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. Cllrs noted this proposal by Elaine Bray and Peter Nixon also agreed that the area around the War Memorial should always be kept cleared and tidy and not be included in the "No Mow May" initiative.

6. County and District Councillor's Reports

County and District Cllr Mocatta sent his apologies so there was no update.

7. Finance and Accounts

- a) **Approval of the Annual Internal Audit Report** – Cllrs approved the Annual Internal Audit Report
- b) **Approval of the Governance Statement** – Cllrs approved the Government Statement
- c) **Approval of the Accounting Statement** – Cllrs approved the Accounting Statement
- d) **Agreement of the Exercise of Public Rights dates** – Cllr agreed that the dates for the Exercise of Public Rights be from Monday 13th June 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022.
- e) **Update on transfer to Unity Bank** – the Clerk updated Cllrs on the transfer of the parish council account from Nat West to Unity Bank. The accounts are set up and we are just

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waiting for the “Switch” to happen. At the moment there is a query about the type of legal entity that is recorded by Nat West. **Action: Cllr Jones** to contact Nat West.

- **VAT** – The Clerk informed Cllrs that a VAT claim had been submitted for £4,112.67

8. Village Hall and Recreation Report

The Chair summarised points from a report which is attached to these minutes:

- There are no bad debtors. The Village Hall Manager reported that during April 2022 income exceeded expenditure by about £1,000.
- All servicing is up to date.
- The Tennis Club is paying for the exclusive use of the Ref's toilet from 1st April to 31st August 2022 paying £153.
- The works to the Village Hall refurbishment will commence on 1st August 2022. Cllrs Crew, Lloyd and Wheeler agreed to be available to regularly inspect, carry out snagging, attend any maintenance briefing and to sign off the work. **Action: Cllrs Crew, Lloyd and Wheeler**
- A visit has been carried out by a representative from Project Solar to look at options for solar energy generation from the roof of the village hall and changing rooms. A report is awaited.
- The repairs to the zipwire have been completed. Cllrs agreed that some simple signs were needed to ensure the correct use of the zipwire. Cllr Jones agreed to put together some words, with the Parish Council logo and check with the insurance providers with a view to produce and laminate some signs. **Action: Cllr Jones.**
- Cllr Crew suggested an option for dealing with the area around the gateway to the playground. Cllrs agreed to obtain costings. **Action: Cllr Crew**

Open Forum

There were no questions or comments.

9. Planning

Cllr Johnston had prepared a report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes:

- It was noted that the developer for the new development in Greenway Lane is no longer Metis Homes but Imperial Homes. Cllrs agreed to contact Imperial Homes. It was also noted that fencing has been installed on the site but there is not a Construction Environmental Management Plan in place as required by the planning approval. It was agreed to raise the issue with the SDNPA. **Action: Clerk**
- Butser Quarry – Cllrs agreed to write to SDNPA as some of the conditions from the planning approval have not been met, 15 months after permission was granted. This included the formation of a Liaison Group and the scheme for the retention, protection, enhancement and interpretation boards of the Lime Kilns. **Action: Clerk**
- Cllrs were pleased to see that EHDC are insisting on tinted windows on planning applications to take into account Dark Skies.

10. Work for Lengthsman & Highway Issues

The Lengthsman is carrying out the regular work. Other issues raised were:

- The pinch point on Greenway Lane still has piles of gravel. **Action: Clerk** to ask the Lengthsman to look at this.
- HCC are holding an on-line Bus Passenger Forum on two dates in June, Cllrs are asked to join the forum if they can.
- There is a consultation of the Local Transport Plan with a deadline of 26th June 2022, Cllrs are urged to look at this and comment to members of the Planning Committee so that a submission can be made. **Action: All.**
- It was noted the High Street, Buriton is to be closed on 13th June 2022 for works.
- Kiln Lane was closed by Hampshire Highways without any notification.

