



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

**Minutes of a meeting of Buriton Parish Council held at Buriton Village Hall,
at 7:00pm on Monday 25th July 2022.**

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

2. Declarations of Interest

Declaration of interest from both Cllr Jones and Cllr Mocatta – 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. Cllr Jones declared that he is a member of the committee of Buriton Tennis Club.

3. To approve minutes from BPC meeting held on 23rd May 2022.

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 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 23rd May 2022.

- Pond Green Bridge: Cllr Wheeler has looked at it. Cllrs agreed that it needs examination. Cllr Mocatta agreed to speak to the EHDC Engineer for his opinion. **Action: Cllr Mocatta.**
- 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 are arranging for an electrician to move the defibrillator from Kiln Lane.
- EHDC hedge along Petersfield Road – This was being inspected on a regular basis but changes to staff relating to the split of Havant DC and EHDC may delay future inspections.
- Visits by EHDC Dog Wardens – inspections have been carried out.
- Repairs to the school fence by the school still needed.
- EHDC work at village pond: Still due to be carried out but changes to staff relating to the split of Havant DC and EHDC may cause delay.
- New seat in memory of a former resident – Clerk to email the family with bank details for them to make the donation; once received the bench can be ordered. **Action: Clerk**
- 'Friends of Playground' Group: Cllr Coates has spoken to the resident and a meeting is planned.
- Action about B2146 at Hurst: there had been further correspondence and incidents since the accident. Both Hampshire and West Sussex CCs are involved. Cllr Mocatta will pursue: **Action: Cllr Mocatta.**

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- It was agreed that an allocation of money be placed in the reserves to cover the increased costs of elections charged by EHDC as discussed previously.
- The ditch in Petersfield Road by Bones Lane is still overgrown.
- A reply has been received from Buriton School stating that there they do not have a School Travel Plan. This was noted with disappointment.
- SDNPA event in Buriton to mark the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the South Downs Way which started in the village has been deferred until 23rd September in order that Buriton School can be involved.
- Cabinets and phone mast in The Causeway layby have now all been repainted as per the planning permission.
- A successful visit was made on the 7th June by a delegation of planning officials from Oman.
- A response was successfully submitted by the deadline of 26th June on the consultation of HCC's Local Transport Plan.
- A very successful display was held honouring those who took part in the Falklands Conflict, it was featured on TV and raised funds for the Royal British Legion.
- The events held to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee were very successful. The Chair thanked all the volunteers, in particular Cllr Lloyd and Denise Lloyd for all their hard work.
- Unity Bank – the council's current account has been "switched" and the account for the Village Hall is planned to "switch" on the 2nd August 2022. Cllrs are reminded to authorise payments swiftly. The clerk to check each Monday and remind Cllrs if there are outstanding payments to authorise. The payment to Executive Windows will be added to the system ready for payment on 29 July 2022 once materials have been delivered. **Action: Clerk.**

5. Chair's Update

The Chair reported that the main concern at the moment for the parish is the threat of fire due to the current conditions. There was a recent small fire near the railway line and Kiln Lane which was dealt with swiftly by the Fire Service. Shortages of water in the hot, dry weather are also possible.

6. County and District Councillor's Reports

County and District Cllr Mocatta updated Cllrs on the collection of waste. There are currently problems with the green waste and glass collections due to issues with Norse and the ongoing situation with the split of joint working between EHDC and Havant Borough Council. The contract with Norse is held by Havant and so it is difficult for EHDC to influence performance or bring in changes. New larger glass collection bins are being installed around the district. EHDC have also purchased a new vehicle to help with green waste collection.

7. Finance and Accounts

- **Summary of Reserves** – Cllrs noted the summary of reserves as at 1 July 2022 with the CIL Reserve soon to be completely spent on the current village hall refurbishment project.
- **Approval of receipts and payments up to 30th June 2022 for the Parish Council** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 6 for the Nat West account totalling £11,955.07 and 4 for Unity Bank totalling £104,941.78 (which included the Switch from Nat West). Cllrs approved the following payments: 18 for Nat West (which included the Switch to Unity) totalling £106,405.05 and 9 from Unity Bank totalling £1,844.24.
- **Approval of receipts and payments up to 30th June 2022 for the Village Hall** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 29 for the Nat West Account totalling £4,179.31 and 1 for Unity Bank totalling £500. Cllrs approved the following payments: 39 for Nat West totalling £3,997.60 and 2 for Unity Bank totalling £318.00.
- **Budget against performance up to 30th June 2022** – Cllr noted the budget against performance. The Clerk explained that due to the setting up of the Unity accounts and the subsequent Switch of the account this had to be accounted for within the finance system.
- Cllrs agreed to write off outstanding cheques which have not been presented from previous years. **Action: Clerk.**

