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**Minutes of a meeting of Buriton Parish Council held at Buriton Village Hall,  
at 7:00pm on Monday 31st July 2023.**

**Present:** Cllr L Lloyd (Chair), Cllr A Bray, Cllr E Bird, Cllr D Lloyd, and Mrs P Norris, Clerk.

**In attendance:** There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr H Hill, Cllr T Wheeler and County & District Cllr Mocatta.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

A Declaration of interest was made by Cllr Bray that he is a landowner involved in the improvements for users of footpaths around the B2146. Cllr L Lloyd declared that he is a committee member of Petersfield Town Juniors.

**3. To approve minutes from BPC meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> May and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

The draft minutes of the meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> May and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were approved as a correct record and the Chair will sign a copy for the Council's Minutes Book. **Action: Cllr L Lloyd.**

**7. Next Steps for Village Hall Improvements**

This agenda item was moved up the agenda.

Andrew Van Den Broeke presented a report to the meeting on the proposed next steps for the improvements to the Village Hall. A copy of this presentation is available on the website.

<https://www.buriton.info/sites/default/files/2023-08/Buriton%20Parish%20Council%20Agenda%20-%2031%20July%202023%20-%20Item%207%20-%20Village%20Hall%20presentation.pdf>

With the finance available via grants from SDNPA which must be used for improvements to infrastructure and income from the Village Hall, with 20% contingency the proposals are solar panels, electric charging points, improving the roof insulation to by 120mm and infra-red heating, the solar panels will provide the hall with electricity. Cllrs agreed to this way forward and asked Andrew to approach contractors to provide options and quotes. Consideration will have to be given to the loss of income to the hall whilst the works are carried out. The winning contractor will liaise with the local authority.

Cllrs L Lloyd and Wheeler were asked to be part of the working group to take this forward.

**Open Forum**

A parishioner asked if with the improvements whether the batteries were included in the costs and if the insulation will be completed from the inside of the hall. The parishioners also questioned whether the roof was strong enough to hold the panels. Andrew confirmed that the batteries were included, the insulation would be completed from the inside and according to the plans the roof will be strong enough. They also suggested that the panels could be positioned in the recreation ground rather than the roof. It was agreed that this would not be a viable option with the security fencing needed and the loss of the ground.

Another parishioner asked how long the solar panels lasted, Andrew informed that it would be twenty to thirty years.

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### 4. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

- Monks Walk driveway: agreement to be explored with residents' management committee. The work on Haven Barn has commenced, measures have been put in place to protect the Church wall.
- Proposals from Buriton School for School Meadow – further details still awaited.
- Pond at Chalk Pits Nature Reserve: repairs completed.
- Defibrillator: still waiting to be moved to The Nest.
- EHDC hedge along Petersfield Road – update required from Cllr Mocatta. **Action: Cllr Mocatta.**
- Dog fouling: Still awaiting the dual bin stickers from EHDC.
- Replacement of trees and other works at village pond: EHDC Property Team is awaiting the report from the ecology consultants. As requested by Cllr Mocatta, Cllrs discussed the ownership of the pond, it was decided that Buriton Parish Council would not take over the ownership and maintenance of the pond. Complaints have been received about the condition of the vegetation around the pond and rats have been seen. Cllr D Lloyd has reported it to EHDC. **Action: Clerk** to contact Cllr Mocatta.
- Site meeting re B2146 held at Hurst on 19<sup>th</sup> April. As reported in the Rights of Way report, a footpath is being suggested. Both HCC and West Sussex CC are looking at introducing a 40mph zone in the area.
- Ineffective ditch in Petersfield Road by Bones Lane: Cllr Mocatta reported that this has been passed for technical investigation.
- Email addresses: Ali Martin looking at this.
- Replacement of damaged bollards at the Five Bells, question as to whether these have been repaired.
- Table Tennis Table: covered on the agenda.
- Bus service changes have been introduced without any prior notification and are causing problems for passengers. Update still required from Cllr Mocatta. **Action: Cllr Mocatta.**
- Fly-tipping hot-spot at corner of Greenway Lane: response to parish council's ideas to prevent fly-tipping in this area still awaited from EHDC. It was also suggested that if the chevron was moved forward, it would mean that vans could not park and fly-tip. **Action: Cllr Mocatta.**
- Grant funding from County Cllr Mocatta to plant a new tree to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III is yet to be sought. **Action: Clerk**
- Repairs to pot-holes in highway still awaited. Cllr Mocatta will re-submit these. **Action: Cllr Mocatta**
- Potential works to the Village Hall on the agenda.
- Hallmaster is now being used for booking for the Village Hall.
- Lengthsman has completed the work requested around the village.
- Popular B-Earth Day event held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023. Further events in most months of the year are being arranged by the Climate Care and Nature/Pollinator groups.
- Co-option of new Cllrs on the agenda.
- External audit – all documents have been submitted and information placed on the website and noticeboard inviting parishioners to view the submission.
- On-line banking: retiring Cllrs have been removed as signatories for the on-line banking. Cllrs D Lloyd and Hill will be added shortly.
- The key safe has been installed outside the Village Hall. **Action: Clerk** to ask VH manager for the code.
- Use of football pitches – on the agenda
- List of regular work carried out by Lengthsman provided to Cllrs.
- Blocked bridleway in Weston – Update required from Cllr Hill.