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11. Rights of Way

The Chair summarised points from a report which is attached to these minutes:

- The ROW working group has met with HCC's new Community Engagement Ranger, Lou Aparo. As part of the SDNP Trust's "Miles without Stiles" initiative the group identified the location of the only remaining stiles in the parish. Cllrs agreed for Lou to approach the landowners with a view to replacing the stiles with kissing gates.
- It has been requested that BOAT 18 be added to the HCC's winter closure list.
- HCC has approached Network Rail due to contractors obstructing the Shipwrights Way/ Hangers Way bridlepath with their vehicles.
- Footpath 5 will be closed temporarily for the installation of the 30m telecom tower.

12. Update on Trees, Pollinators, Biodiversity and Climate Change Initiatives

The Chair highlighted points from a report which is attached to these minutes:

- Both the Council's applications to SDNPA had been successful so far: the 'Re-Nature Call for Sites' and the 'Beelines'
- Beelines – A visit by Matt Pitts of Plantlife had provided very helpful advice and revised cost estimates had been prepared. Cllrs agreed to include the cost of wildflower seeds in the costs for the grant application, Cllr Stevens agreed to obtain costs. **Action: Cllr Stevens.** Cllrs also agreed to two interpretation boards.
- Trees for Downs – this is a SDNP Trust funded initiative to provide trees as well as tree protection. Cllrs Johnston has submitted an expression of interest.
- The Village Show would have a strong focus on Climate Change and Nature to support the community's work in these areas

13. Queen's Platinum Jubilee (June 2022)

Cllr Lloyd reiterated the update given in the Annual Meeting.

14. Correspondence

The list of correspondence received is attached to these minutes. All matters were included on the agenda.

15. Date of next meeting: The next meeting of Buriton Parish Council is on 25th July 2022

At the conclusion of business the meeting ended at 8.45pm.



Chair's Update Report (May 2022)

The situation regarding coronavirus in the parish appears to have stabilised after the earlier turn for the worse which followed the relaxation of all rules / restrictions / regulations. Households continue to catch the virus but symptoms are generally mild compared with earlier stages of the pandemic.

The latest situation regarding the visit to the parish on 7th June by an international delegation of planning officials from Oman is as follows:

- a party of about six senior visitors will be in the UK for about two weeks on a visit being arranged by the South Downs National Park Authority which is all funded by the Anglo-Omani Society as part of a wider programme of learning and assistance
- the delegation is particularly interested in considering the concepts of planning and national parks, including potential tensions between tourism, conservation, agricultural production, development and community life
- the National Park Authority is keen to ensure that the visitors get a good flavour from a community perspective and Buriton has been chosen because of our range of good practices and experience
- the Omani party will be accompanied by a couple of members of SDNPA staff but the programme for the day is being arranged locally
- the village hall has been booked for the day and refreshments are being provided by both our village pubs: the Five Bells is providing lunch and the Nest is providing early evening meals
- it is envisaged that we will explain a number of our local initiatives, including the role of our Village Design Statement etc, and that we will guide the visitors to some nearby places: the chalk pits, the Manor Barn, the new housing site and the TJ Butser Hill Quarry site (to get an explanation about how that will be restored etc). It may also be relevant to visit the Queen Elizabeth Country Park and we will probably also cover other interactions with the national park: nature, tourism, local economy, dark skies, traffic calming etc
- Jonathan Jones of the VDS Group has confirmed that he is available to help guide the visitors as well as Maggie, Sarah and myself. Once the arrangements for the timing of the evening meal are clearer there should be opportunities for others to meet the visitors, too.