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- It was noted that some payments due in 2021/22 (income for Changing Rooms from the Tennis Club and some payments from the Bowls Club) had not been received before the end of the financial year and so they appear in the 2022/23 information.
- It was noted that energy payments were about twice the figures anticipated in the budget and that about a quarter of the budgeted expenditure on the playground had been made in the first couple of months of the financial year.

Open Forum

- A member of the public informed Cllrs that a pot hole has opened up again in Weston where there may be a possible spring. Cllr Mocatta agreed to report this again. **Action: Cllr Mocatta.**
- It was also reported that a tree had come down on a bank leaving exposed roots amongst the rocks. It had been reported to Highways. Cllr Mocatta explained that it would have been inspected and that Highways will inform the adjoining landowner.
- The resident also informed that the residents of Weston met during the Jubilee celebrations.

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 May there was a deficit of £1,200 followed by a positive balance of £630 in June.
- All servicing is up to date.
- The works to refurbish the Village Hall is on track to commence on 1st August 2022. Materials will be delivered on 29th July 2022 when the first invoice of £6,895.20 is due to be paid. Clerk to process the invoice ready for Cllrs to authorise on Friday when materials have been delivered. **Action: Clerk.**
- Executive Windows now require a skip on site, Cllrs agreed that this should be placed on the tarmac area of the car park by the fire escape. Cllrs Crew and Lloyd will carry out regular visits during the works.
- Andy van den Broeke provided Cllrs with a summary of the findings following a visit by Project Solar. The roof can accommodate 50 solar panels at a cost of about £46,000, this outlay would be paid back within 30 years. Extra income could be obtained from Electric Vehicle charging points. This will be discussed in the future along with other future improvement ideas.
- Playground – Following the recent inspection carried out by Sawscapes, Cllrs agreed to obtain quotes for the repairs to the climbing net and the log climber. **Action: Clerk**
- Cllr Crew to update re the works to the gateway. **Action: Cllr Crew**
- Cllrs discussed the condition of the basketball area; it was agreed that the backboard needed replacing. **Action: Clerk to obtain a quote.** Cllr Mocatta suggested that the Parish Council could apply for a grant to carry out this work.
- Cllrs discussed a proposal from Paul Evans, Tennis Coach at Buriton Tennis Club, for the installation of a concrete table tennis table on the concrete where the cricket nets had been. The issues raised were any ongoing maintenance, whether a rubber base would be better, any safety or insurance liability, the size of the area available and where bats and balls would be kept. It was agreed that the Clerk would approach Sheet PC as they have a similar table, contact the tennis club to raise some issues and contact the insurance brokers for advice. Cllr Mocatta agreed to identify other councils with tables. **Action: Clerk and Cllr Mocatta.**

9.Planning

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

- Cllrs agreed to chase again about the discharge of conditions at Butser Hill Lime Works. **Action: Clerk.**
- Greenway Lane development: a draft CEMP had been received, drawn to the attention of nearby residents and SDNPA had been notified about the concern that the developer appears to be using a different entrance to that on the planning approval but it was agreed that there

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may be some confusion over this. **Action: Clerk** to send a further email with a copy of the plan indicating the approved entrance and the one that has appeared (with a copy to Highways).

- No suggestions had been received from parishioners and so Cllrs discussed various names for the Greenway Lane development including those of famous people from the parish, it was agreed that the following be submitted to Imperial Homes: Greenways (or Greenway Close); Boling View; Maple Close; Downs View; Goodyer Close; and Gibbon Close.
- SDNP/22/02393/HOUS – Greenways, Greenway Lane: Single Storey rear extension. Cllrs agreed to the comments forwarded by Cllr Johnston. **Action: Clerk** to submit on the planning portal.
- SDNP/22/02739/HOUS – Keepers Cottage, Sussex Road, Nursted: Single storey extension to attached outbuilding, re-roof and install two roof lights and three new windows to front elevation. Cllrs agreed to the comments forwarded by Cllr Johnston. **Action: Clerk** to submit on the planning portal.