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### 5. Chair's Update

The Chair informed Cllrs that he had a positive meeting with the parishioner who had raised comments relating to marking historic military events.

A discussion was held about whether to accept bookings for 18<sup>th</sup> birthday parties as these had been refused in the past. This will be discussed further at the Village Hall Committee.

### 6. County and District Councillor's Reports

County and District Cllr Mocatta send his apologies for the meet but provided Cllrs with reports for HCC which are attached to these minutes.

### 8. Co-option of Councillors

The Chair welcomed Cllr Bird who had been co-opted to the Parish Council. Unfortunately, Karina Sidenius was unable to join. Cllr Bird will consider which of the committees she would like to join.

**Action: Cllr Bird.**

### 9. Finance and Accounts

- **Summary of Reserves** – Cllrs noted the summary of reserves. The Clerk informed Cllrs that she had been contacted by the external auditors who had questioned the amount of reserves kept by the parish council. It was explained about the further works planned for the Village Hall. Cllrs agreed to purchase a new printer as the Clerk is using her own which is old and using lots of ink, this will be from the office reserve. **Action: Clerk.**
- **Approval of receipts and payments up to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 for the Parish Council** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 6 totalling £44,251.49 and 1 in the reserve account totalling £341.14. Cllrs approved the following payments: 29 totalling £9,181.09 from the current account.
- **Approval of receipts and payments up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 for the Village Hall** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 31 totalling £5,423.30. Cllrs approved the following payments: 40 totalling £5,406.41.
- **Budget against performance up to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – Cllr noted the budget against performance.

### 10. Village Hall and Recreation Report

The Chair summarised informed Cllrs:

- There are no bad debtors. The Village Hall Manager reported bookings for weekend are currently down on previous years.
- All maintenance has been completed.
- **Village Hall Internal Maintenance** – Cllr D Lloyd is looking at promoting the village hall as only twenty one non-regular bookings have occurred in the last 12 months. She felt that the hall is not inviting as it is dirty. Cllrs agreed to:
  - Deep clean the whole hall, quotes had been received: Petersfield Cleaning Company £750 + VAT, and two companies one of whom would do a high clean and the other a low clean for £470.
  - The stages curtains to be rehung.
  - Replace the carpet in the entrance hall, a quote from Waterlooville Carpets for a heavy duty carpet has been received for £1650 + VAT.
  - Increase the cleaner's hours per week.
- **Table Tennis Table** – Cllrs agreed that this project could now move forward. **Action: Clerk** to inform Paul Evans.
- **Playground Inspection** – Cllrs will look at the recommendations from the latest inspection.
- **Petersfield Town Juniors** – Cllr L Lloyd informed Cllrs that Petersfield Town Juniors has merged with Petersfield Town Football Club and are now known as Petersfield Town. It is proposed that the U14's age group will use the pitches on a Saturday morning, 2 matches with

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the girls teams on a Sunday morning and the Petersfield Ladies on a Sunday afternoon. They will want to use the changing rooms. They will provide the goals and mark the pitches. The income to the Parish Council will be between £150-£200 per week. Although concerns were raised about the increase in traffic the income would be outweigh this. Cllrs agreed to the use.