I will include in this report a couple of items of correspondence which had come, initially, to me and which I circulated to all:

- an email from Tim Speller (QECP) of 26 April reporting the conclusions of investigations into the possibility of camping near the SD Way on the old landfill site next to the Halls Hill Car Park. The County Council's Waste Management experts have strongly advised against this for a number of reasons (explained in the email correspondence) and so no camping will be permitted at present
- an email from Jamie Lister (27 April) which suggested that cattle in the fields adjacent to the QECP's Halls Hill Car Park had contracted Neosporosis there resulting in the premature slaughter of three cattle and some financial loss to the landowner, Mrs Shone. Upon contacting Mrs Shone she explained that (a) Mr Lister has not got all the facts right or had misunderstood what her chap was saying; (b) the Hangers Way footpath is the most likely source, not the Halls Hill area; and (c) she does not feel that there is anything more that the Parish Council can do
- emails from Elaine Bray and Peter Nixon relating to the War Memorial area: advising us (a) of plans to do a display honouring the men who left from Portsmouth 40 years ago in the Falklands Conflict, with the intention of helping to raise the profile of The Royal British Legion and (b) that the area would be kept neat and trim (particularly for the Jubilee etc) unless the parish council felt strongly that it should be included in any 'no mow May' initiative.

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Village Hall and Recreation Report for PC Meeting: 23 May 2022

This report provides updates on a number of matters since the last meeting of the Council:

- There are no bad debtors and the Hall Manager reports that the first month of the new financial year saw income exceed expenditure by about £1,100. About £2,300 of funds held in the village hall bank account are deposits paid by hirers which are almost always repaid in full
- All servicing is up to date and once the switch to on-line banking has been made the inspection and repair of the faulty dishwasher (agreed at the last PC Meeting) can take place
- Any trial of the Hallmaster on-line booking system is also awaiting the on-line banking facility
- No further information has been received from Buriton Ducklings about whether or not they may wish to hire the Upper Hall again from September
- The Tennis Club is now paying for exclusive use of the Referee's Toilet, paying £153 for the period 1st April to 31 August. Depending on the return of the Ducklings Childminding Group, this facility may or may not be available for the Tennis Club to hire again from 1 September
- Building Control plans (for when the hall etc was built) have been received from EHDC
- Recent steps on the project with Executive Windows to replace windows, doors, soffits, cladding and the external stairs from the upper hall have included a site meeting on 6th May. A note of the meeting has been circulated to all Councillors, covering dates (commencement on 1st August and lasting for no more than one week providing that there are little or no hidden discoveries); storage (use of the Upper Hall for the period of the works); Sequence of works; Inspection, snagging, maintenance and take over. There will be a need for a Parish Council representative to inspect, snag, attend a maintenance briefing and to sign off the works once the contractor is ready to hand over. Andy van den Broeke will be away for the month of August and so it will also be advisable for Parish Council representatives to carry out regular site visits during the works
- A visit has taken place by a representative of Project Solar to provide free advice about the prospects of solar energy generation from the roof of the village hall (and opportunities for the provision of charging points for Electric Vehicles etc). Findings are awaited
- The playground repairs by Sawscape agreed at the last meeting have been undertaken – including all the work identified on the Cableway / Zipwire
- Cllrs Crew and Wheeler may be able to provide an update about the area around the playground gate (quotes for reinstating the surface and joining to the existing path etc)
- Potential signage, discussed at the last meeting, remains to be progressed
- Observations suggest that general usage of the playground continues satisfactorily with regular inspections by Cllr Wheeler
- Cllr Coates may be able to report about the idea of creating a 'Friends of the Playground' Group
- Idverde undertook a 'cut and collect' mowing of the wild strips at the edges of the Recreation Ground on 5th April. A grant payment has been received from the county council's Pollinators team for this extra exercise
- Other information about the role of the Recreation Ground in the community's Pollinator Project (including a visit by an expert from Plantlife) is included in the Trees, Pollinators and Climate Change report elsewhere on the agenda.



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Planning Report 16th May 2022

To be read in conjunction with the minutes of the Planning meeting of the 11th April 2022.

Update on current planning matters.

SDNP/21/00956/FUL. Construction and part retention of farm track access from Horsechestnut Farm onto the Causeway (B2070), Petersfield. Application in Progress.