10. Work for Lengthsman & Highway Issues

The Lengthsman is carrying out the regular work. No additional work was identified.

A parishioner raised an issue with a pothole at the Causeway end of Petersfield Road by the layby. Cllr Mocatta agreed to raise this. **Action: Cllr Mocatta.**

11. Rights of Way

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

- Miles without stiles – Cllr Mocatta agreed to follow this up to ensure that parishes in Hampshire did not miss out on funding from the South Downs Trust due to the lack of Rights of Way officers in Hampshire who are due to assess expressions of interest. **Action: Cllr Mocatta**
- Hangers Way/The Links – following reports of the overgrown condition of the footpath a parishioner has trimmed down the nettles. Thanks to Peter Nixon were expressed.

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

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

- A grant of £2,250 has been awarded from the Bee Lines Initiative for scarification and Yellow Rattle Seed cots. **Action: Clerk** to provide bank details.
- Idverde has provided a quote of £957.87 to carry out the scarification. Cllr agreed to accept this quote and noted the next steps on this project.
- The Trees for the Downs application has been successful but there is also scheme for planting new trees on HCC's highways land. Under the HCC scheme they will look after the trees for a period. Cllrs agreed to apply to the HCC scheme. It was also agreed to get ideas for locations from parishioners at the Village Show and to feature HCC's Community Forest initiative as well.
- It was noted that the Climate Care Group was developing a range of activities for the village show and it was agreed that the Parish Council could pay for the printing of materials.
- Abri Housing Association has confirmed attendance at the Village Show to provide advice and initiatives for their tenants of their rented properties in the village on energy saving. **Action:** Clerk to provide a contact for the Abri Housing Officer for Buriton to notify the tenants that this is happening.

13. Correspondence

The list of correspondence received is attached to these minutes. All matters were included on the agenda. The Clerk also informed Cllrs that a thank you letter had been received from Homestart Butser for the donation.

14. Date of next meeting: The next meeting of Buriton Parish Council is on 26th September 2022

At the conclusion of business the meeting ended at 8.55pm.

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Village Hall and Recreation Report for PC Meeting: 25 July 2022

This report provides updates on a number of matters since the last meeting of the Council and also summarises correspondence relating to a concrete table tennis table on the recreation ground:

- There are no bad debtors and the Hall Manager reports that May and June saw mixed financial results. After April had seen income exceed expenditure by about £1,100, there was a deficit of £1,200 in May followed by a positive balance of £630 in June
- All servicing is up to date and the availability of on-line banking has enabled the inspection and repair of the dishwasher to take place. A loose terminal on the machine's boiler element was discovered and this was repaired and fully tested with no other faults
- Any trial of the Hallmaster on-line booking system is awaiting the full functionality of the on-line banking facility for the village hall account
- 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 project with Executive Windows to replace windows, doors, soffits, cladding and the external stairs from the upper hall is still due to commence on Monday 1st August (materials are due to be delivered to the site on Friday 29th July to be stored in the upper hall). The work should take no more than one week providing that there are little or no hidden discoveries
- The next payments have to be made by on-line banking as follows:
 - Materials on site (20% of contract price): £6,895.20
 - 50% of works completed (20% of contract price): £6,895.20
 - Completion of job (40% of contract price): £13,790.40

Petra will set these up and 2 signatories will need to authorise promptly (although we will wish to be very confident about everything before making the final payment).

- It has been confirmed with Executive Windows that the exit / entrance door to the upper hall will have a panic bar (which currently it does not) and that the main front door will not have a panic bar as there are sufficient emergency exits in the main hall. It has also been confirmed that the emergency exits in the main hall will not require key access and the doors will, in addition to the panic bars, have a 'thumb lock' to facilitate opening from inside the hall only. Curtains can remain in situ (pulled back) while work is carried out as they are not integral to the windows.
- It will be advisable for Parish Council representatives to carry out regular site visits during the works and Cllrs Crew and Lloyd have kindly agreed to do this. Andy van den Broeke should also be able to visit although he departs on holiday on August 6th. As well as inspecting and snagging, Parish Council representatives will need to attend a maintenance briefing and sign off the works once the contractor is ready to hand over. Steve Franks is able to do this
- Andy van den Broeke will be providing a summary of findings from the visit by Project Solar and implications for future opportunities (including potential charging points for Electric Vehicles at the Changing Rooms)
- BuildPass have supplemented their earlier report (looking at strategies to reduce the energy, running costs and carbon footprint of the village hall) by estimating that roof insulation costs (supplied and fitted) could be: 400mm loft roll - £6m2; 150mm PIR - £32m2
- The recent quarterly Playground inspection was very helpful with a number of actions taken to tighten up any slightly loose nuts etc. In addition the climbing net has been taped off to prevent use as an eye bolt has snapped (pages 35-38 of the report). Should a quote be obtained from Sawscapes to repair that – or could it be repaired by others? Other sections of the report may also require attention at an appropriate time, including (i) Log climber (p.27-28): recommends resetting into the ground asap and (ii) Tower (p.31-34): post rotten.
- 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)