### 11. Planning

Cllrs discussed:

- **Greenway Lane development** - The Parish Council has been copied in to emails from parishioners to Imperial Homes and SDNPA of complaints relating to the development.
- **Barriers at the Pond** – it has been reported that the logs in the car park by the pond are becoming rotten and need replacing. Cllrs agreed to consider this once the building works have been completed at Haven Barn.
- **Planning Application SDNP/23/02721/HOUS** – 7 Greenway Lane: A replacement single-storey rear extension, and internal layout alterations following demolition of a rear conservatory. Cllrs agreed to raise no objections but to submit comments relating to dark skies, take into account neighbour's comments and the Village Design Statement to be made.  
**Action: Clerk.**

### 12. Work for Lengthsman & Highway Issues

No new work or issues were raised.

### 13. Rights of Way

A report produced by the Rights of Way Group is attached to the minutes:

- **Hangers Way** – concerns have been raised about the condition of the Hangers Way in particular the overgrowth. A parishioner has trimmed back what he can but more is needed.
- **Purchase of Stihl Strimmer** – the group has proposed that the Parish Council purchase an industrial strimmer to clear footpaths in the parish. Cllrs discussed this but decided not to purchase a strimmer this was because, who would be trained to use it, the insurance implications, where it would be stored and that landowners are meant to maintain footpaths across their land. It was decided to send an email to the landowner on whose land the Hangers Way runs. **Action: Clerk.**
- **New Footpath alongside the B2146** – the landowners are agreeable to a new footpath, although Cllr Bray has not heard anything further. The respective county councils are looking at introducing a 40mph speed limit across this stretch of road.
- **Removing remaining stiles** – this will be discussed at the September meeting.

### 14. Update on Trees, Pollinators, Biodiversity and Climate Change Initiatives

The Chair highlighted points from a report from the Buriton Environmental Association (BEA), which is attached to these minutes:

- The commitments and obligations in each of the initiatives where grant funding has been received are on track.
- The annual Community Hay Day is planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> September depending on the weather
- A meeting is being arranged with Network Rail and their ecologists to see if their practices may be able to contribute to the community's initiatives and to better understand their herbicide practices.

### 15. Correspondence

The list of correspondence received is attached to these minutes

- Request for a Memorial Bench – Cllrs considered this request to place a memorial bench at the pond, however due to the lack of space this would not be possible. It was suggested that a memorial tree at the recreation ground be considered. **Action: Clerk** to reply.

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- Nursery Garden – The school had informed the parish council about the condition of the old area used by the nursery which was becoming overgrown and unkempt. Cllrs suggested that the school may like to use the area for the children to grow vegetables. **Action: Clerk.**
- Parish Priority Statement – the Village Design Group provided an update to the meeting, copy attached to the minutes.

**16. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting of Buriton Parish Council is on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

At the conclusion of business the meeting ended at 9.05pm.

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Hampshire County Councillor Report July 2023

### **Improving Recycling and Reuse at the Household Waste Recycling Centres**

From July residents are being asked to separate their waste ahead of a visit to a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) to reuse and recycle more, and to reduce the amount of material that goes to costly disposal methods such as landfill. By taking a few moments more to sort our waste material, we could save up to £200,000 of taxpayers' money every year. The HWRC teams will be on hand to answer any questions and offer advice. A wide range of waste can be recycled at the HWRCs. In addition, there are fantastic re-sale sections at all sites where reusable items can be left. It's a great place to hand in things you no longer need, or to pick up a bargain.