SDNP/21/03220/DCOND Discharge of Conditions 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 24 and 27 of Planning Approval SDNP/20/01535/FUL.
Butser Hill Lime Works Ltd Butser Hill Buriton Petersfield Hampshire GU31 5BQ. Application in Progress

SDNP/21/05279/FUL New arts centre at Ditcham Park School.
An additional response was provided as a result of amended plans being submitted. These were re affirming that the Parish Councils original comments still stand. Application in Progress

SDNP/21/05947/FUL. Extend the old chicken houses at land to the rear of 28-38 Petersfield Road to provide lambing/storage shed space. Application in Progress

SDNP/22/00285/HOUS. The Old Rectory High Street Buriton - Replacement of garden shed with log store and metal arch and gazebo. Application Approved

SDNP/21/03827/HOUS New Shed at 3 Monks Walk. A new set of drawings for a much smaller shed have been submitted.
Application Approved with conditions. The shed has been constructed before the permission has been granted and as such the overhang which is not in the approved drawings must be removed and a film must be placed over the windows to prevent excess light spillage.

SDNP/22/00379/HOUS
24 Heatherfield Buriton Petersfield GU31 5RY
Single storey side extension, relocation of front door, external alterations, creation of parking, and associated works following demolition of existing garage. Decision Pending

SDNP/22/00326/HOUS
Keepers cottage, Sussex Road, Nursted Rocks.
Re-site back door in place of an existing window. Extend the existing out building by 2 metres by 2 metres. New roof on extension to match existing outbuilding roof. Fit one roof light on out building. Application Approved

SDNP/22/01478/HOUS Copyhold Cottage Copyhold Lane Ramsdean Petersfield Hampshire GU32 3NR. Application in Progress

SDNP/22/00611/PRE Land West of The Causeway The rear of No. 169 The Causeway, Petersfield. GU31 4LN. Advice Provided
We were asked to comment on this application as there are opportunities to create an alternative cycle/walking route into Petersfield avoiding the Causeway. A report was created, see below, but it was too late to submit to the pre-app. We will review and submit if appropriate once a full application is submitted.

It is noted that the Greenway Lane development appears to be in the hands of Imperial Homes. We are not sure if the original applicants, Metis Homes, have sold this opportunity on or are 'related' in some way to Imperial Homes.

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Report for SDNP/22/00611/PRE

Buriton Parish Council has an interest in this development as it potentially affects the access to Petersfield for walkers and cyclists along the Shipwrights Way.

According to the Design and Access Statement it is proposed that access to and from the site by foot, pushchair and bicycle, is mostly directed onto the busy access road called The Causeway.

1. Safety is important in people's minds when deciding how to access the town. If a route is not safe many people will use a car.
2. The main provision for foot and cycle access is to and from the busy Causeway. This is a poor route for cyclists, with intermittent provision of an 'in road', narrow cycleway, and poor and dangerous for pedestrians and those using mobility scooters or pushchairs. More than one of our parishioners and indeed one of our Councillors have had cycling accidents on the Causeway.
3. The Plans show Public Footpaths to the south and west of the site, the western one linking north towards the town center. This proposal is fine so far as it goes but the footpath is unmade, narrow and muddy for some of the year. This is unsuitable for families trying to get to the town centre or school.
4. It is therefore critical that a strong link from the site to the Larcombe Road area is created. This area is immediately north of the Site and has quiet roads and safe footpaths, ideal for access to the town center. The layout should be modified to provide a strong pedestrian/cycleway link to the north of the site onto Larcombe Road to ensure that most residents wishing to walk or cycle to the town center, or the schools, would take that route rather than use The Causeway. This would benefit cyclists and pedestrians from Buriton and other outlying areas, making a great improvement to the current access into Petersfield and encourage more to move away from using their cars.

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Rights of Way report for PC Meeting:

23rd May 2022

Since the last meeting of the Council, members of the Rights of Way Working Group (Dave Grant and Doug Jones) have met with the County Council's new Community Engagement Ranger for the Central Access Team, Lou Aparo, on 29 April.

