



THESE MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AND AGREED AT THE NEXT MEETING

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Buriton Parish Council held via Zoom, at 6:30pm
on Wednesday 5th May 2021**

Present: Cllr D Jones (Chair), Cllr L Ashcroft, Cllr A Bray, Cllr H Coates, Cllr T Crew, Cllr M Johnston, Cllr L Lloyd, Cllr S Stevens, Cllr T Wheeler, County & District Cllr Mocatta and Mrs P Norris, Clerk.

In attendance: There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

Due to the current pandemic and Government legislation preventing public meetings, the meeting was conducted via the Zoom video-conferencing platform. The Agenda had been posted on the community website and on the public noticeboard as normal and provided details for any members of the public wishing to join the meeting. Some protocol guidance had been produced in advance as per the May 2020 meeting of the Council.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Clerk welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting of Buriton Parish Council, there were no apologies.

2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllrs approved the appointments of Cllr Jones as Chairman and Cllr Johnston as Vice Chairman.

3. Review Membership of Committees and Working Groups

Cllrs agreed to the following membership of committees and working groups:

Planning Committee – Cllr Johnston (Chairman), Cllr Ashcroft, Cllr Jones, Cllr Stevens and Cllr Wheeler.

Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee – Cllr Coates, Cllr Crew, Cllr Jones, Cllr Lloyd and Cllr Stevens.

Finance and General-Purpose Committee – Cllrs agreed that this committee was no longer required.

Rights of Way Working Group – Cllr Johnston, Cllr Jones, Dave Grant and Tricia Newby.

4. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman summarized what was a very strange year with all the challenges of the pandemic. A full report will be put onto the website as usual, but some of the main points were:

- Thank you to the Clerk, Petra Norris and the Village Hall Manager, Steve Franks for the excellent upkeep during difficult times.
- There were some changes to the Parish Council, Samantha Rossiter and Matt Marriott stood down as Councillors, the Chairman thanked them for their contribution. Cllr Lloyd and Cllr Wheeler were co-opted and welcomed onto the Parish Council.
- The Parish Council helped to co-ordinate the village response to assist parishioners during the lockdown periods including Covid communications and things like the visits of the temporary post office to the Village Inn car park.
- Parish Council meetings have been dealt via Zoom but with the public attending regularly.
- The financial situation is on a sound footing, continuing to build reserves for planned works to the village hall.
- As part of the parish's response to Climate Change, trees have been planted on the recreation ground and the mowing regime has been revised to allow wild flower areas to be part of a new Pollinator Project.

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- Extensive repairs have been carried out to the playground equipment which has proven very popular in the last year.
- Seats at the pond have also been repaired with one new one installed thanks to a member of the public who funded this.
- Rights of Way have been inspected and issues reported to Hampshire County Council.
- The Commemorative Bench has been completed and the War Memorial cleaned.
- VE and VJ days were marked in the village.
- A new childcare facility, Ducklings, has commenced in the Village Hall.
- Both the Five Bells and the Village Inn were again classed as Assets of Community Value.
- It has been a very busy year for planning applications with some very large ones:
 - Butser Lime Works
 - Application to turn the Village Inn into a dwelling
 - 3 applications for telecommunication masts
 - Greenway Lane new housing development.
- We have submitted responses to consultations on various planning aspects: both national and local (National Park).

5. Presentation and Discussion “Climate Change and Buriton” led by Greg Ford

Greg Ford, who is Chairman of the Petersfield Climate Action Network (PeCan), gave a presentation on Climate Change and potential effects on Buriton. A copy of Greg’s slides can be found on the Buriton information website: <http://www.buriton.info/sites/default/files/2021-05/Climate%20Change%20Presentation%20-%20Parish%20Council%20Annual%20Meeting%20%28May%202021%29.pdf>

A parishioner asked about the options as at the moment gas is not available in their part of the village and they relied on wood and oil for heating. Greg suggested that they look at an air-source heat pump. Another resident who has an air-source heat pump said that they were willing for other parishioners to visit to see the pump in action.

Another discussion concerned listed building where you are unable to put in double glazed windows and additional insulation. It was felt that planning legislation would have to change to combat climate change.

All attending the meeting agreed that it would be useful if a working group of parishioners could be formed to take this initiative forward.

Public Forum

No issues were raised.

The meeting closed at 7.33pm

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