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- The signage relating to the Zipwire (agreed at the last meeting) was put in place on 14 June
- 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
- Other information about the role of the Recreation Ground in the community's Pollinator Project is included in the 'Climate and Nature' report elsewhere on the agenda.

Offer of a Concrete Table Tennis Table on the Recreation Ground

Paul Evans (Tennis Coach) has re-visited his idea of having an outdoor (concrete) table-tennis table on the recreation ground. Initial ideas in the autumn of 2019 were never developed because of the subsequent Covid pandemic. He explains that his "initial plan has changed to make it considerably easier and more affordable" and that he has raised enough money so that the equipment can be bought and donated to the parish.

It is not crystal clear whether this is an action on behalf of the Tennis Club or whether Paul is acting as an individual with a number of donors.

The Parish Council Minutes of 30 September 2019 record that "the Tennis Club will be responsible for the maintenance of the area" and that a surrounding fence "will be 1.2m high and will be picket fence." There was also to be a gazebo: "a pop-up version which will be used when required."

Further information received from Paul Evans says:

- after some discussion we decided that not having a fence around the area would be more welcoming and inclusive as well as making a lot easier for maintenance
- the table needs to sit on a hard surface so the original cricket hard standing is still the best option which could then be accessed by the tennis players and community easily
- the hard standing is 8.5metres long and 2.4metres wide. The table is 2.7metres long and 1.5metres wide so it would go directly in the middle
- I would clear the old cricket astro-turf and cut back the overlapping grass
- I have spoken to someone from Sheet Parish Council as they have a table tennis table and they have said that their is zero maintenance costs
- I also had a quick chat with the current groundsmen cutting the grass on the recreation ground and they have confirmed that it is no problem and would not incur any extra costs
- The earliest delivery time would be October but I set delivery anytime to suit the Parish Council and with your permission I would clean the hard standing now while the cricket Astro is dry.

Another member of the Tennis Club has informed Cllr Johnston, via email, that the table in Sheet is stood on the rubber type matting used under childrens' play areas, and that this does need to be maintained if used.

The Clerk had asked Paul if the Tennis Club would be responsible for the maintenance of the area (as agreed in 2019) but no direct answer has been received.

Councillors will wish to discuss this matter and may wish to consider a range of issues, including:

- all potential maintenance costs falling to the Parish Council
- safety risks and insurance implications of the aged concrete surface
- the likelihood of the Council's quarterly play area safety inspections reporting faults in the concrete base (or other dangers of the equipment) which would need to be rectified (or else the equipment would not be covered by the Council's Insurance Policy)
- the advisability of having a rubber base as selected in Sheet
- is the surrounding space genuinely adequate for this active facility?
- is this facility really being sought by the community, in addition to the current play facilities?

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Planning Report 25th July 2022

To be read in conjunction with the minutes of the Planning meeting of the 4th July 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, 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/22/01478/HOUS Copyhold Cottage Copyhold Lane Ramsdean Petersfield Hampshire GU32 3NR. Decision Pending

SDNP/22/02021/HOUS 47 North Lane
Application in Progress

SDNP/22/02272/LDC The Hopkiln, Weston Lane
Application in Progress

SDNP/22/02335/HOUS 2, Binden Cottages
Application in Progress

SDNP/22/02561/FUL and SDNP/22/02562/LIS Haven Barn
Decision Pending

Items for discussion at this meeting:

SDNP/22/02393/HOUS. Greenways, Greenway Lane.

SDNP/22/02739/HOUS. Keepers Cottage, Sussex Road.

Update on Imperial Homes Development

The Current entry gates are in the 'wrong' place. There is no visibility and should not be used even in the construction phase. A previous query was replied to but suggested it is in the 'right' place. This needs rectifying and the entry point moved so that the full visibility in both directions can be achieved.