HWRCs in Hampshire will be able to recycle the following materials:

- Garden and green waste
- Metals
- Wood
- Cardboard
- Electrical equipment and appliances
- Batteries, printer cartridges, and light bulbs
- Furniture
- Clothing and textile
- Paints, chemicals, engine oil and gas bottles

Check the County Council's website to find out what is accepted at your local

[Petersfield | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)

### **Government appoints Hampshire County Council to take lead role in local nature recovery**

Hampshire County Council has been appointed by our government to prepare a '*Local Nature Recovery Strategy*' for Hampshire, including the areas of Portsmouth and Southampton. £388,000 will be provided to coordinate the development of the new strategy in collaboration with key partners.

The Strategy will bring together organisations and residents to restore precious habitats, protect wildlife and combat climate change.

Hampshire County Council is one of 48 individual local authorities across England designated as leads for the delivery of Local Nature Recovery Strategies and will work with Southampton and Portsmouth unitary authorities, the region's two national parks and all eleven district and borough councils across Hampshire.

### **Pan-Hampshire County Deal**

Hampshire County Council has today welcomed the statement of intention from our government to progress a single County Deal for the area, designed to bring significant investment into Hampshire's economy and devolve other funding and powers currently held in Whitehall Departments. The deal recognises the importance of the whole region to potentially securing an additional £1.14bn of investment for our combined population of 2 million residents.

The Leaders of Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth, Southampton City Councils and the Isle of Wight Council will be invited to participate in negotiations with Government to move a potential Pan-Hampshire Deal forward.

The Pan-Hampshire area covers Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils, the 11 district and borough councils within the County Council administrative area and the Isle of Wight Council.

### **Health and Wellbeing Board**

In June the board received the Director of Public Health's Hampshire Mental Wellbeing Strategy and Suicide Prevention Plan.

The Board were grateful for a moving presentation from Angela Forster, a member of the Voices collection of People with Living Experience of Suicide, who runs the charity Sasha's Project.

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Angela spoke about her daughter, Sasha, who had died by suicide and about the inspirational work undertaken by Sasha's Project in supporting young people and those affected by suicide.

Members held a discussion on the importance of talking, holding difficult conversations and the significance of asking the question, 'Are you ok?' Members were supportive of extending guidance for staff and employees which could be used by all organisations to enable a collective approach to supporting staff on the topic of suicide. For further information:

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=193&MId=10676>

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### Rights of Way report for PC Meeting: July 2023

#### Condition of the Hangers Way

As reported to the Parish Council meeting in March, the organiser of the Petersfield Walking Festival had written to Cllr Mocatta highlighting “the parlous state of the Hangers Way and how Petersfield can’t claim to be a gateway/springboard to the South Downs without a decent path linking it to the South Downs Way.” She had explained that in winter the Hangers Way is a mud bath before it reaches Buriton and in summer patches of it are very overgrown. She had added: “I personally avoid it like the plague” and asked for it to be “flagged up as a path worthy of some attention. It’s a terrible introduction to Petersfield especially as many walkers prefer to follow named paths rather than going on less well-used footpaths.”

As one of HCC’s promoted long distance routes, their ranger team aims to cut the vegetation back every year but nettles / brambles grow back more quickly than they can keep on top of them. HCC’s Megan Cledwyn had contacted the National Park to see if one of their volunteer teams could assist.

On 4<sup>th</sup> July a group of villagers joined with volunteers from the South Downs National Park to cut vegetation along the Hangers Way path where it approaches the village along the Links. With valuable guidance from Ashlea Walters of HCC’s Nature Recovery Team a “pollinator-friendly” cut took place, creating glades to help a range of sensitive wildlife.

In the meantime, however, on 9<sup>th</sup> June, a very kind village resident (Peter Nixon) had spent much of the day trying to make the path more passable for walkers, having got fed up of seeing lots of people struggling through chest-high nettles and feeling that this was embarrassing for the community. Fortunately, Mr Nixon has all the necessary equipment including a robust shredder blade on a professional Stihl trimmer (not just a domestic filament head) which can handle all the tough stems.