Lou was particularly interested in identifying any remaining stiles in the parish (with the aim of replacing them with kissing gates) as part of a "Miles without stiles" initiative funded by the South Downs National Park Trust.

It was explained that the Parish Council had undertaken a major initiative about ten years ago and had removed dozens of stiles in a programme spread over 2-3 years. As a consequence, only a small number remain but it was felt that it would still be worth trying to remove these so that the parish became 100% stile-free. HCC would be willing to approach landowners.

Lou took notes of the locations that were identified, which included the following stiles:

- 3 in the Weston part of the parish: one at Weston farmhouse and two near Mapledurham house
- 1 at Bolinge Hill Farm (near the steps up from Bolinge Hill Lane)
- 1 north of Woodcroft where the path from Head Down meets the road

A number of other Rights of Way issues were reported including the importance of adding BOAT 18 (and, ideally, BOAT 19) to the County Council's 'winter closure' list as conditions are particularly bad in the winter months.

Reports that Network Rail contractors' vehicles have been obstructing the Shipwrights Way / Hangers Way Bridlepath in a potentially dangerous location under the bridge in South Lane again were passed to HCC. They have contacted Network Rail to ensure they are aware that they need to keep the bridleway unobstructed and have received a reply saying that they have subsequently contacted their team and the contractors that were on site to inform them that it must be kept clear and they have apologised for any inconvenience caused.

Fallen trees reported at the last PC Meeting have been cleared from Rights of Way, with thanks to Susan Shone and Jonathan Pretty.

HCC has advised that part of Footpath 5 will be closed temporarily to allow for works in connection with the installation of the 30m telecoms tower which was recently granted planning permission. No alternative route is available and the period of closure is stated as "From 16.05.2022 until 16.06.2022 or until completion of the works, whichever is sooner": [Public notice | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

We do not seem to have received a reply from SDNPA to our message of 21st February about arrangements for an event to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the South Downs Way in July. We received a message from the Chief Executive, Mr Beattie, on 8th February, welcoming our ideas, but we wrote again to ascertain whether the NPA events would be on the actual anniversary date (Friday 15th July) and whether any facilities in the village would be required. We have provisionally reserved the village hall in case SDNPA wish to book it for any part(s) of the day – and we suggested some potential routes which could incorporate the original start point of the South Downs Way at the village pond and which could be suitable for under-represented groups and young people etc. We also advised SDNPA that we have two excellent establishments (The Five Bells and the Nest Hotel) which could provide food or refreshments etc. As some of these arrangements may need to be confirmed in the near future it may be necessary to contact SDNPA again.

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Climate and Nature initiatives

Report to Parish Council meeting (May 2022)

Pollinator and Nature Projects

Since the last meeting of the Parish Council the following progress can be reported:

- Our 'cut & collect' mowing of the wild strips around the edges of the Recreation Ground took place on 5th April. By taking all the cuttings away we should reduce the build-up of a thatch of cut and fallen grass, keep nutrient levels low and ensure plenty of bare ground for plants to regenerate from seed. Studies have shown this to be a major factor in maintaining biodiversity. It is envisaged that this sort of cut will take place once each year (perhaps in Jan-March in future years) but will be supplemented with our annual manual 'Hay-Day' (with rakes, wheelbarrows etc) in September ... potentially a great community event each year? So, whilst the rest of the Rec Ground will be cut many times over the months ahead – the margins will be left to grow long again. Not everyone in the community will be aware of the reasons for these actions – so Councillors are encouraged to explain the rationale to others whenever opportunities arise
- both the Parish Council's submissions to SDNPA have been successful so far: both the 'Call for Re-Naturing Sites' and the 'Beelines' campaign. In both cases SDNPA say that they 'are interested in developing the project further'
- in both cases our project is focused on the margins of the recreation ground (aiming to allow significant swathes to return to more natural grassland with native wild flowers for the benefit of pollinators) – but with the potential for including education / awareness raising measures too. Our submissions explained that the site is close to the school (offering prospects of learning, engagement and enjoyment (bug hunts etc) for all the children) and that the project should enable many people to appreciate the wider benefits that managing land for bees, pollinators and biodiversity can bring to society. Although not mentioned in our applications thus far, we might be able to explore widening the focus to other nearby places in the village (subject to cooperation from Plantlife, SDNPA and landowners). We have explained that the recreation ground could become part of a wider network of sites suitable for pollinators, including family gardens, margins of agricultural fields, nearby Nature Reserves and other land owned by the District and County Councils (including road verges) to provide habitat connectivity – and to bring corridors for wildlife into and through the village. We also explained that our 'Community Hay-Day' would be an annual, educational event and that, with the site being part of a popular Recreation Ground, there will be many opportunities to explain the rationale for the initiative via interpretation boards. With the rest of the Recreation Ground staying unchanged there should be opportunities for residents and visitors to see the changes that can be brought about in other places by allowing parts of (currently manicured) grassed areas to re-nature
- for the 'Re-Naturing Call for Sites' SDNPA explains that they had "a large number of expressions of interest (EOIs) as part of our goal to achieve 33% of land managed for nature by 2030. We have now completed an initial assessment of the EOIs received and we can confirm that we would like to progress discussions on your initiative. Due to the large number and variety of EOIs received, a one-size response does not fit all and so we will be phasing delivery and allocating a SDNPA officer to each initiative to ensure we can provide the best response to each EOI. The relevant officer will be in contact to begin discussions on progressing your project in due course. Please bear with us and we will be in touch"
- for the 'Beelines' project it was explained that an advisor from Plantlife would be in touch with the Council to offer advice and then the Council will be asked to submit a costed project plan which the National Park Authority will use to make a decision about whether they can fund things for us or not. They pointed out that this process could take about three months.

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A visit by Matt Pitts of PlantLife was arranged swiftly and took place on 5th May. It was designed to help us continue with our application to the South Downs National Park Trust's "Bee-lines" initiative and recommended:

- it will be important to commit to recording and monitoring wildflowers that we find in our wild margins for a number of years – starting in June/July this year so that we have a record of the starting point. He advised surveying one or more 5m x 5m squares and suggested using the National Plant Monitoring Scheme: primarily looking for and recording whether or not we see species that might normally be expected on our soil type
- so, the first thing we need to do is find out details of our soil type (including pH / acidity etc) so that Matt can then provide us with a list of the relevant species (perhaps 15-20) that we should be aiming to find over the years ahead: a simple "yes/no (present or not)" survey
- to collect soil samples he suggested digging in about 15 different locations within our wild margins (remove turf, dig down about 7cms and take a sample); then mix all these 15 samples together and send that mix away for analysis (about 250g). He suggested using Mole Valley Farmers in the past for decent soils analysis – about £25 – and stressed that this needs to be done soon. As well as pH / acidity, a soils analysis should also tell us about fertility – which will help us with our expectations about the speed of new species etc. Samples have now been taken
- managing expectations might be something we need to contend with. Nothing will be instant. Plants like poppies and cornflowers that some people might think of as meadow flowers are only annuals. They rely on being disturbed each year – and, in practice, they'd probably disappear after a couple of years. We need to be creating conditions for longer term species ...
- it is likely to be sufficient to monitor plants each year (even though the 'target' is pollinators) – but there are ways of monitoring pollinators too if necessary
- he strongly advises using Yellow Rattle as it is hemiparasitic and reduces grass growth – giving other wildlife a chance to prosper. It is easy to establish but has to be sown in the autumn (chilling through winter helps to trigger germination the following spring)
- he recommended: get a decent cut of all our long grass at the beginning of September (followed by our raking Hay Day) but then get the area scarified by a 'Power Harrow' very soon afterwards. Then sow the Yellow Rattle seeds very soon after that (can be scattered manually ...)
- he advises that we should then leave that for 3–4 years to see what happens ... He mentioned a "Rapid Assessment" survey methodology that we should be able to use to monitor our project (and inform subsequent management etc)
- for our Bee-Lines application we need to get cost estimates for sufficient Yellow Rattle seed and the hire of a Power Harrow. We may also want to pay for a better (shorter) cut in September than Maggie's machine enables: cost estimates for seed and 'preparation costs'. All costs will need to be itemised on the application form
- the application form will also expect us to list plants that we hope to get – hence the need for swift soil sample analysis... Matt suspects that we'll be aiming to encourage 'neutral grassland' species – at present the Recreation Ground seemed like 'improved grassland'
- he liked the idea of some 'interpretation boards' – to help increase awareness, understanding and more widespread action amongst the community. He also suggested that we contact our farmers to find out if they are already helping pollinators, how etc.
- with regard to the adjacent hedgerows along Kiln Lane he felt that some variety could be introduced (eg. Honeysuckle, Guelder Rose, Dog Rose) – but we would need to be careful where we plant anything (need sufficient light but not where they could be destroyed by mowing). Mulch and protect them so that they get going. We could cut the outside of the hedge and the top each year – but perhaps split the inside length into two sections (cutting each in alternate years because flowers and fruiting on these species takes place on second year growth)
- he also looked at Heatherfield where he found some meadow fox tail grasses, sorrel etc: signs that some old meadow species still exist ... We would have opportunities to assist these – with