To Note:

Recently we have sent in submissions to the Appeal by EE against the refusal of permission for a telecoms mast off Kiln Lane and the County Council's consultation about possible reductions to bus services.

Maggie Johnston

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Rights of Way report for PC Meeting:

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Miles without stiles

Since the last meeting of the Council we have learnt that the County Council's new Community Engagement Ranger for the Central Access Team (Lou Aparo) has moved on and so no-one is currently handling the "Miles without stiles" initiative (funded by the SDNP Trust).

At the last Council Meeting it was noted that, following a major initiative of about ten years ago, only a small number of stiles remain in the parish and it was agreed that it would be worth trying to remove these in the "Miles without Stiles" initiative so that the parish became 100% stile-free.

Lou had taken note of the locations and had said that she would make official approaches to each of the landowners for each of 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.

In the current circumstances this project may not be being progressed in Hampshire, even though funding is available from another source. Perhaps the Parish Council should try to progress this matter with the Trust to see if these improvements could be made.

Hangers Way / The Links

A number of reports have been submitted to HCC about the overgrown nature of this section of this long distance route as it is "unusable due to nettle growth". Many complaints have been received from path users. HCC explained that they have no staff or volunteers to attend to this problem and they asked if SDNPA could help. SDNPA have replied to explain that they have to prioritise their attention onto the South Downs Way.

BOATs

More complaints about conditions on BOATs have been received (BOAT 18 and BOAT 47). HCC has explained its 'Byway Operational Procedure' to assist in decision making about management options for BOATs and to assist with prioritising HCC workloads. BOAT 47 is eligible for the winter closure list but BOAT 18 has only been assessed as being in the Amber Category. HCC have said that they will continue to monitor it until it moves up the list and funds are available to carry out minor works.

South Downs Way: 50th anniversary

The Parish Council had written to the Chief Executive of SDNPA on 5th February drawing attention to this 50th anniversary (July 15th) and to the fact that the designated route ran between Eastbourne and Buriton with the village pond providing the start or finish point for thousands of long distance walkers for over 20 years (it was not until 1995 that the route was extended to Winchester). It had been hoped that an event or activities could have been arranged to mark the occasion and on 16th June a reply was received proposing a circular walk starting at Buriton to be led by the SDNPA's National Trails & Rights of Way Officer. However, at relatively short notice, this proposal was changed and an event will now be held in the village on Friday 23rd September. This date has been arranged so as to be able to involve Buriton School. It is understood that a special A5-sized plaque will be presented to the Parish Council (designed to go somewhere in or around the village hall) and that a smaller 'roundel' will go on a suitable fingerpost in the parish (with a similar roundel placed in each of the other parishes through which this National Trail passes). Members of Buriton's Monday Walkers (the BMW group), part of the wider 'Wellbeing Walks' initiative, assembled to ensure that the 50th anniversary did not go unmarked.

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Climate and Nature initiatives

Report to Parish Council meeting (July 2022)