It may not, however, be sustainable to rely on one local person being so kind-hearted in the future – in a situation where the County Council may not even be able to manage one cut each year. The HCC Rangers do the best that they can and work hard but there are thousands of miles of Rights of Way in the County and their budget (and staffing levels) have been cut significantly over recent years.

#### A community machine?

One possible idea might be for the Parish Council to buy a tough Stihl machine like Mr Nixon’s (but perhaps battery driven rather than petrol?) by applying for one of Cllr Mocatta’s Grants? It could be kept in the Village Hall Garage and perhaps some people from the village could be found to trim important Rights of Way as / when needed? There may, however, be important insurance and health / safety implications (training) etc which HCC and the Parish Council would need to consider.

#### New footpath alongside B2146

As reported at the last meeting of the Parish Council, a site meeting had been held on 19<sup>th</sup> April and next steps were awaited from HCC. Councillor Mocatta had contacted all the 3 landowners but had suggested a bridleway rather than a footpath.

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As Cllr Bray reported at the PC Meeting, this could have major insurance implications for the landowners. He felt that the landowners would be agreeable to a footpath but not a bridleway.

Liaison with the Chair of Harting Parish Council has confirmed that they still hope that a footpath can be provided by Hampshire County Council with cooperation from the landowners and that HCC will also introduce a 40mph speed limit from the County Boundary to the existing 40mph zone as soon as their policies permit. West Sussex County Council already has appropriate policies and they now plan to introduce a 40mph speed limit from the County Boundary to Hurst Farm, potentially during this Financial Year.

### Removing the remaining stiles in the parish ('Stile-free in 23')

Following the decisions at the meeting of the Parish Council in January, details of the remaining stiles in the parish were sent to HCC's Community Engagement Ranger so that she could approach each of the landowners. The five stiles are:

- 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 reply was received on 10<sup>th</sup> February saying that she was happy to contact the landowners to try to help Buriton become stile free in '23; but no further updates have been received.

The intention was that, once landowner permission was resolved, the Parish Council would apply for grant funding to purchase the kissing gates and ask one of the HCC or SDNPA volunteer work parties to install them.

In the intervening period the Parish Council has contacted John Bell of Amberleigh Projects, owners of the land for one of the potential kissing gates near Mapledurham House. He offered in April to send a contribution of £500 so that the Parish Council could undertake the changes. The Parish Clerk has acknowledged this offer and explained that the Council will make further arrangements and will get back to him again in due course. Parish Councillors may wish to consider getting quotations from contractors to do this work before seeking the £500 donation.

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### Climate and Nature initiatives: Report to Parish Council meeting (July 2023)

Updates since the last meeting include the following:

The Parish Council's commitments and obligations in each of the initiatives where grant-funding and other support has been received (SDNPA's Re-Naturing; SDNPA's Bee Lines; SDNPT's Trees for the Downs) are all on track. Details have been included in reports to previous Parish Council meetings and part of the arrangements is that it is important to make sure that work continues on each of these initiatives for a number of years. The parish is also still a leading pilot in HCC's Pollinator Project and should see more trees planted later in the year (in Heatherfield) by HCC's Highways Dept.

One of the main things to ensure is that the mowing of the Recreation Ground never spoils the natural margins that are now devoted to nature (see: <https://www.buriton.info/news/achievements-recreation-ground>). There will need to be careful liaison with the Parish Council's contractors (Idverde) about this each year. No cutting should take place without checking with the community's BEA Group. Timings can be crucial.

#### Ongoing tasks:

- The margins of the recreation ground will need regular activities each year for the next few years (including special, infrequent, well-timed 'cut & collect' mowings by Idverde) so that yellow rattle and other wildflowers can gradually become established
- The cutting of the hedge alongside Kiln Lane will need to be managed carefully to help it flower and fruit efficiently
- The new hedge planting along part of that boundary (planted by SDNPA) may need watering during dry spells and an eye kept on any excessive growth around the bases as well
- Regular results of moth surveys need to be submitted to HBIC to fulfil the terms of the HBIC grant.