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perhaps a small cluster of trees in the centre of the large area and mowing to include 'framing'.
A suitable cluster of trees might be: a crab-apple, a may tree (for blossom) and a wayfaring tree

The deadline for our next-stage application is the end of May and so we need to receive the results of the soil analysis swiftly so that PlantLife can send us relevant list of species so that we can look for them in some 5m x 5m plots in June / July. Our application will also need cost estimates for yellow rattle seed, hire of power harrow, costs of interpretation boards (similar to village pond), hedgerow plants and possibly an allowance for an extra Cut & Collect visit and the possible purchase of wildflower seeds in 2-3 years' time (although this should, perhaps, be deferred for the time being).

Cost estimates assembled thus far are as follows:

- soil analysis: about £15
- yellow rattle seed (for 2,500 sq m) @ 1gram per sq m: £1,518
- Idverde scarification (using large Amazon Collector that collects the grass and can scarify at the same time): £957.87
- interpretation boards (excluding artwork): each Metroguard sign requires a sign case (665mm x 490mm (A2 viewing area) landscape format finished in black, @ £680 each); a Lectern style frame (finished in black @ £415 each) and an internal prints (from supplied artwork @ £65 each); with carriage for four units being approximately £165
- hedgerow plants (to provide native seasonal flowering and berries to enhance the current hedge which is currently mainly field maple, elder, hawthorn, dogwood, ivy and old man's beard): 4 honeysuckles (£30); 5 Guelder Rose (£20); Dog Rose (pack of 30 from Woodland Trust: £52.50)

Totals to £5,078 - £7,398 depending on whether there are two or four interpretation panels.

There has also been an opportunity to submit an expression of interest to another SDNPA Trust funded initiative: "**Trees for the Downs**". The scheme can provide trees as well as suitable tree protection (stakes and guards) whilst the recipients are responsible for the planting, ongoing care and liabilities. Monitoring information on the status of trees supplied would need to be submitted on an annual basis for a minimum of 5 years. An expression of interest has been submitted for a small number of trees with potential sites including the recreation ground, the green area in Heatherfield and the green areas at each end of Sumner / Glebe Roads. Staff at the National Park Authority are likely to carry out checks to make sure that all sites are suitable for tree planting. Selected sites may receive advice and a site visit where necessary. Trees would be ordered in late Summer and usually planted between December and February.