Pollinator and Nature Projects

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

- the costings agreed at the last meeting were submitted to the SDNPT for the **Bee Lines initiative** on the margins of the Recreation Ground and we have been successful: receiving an offer letter to provide us with £2,250 for scarification and Yellow Rattle Seed costs. A separate payment to interpretation signage is to be confirmed by SDNPT following agreement of the specification and placement. They would like to see some options before committing to the signage and they felt that it could be something relatively simple in this setting with a Parish newsletter, website notice or a guided walk possibly reaching a wider audience
- We have replied to explain that we already make use of our Parish Magazine and website to reach a range of audiences but it is felt that some signage on the Recreation Ground itself will explain not only why the area looks different (to cater better for nature) but also to provide illustrations of the range of plants and creatures for people to observe: increasing awareness and encouraging families to do similar things in their own gardens to improve corridors for bees, pollinators and more
- Agreement to the SDNPT offer is sought so that the funding can be provided
- the **results of our soil surveys** (required for the Bee Lines project) showed a pH of 7.5, a P Index of 2, a K Index of 2- and an Mg Index of 1. Matt Pitts of PlantLife felt that these results were all very positive for our proposals: the key metric is, apparently, the phosphorus index and ours is nice and low (2). The lower the amount, the more suitable the site is for establishing wildflowers (anything below 3 is good). If agricultural fertilisers had been added over the years, the value would have been higher – and more challenging to establish wildflowers. He therefore supported our application because the phosphorus results indicate that this site is a very suitable site for wildflowers, where nutrient levels are low
- **next steps on the Recreation Ground** are likely to be: (1) get a cut of all the long grass at the beginning of September; (2) followed by our community raking Hay Day; (3) then get the area scarified soon afterwards; (4) then sow the Yellow Rattle seeds very soon after that (can be scattered manually) as this has to be sown in the autumn because chilling through winter helps to trigger germination the following spring
- Idverde have already provided a quote for the scarification process (£957.87) and it is suggested that this can now be pursued
- **baseline surveys** of the current plant species in the wild margins of the Recreation Ground were conducted on 8th July (drawing upon survey methods provided by PlantLife and HCC). A combination of the two potential methods was devised which, it is felt, could be repeated each year (in the same places each time) as part of demonstrating outcomes to funding organisations etc. Very few wildflower species were recorded (mostly grasses) – but that is what was expected at this stage. Changes should come gradually over the years ahead
- As a result of our **‘Re-Naturing Call for Sites’** bid, correspondence has been received from Laura Tong, SDNPA Western Downs Ranger, explaining that she has been assigned to look at the application and work with us. We hope to receive advice and support throughout our work, perhaps helping us ensure that the Recreation Ground site becomes part of a wider network of places suitable for nature, including family gardens in the village, margins of agricultural fields, nearby Local 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
- Laura may also be able to help us explain the rationale for the initiative (via potential interpretation boards and other communications methods) so that people (residents and visitors) understand the project, its purposes and the wildlife (wild flowers etc) that they can

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expect to see. This should then enable more people to appreciate the wider benefits that managing land for biodiversity can bring to society and encourage more projects in the locality

- **The HCC Pollinator Project** also continues successfully with Ashlea Walters now our contact officer. Ashlea knows the area from her time as QECP Chalk Pits ranger and she was swiftly into action, joining the small group of volunteers to help conduct the baseline surveys on 8th July
- HCC also arranged a very useful networking meeting in July with representatives of other communities which are also involved in this project: Greatham, Selborne, Binsted, Yateley, East Meon, Liss and East Woodhey. HCC provided a number of Field Identification Guides and offered everyone an opportunity to try a potential survey method. More meetings will also be arranged
- David Richardson from the County's Highways team also attended the meeting: explaining the verge-cutting regimes for both urban (within 30mph areas) and rural areas and some ways of trying to get changes to these regimes. Other useful points included ideas for large 'bug hotels' on community recreation grounds, exploring network rail land as potential wildlife corridors through parishes, finding more places for trees as part of HCC's 'Community Forest' initiative and social media opportunities to enhance local involvement / engagement. A number of these ideas can be explored at the forthcoming village show
- Our '**Trees for the Downs**' application has also been successful with SDNPT confirming that they will be in touch to discuss species and numbers: tree orders are confirmed by approximately September time and where these are agreed SDNPT provide a Memorandum of Understanding which sets out the recipient's responsibilities for planting, looking after the trees 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. The scheme would provide suitable tree protection (stakes and guards). Our expression of interest was 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. Selected sites may receive advice and a site visit where necessary.
- **New trees on HCC highways land:** we have also learnt (via David Richardson at HCC's Pollinator Project Networking Meeting) that we can request HCC to plant trees on their highway land (more details are [here](#)). Under this scheme, they plant the trees and look after them (water them etc) for a period. The website says that "we will endeavour to accommodate all tree planting requests if appropriate". This may have some advantages over the SDNPT scheme and may be of interest to us on the larger areas of Highway Land in the village (eg. green areas within Heatherfield, at Halls Hill, at Pitcroft Lane etc)? It is now some time (a couple of years) since the proposal to plant a crabapple, a may tree and a wayfaring tree in Heatherfield was first discussed and this new HCC scheme may provide a way forward. It may also be possible to get ideas for other locations from parishioners at the Village Show
- **HCC's 'Community Forest' initiative:** a meeting with HCC's new Project Manager for a Tree Planting Strategy has explained a new County Council initiative to develop engagement across the county in the creation of a Hampshire Community Forest. The idea is aimed at encouraging "everyone together to plant trees for future generations - creating a legacy in leaves". It aims to see a tree planted for every resident in Hampshire (1.3 million) but the intention is also to bring woodlands back into use for both people and nature so as to provide new opportunities for leisure, recreation and the green economy as well as helping to become more resilient to climate change with opportunities for education and living healthier lives. As part of this initiative, HCC would like to work with a few selected parishes to explore ideas for creating local community plans for tree planting (potentially including people's gardens) and woodland creation. We have arranged for the Project Manager to come to the Village Show where we could try to engage parishioners and get ideas for where new trees could be planted.