In the future SDNPA may be able to contribute towards the costs of interpretation materials subject to involvement of their Comms team. The intention would be to 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 that people might observe: increasing awareness and encouraging families to do similar things in their own gardens to improve corridors for bees, pollinators and more.

#### Since the last meeting:

- The new hedge planting along the Kiln Lane boundary (planted by SDNPA) was watered during the long dry spell and all 60 plants appeared to be healthy
- One of the six trees planted around the village (funded by the SDNPA 'Trees for the Downs' initiative) seems to have died during the long dry spell
- The installation of about 30 Swift boxes around the village (by Tim Norriss and colleagues from the Hampshire Swifts Charity) was completed on 25 May (see: <https://www.buriton.info/news/dozens-swift-boxes-installed-village>)
- The guided Open Morning at the Coulters Dean Nature Reserve on 8 June was very popular, highlighting an excellent range of orchids (see: <https://www.buriton.info/news/fly-orchids-amongst-rare-plants-open-morning>)
- The presence at the Farm Fun Day on 11 June was valuable with an array of moths (important pollinators) on display from the Parish Council's moth trap (see: <https://www.buriton.info/news/moths-are-great-attraction-farm-fun-day>)
- A group of villagers joined with volunteers from SDNPA and HCC on 4 July to undertake a special "pollinator-friendly" cut of vegetation along the Links, an area which has been identified as a real opportunity for wildlife (see: <https://www.buriton.info/news/footpath-improved-local-help>)

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- The guided stroll around the village to learn about swifts and their breeding and migration patterns on 5 July was also very popular (see: <https://www.buriton.info/news/fascinating-swift-pint-walk>)
- Annual plant surveys in the margins of the Recreation Ground were undertaken on 10 July (see: <https://www.buriton.info/news/surveys-begin-reveal-changes-recreation-ground>)
- The first Open Gardens Renaturing Trail was held on 16 July illustrating how even the smallest of spaces can help cater for wildlife (see: <https://www.buriton.info/news/garden-trail-shows-help-wildlife>)
- Useful information about recycling (which items can be recycled where etc) was included in the Parish Magazine and has been added to the community website, covering: the household collection service; St Marys Church; and opportunities at the supermarkets in Petersfield (see: <https://www.buriton.info/news/what-you-can-recycle-and-where>)
- A meeting is being arranged with Network Rail and their ecologists (provisionally 9<sup>th</sup> August) to see if their practices may be able to contribute to the community's initiatives and to better understand their herbicide practices.

### Forthcoming:

- On Thursday 10 August there will be a guided bat walk in the evening, providing an opportunity to see and hear bats in their natural environment. Places are limited and are being booked in advance via this Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/buriton-bat-walk-tickets-675837487117?aff=oddtcreator>
- A cut of the long grass margins on the Recreation Ground is being arranged (provisionally on 1<sup>st</sup> September but subject to weather conditions) by the same means as in previous years [not part of the Parish Council's contract with Idverde]
- The annual community hay-day (raking etc) will then follow swiftly (provisionally Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> or Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September)
- There is likely to be a guided Fungi walk in October
- There is likely to be an event/talk with helpful ideas to save money on energy costs in November
- There will be a presence (promoting climate and nature issues) at the Christmas Fair in December
- A second Bug House is planned on the Recreation Ground (on the concrete slab alongside school meadow): in time for the community's next B-earth Day event which is scheduled for 11 May 2024.

The Climate Care and Nature team (now known as BEA: Buriton Environmental Association) is planning to try to ensure that there are events or activities each month of the year.

There will be scope for more parishioners to have Thermal Imaging Surveys conducted on their homes during the winter months and the Parish Council can help to promote this opportunity for householders to see how to cut spiralling energy bills and combat climate change. The Parish Council holds the small donations from each household (£15) in a ring-fenced reserve to be available as / when new batteries are required for the Thermal Imaging Camera.