Climate Care

In addition to the Parish Council's village hall initiatives (reported elsewhere on the Agenda) there has been other progress since the last meeting of the Council:

- use of the Thermal Imaging Camera has been promoted via the Parish Magazine, community website, emails and Facebook site with positive feedback from all who have had a survey done
- Buriton's Climate Care Group (the group of volunteers, including a number of Parish Councillors, formed following the Parish Council's Annual Meeting last May) has met again recently and is focusing on arranging demonstrations, attractions and activities at the Village Show (20 August)
- Plans to ensure that the Show has a green (climate and nature) theme continue with ideas for attendance / participation being explored including the following:
 - displays of artwork from Buriton School
 - displays of solar, insulation and energy efficient products/literature by Executive Windows
 - display of Air Source Heat Pumps (in mobile trailer) by the Heat Pump Federation

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- the Sustainability Centre
- Petersfield's PeCAN Group (including their Superhomes project)
- summaries of Buriton's Pathfinder homes
- findings from Thermal Imaging Camera surveys (and opportunities to book for the autumn)
- reminders of the 'Buriton Challenge' initiative (with examples of what people have done)
- illustrations of the carbon footprint of the parish
- opportunities for people to assess their own households via on-line carbon calculators
- demonstrations of Electric Vehicles (with info and owners available to answer questions)
- demonstrations of Electric Bicycles (and opportunities to ride on the Recreation Ground)
- Petersfield Bicycle buddies
- Sustainable Refill Shops (Juniper / Refill & Replenish)
- local food / veg shops
- cookery demonstrations / recipes with local and seasonal foods
- a foraging expert
- HCC's Waste Team (information about composting at home, food waste, where to recycle a wider range of 'waste' etc)
- Southern Water
- St Mary's Church Eco Group
- HCC's Pollinator / Countryside Team
- maps of pollinator corridors etc from last year's show
- lists of species being found in the long grass around the Recreation Ground
- Bug Hunts in the long grass
- H&loW Wildlife Trust
- Petersfield & District Bee Keepers
- Bumblebee Conservation Trust
- information about Mason Bee Guardians
- RSPB
- Butterfly Conservation Group
- Plantlife
- Hampshire Swifts Group
- relevant information from the South Downs National Park.

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Date	Details	Sender
30.3.22	Thanking us for the thank you re Greenway Lane development	Diana van der Klugt, SDNPA
30.3.22	Defibrillator update	Barbara Muir
31.3.22	Copy of email response from EHDC Traffic Officer re parking at School	Jo Eades, Buriton School
1.4.22	Email confirming the school's availability	Jo Eades, Buriton School
6.4.22	Plans to mark 40 th anniversary of the end of the Falklands War	Elaine Bray
8.4.22	Design Guide SPD consultation	SDNPA
8.4.22	Consultation Special Engineering Difficulty Designation	National Highways
8.4.22	Update on defibrillator	Paul Evans
11.4.22	Confirmation that the cabinets at the Telecommunications base in layby at The Causeway will be painted green	Keith Hecken, EE
12.4.22	Beelines funding	Miriam Swan, SDNPA
13.4.22	Hole in Buriton Woods	Tim Speller, QECP
13.4.22	Parking Glebe Road	Gary Pressman
14.4.22	Confirmation of Call for Nature site	SDNP
14.4.22	Recharge one planning application view of Highways England	Patrick Blake, Highways England
19.4.22	Copy of email to BT re trees cut down into BT lines Kiln Lane	Peter Lymn
26.4.22	Copy emails re landfill site, Kiln Lane	Tim Speller, QECP
27.4.22	Neospora Parasite in Buriton	Jamie Lister
28.4.22	Neospora Parasite in Buriton	Susan Shone
6.5.22	Temporary closure of Buriton footpath no.5 for installation of telecommunications made	HCC
10.5.22	Response re: School Travel plan	Jo Eades, Buriton School
12.5.22	High Street closed 13 th June 2022	EHDC`
18.5.22	Events happening in QECP for the Jubilee	Rebecca Bolton, HCC
20.5.22	Copy of letter received Re Greenway Lane development	Charlotte Milligan

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