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Climate Care

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

- Buriton's Climate Care Group (the group of volunteers, including a number of Parish Councillors, formed following the Parish Council's Annual Meeting of May 2021) has met again recently and is developing a range of demonstrations, attractions and activities at the Village Show on August 20th. Most of the ideas reported at the last Parish Council meeting should take place
- use of the Parish Council's Thermal Imaging Camera will be promoted again at the Show so as to develop a list of survey visits ready for the colder months
- at least two other potential surveyors have now been trained to use the Camera
- the Abri Housing Association have also said that they will attend the Village Show so that energy saving ideas, initiatives and advice can also reach families in rental properties
- the Buriton group has joined a Climate Change networking initiative arranged by SDNPA Parish Members: providing opportunities for communities across the National Park to share ideas, actions and help each other with next steps
- the SDNPA Climate Change Webinar (initially broadcast on 13 July) can still be viewed via this YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/LIaT2IVOVzc>

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Date	Details	Sender
23.5.22	Changes to the Hampshire Homes Hub Service	Mags Wylie
25.5.22	Update on the maintenance of the cemetery	Judith Bee
25.5.22	Reply about work taking place at Greenway Lane site	Alexandra Vogt (SDNPA)
30.5.22	Public Transport Consultation	HCC
1.6.22	Resurfacing Sussex Road, Nursted Night time 16 June 2022	HCC
1.6.22	Further reply about work at Greenway Lane site	Alexandra Vogt (SDNPA)
6.6.22	RoW Cllr for Langrish & Ramsdean	Robert Bewes
7.6.22	Copy of email to Susan Shone re dog fouling	Jamie Lister
8.6.22	Notification that there is no Travel Plan for Buriton School	Jo Eades
10.6.22	Water Catchment Plan Consultation	HCC
11.6.22	Scouts on recreation ground	Tim Mitford
13.6.22	Confirmation that mast at layby on the Causeway will be re-painted by 21 June 2022	SDNPA
13.6.22	Plans to celebrate 50 years of the South Downs Way	Ruth James, SDNPA
14.6.22	Review of South Downs Local Plan	SDNPA
15.6.22	Consultation of Rowlands Castle's Neighbourhood Plan	Rowlands Castle PC
17.6.22	Plans for a Nature Walk to celebrate the South Downs Way 50 th anniversary	Andy Gatticker, SDNPA
17.6.22	Reply about request to trim Hangers Way in The Links	Elaina Whittaker-Slark (SDNPA)
18.6.22	Thanks for contribution to the church and village magazine	David Normington
20.6.22	Defibrillator cost of electric in kiosk	Chris Stagg, Defib group
21.6.22	Reply about request to trim Hangers Way in The Links	Ashlea Walters (HCC)
21.6.22	Copy of letter to Buriton residents	Richard Paine, Imperial Homes
25.6.22	Problems on BOAT	Wendy Wolfe
28.6.22	Request for contractor of the play equipment	Jo Eades, Buriton School
29.6.22	CEMP – Greenway Lane	Richard Paine, Imperial Homes
29.6.22	Broken sign & Pond repairs Chalk Pit	Tim Speller, QECP
30.6.22	Thanks for circulating Greenway Lane CEMP	Caroline Gray
30.6.22	Thanks for circulating Greenway Lane CEMP	Charlotte Milligan
30.6.22	Land Availability Assessment Draft Methodology	SDNPA
4.7.22	Polling station review	EHDC
4.7.22	Temporary closure of Footpath 5	HCC
7.7.22	Proposed table tennis area	Paul Evans
7.7.22	Acceptance of Bee Lines grant	SDNPA
8.7.22	Further reply about request to trim Hangers Way (Links)	Elaina Whittaker-Slark (SDNPA)
9.7.22	Use of Petersfield Road	Caroline Armstrong
11.7.22	Trees for Downs – taking forward the grant	SDNPA
12.7.22	Offer to help with tree maintenance	Climbers Way Tree Care
14.7.22	Hampshire Community Forest - Tree Planting	Emily Roberts
18.7.22	Adoption of Design Guide SPD	SDNPA

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