Liaison will continue with the County and District Council's about their road verge cutting regimes and how they manage their open spaces in the village. Experts from QECP have recently suggested that the health of the village pond is very poor with very few species.

The South Downs National Park is planning to feature Buriton's "Re-naturing" initiatives as a case study for other communities to draw upon and may also do something similar about the Climate Care project.

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And Hampshire County Council is planning to film some of the progress on the Recreation Ground again. They are producing a mini documentary series around Nature Recovery and one of the episodes will be focusing on pollinators: for use by the County Council and to be available via their Youtube and Social Media channels etc. Their first film of activities in Buriton is available here:

<https://www.buriton.info/news/buritons-hay-day-film>

Further information about the climate and nature projects can be found on the community website via <https://www.buriton.info/climate-and-nature> and all the 'Latest News' stories that are listed on the related pages.

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### Correspondence

Date	Details	Sender
15.5.23	Comments about the DamBuster display	Henrich Boreniok
18.5.23	Invite from Network Rail to look at the verges alongside the track	Jack Wharton, Network Rail
21.5.23	Condition of hedge by Village Pond	Pippa Crispin
31.5.23	Confirmation of a willow tree at Quakers	Adele Poulton, EHDC
5.6.23	Consultation on local validation list	Carol Brown, SDNPA
6.6.23	Copy of email to Imperial Homes regarding the language of the workmen	Tim Kemp
7.6.23	Copy of response to Tim Kemp re language of workmen	Joel Harris, Imperial Homes
14.6.23	Request for photos relating to the Beelines Grant	Victoria Crespi, SDNPA
15.6.23	Key safe and Ref's toilet key possibly missing	Catherine Murphy, Buriton Tennis Club
16.6.23	Hampshire County Council Passenger Transport Forum	Rosy Hall, HCC
17.6.23	Condition of Buriton Cemetery	Mrs J Quick
18.6.23	Request for a memorial bench at the pond	Claire Albuery
20.6.23	Query regarding replacement tree at Quackers	Sarah Stevens, Buriton Village Association
27.6.23	Update on the proposed Greenway Park Hotel	Eden Musyoki, Infrastructure Matters
29.6.23	Query re upkeep of nursery garden	Jo Eades, Buriton School
29.6.23	Colour of windows on Greenway Lane development	Charlotte Milligan
30.6.23	Copy of reply tp Mrs Quick re upkeep of cemetery	Win Nomington, St Mary's PCC
2.7.23	Copy of email to SDNPA re colour of windows on Greenway Lane development	Charlotte Milligan
2.7.23	Copy of email to EHDC re approval of the air source heat pumps covered in section 21	Charlotte Milligan
4.7.23	Copy of email to SDNPA stating concerns about the Greenway Lane development	Jonathan McSharry
6.7.23	Broken door Ref's loo	Paul Evans
11.7.23	Copy of email to Imperial Homes about the workmen swearing	Steve Elliott
12.7.23	Copy of email to St Marys PCC thanking for the reply re condition of the cemetery	Mrs J Quick
14.7.23	Parish Priorities Statement	Chris Patterson, SDNPA
19.7.23	Email informing that Vivid will be the housing provider for the affordable homes in Greenway Lane and the process for applying for one	David Linsey, EHDC
21.7.23	Exterior finish Greenway Lane development	Alexandra Vogt

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22.7.23	Copy of email to SDNPA re Greenway Lane and discharge of conditions 11 and 12	Jonathan McSharry
23.7.23	Repairing of the Ref's toilet door & table tennis table proposal	Paul Evans
27.7.23	Copy of email to SDNPA re Greenway Lane development and external lighting	Jonathan McSharry
27.7.23	Issues with children and anti-social behaviour in High Street by small children	Anonymous via website
27.7.23	Issues with Greenway Lane development and size of sheds and fencing	Charlotte Milligan

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### Parish Priority Statement: update to Parish Council meeting, July 2023

All parishes in the South Downs National Park have received correspondence about how the authority intends to review its current Local Plan (which currently covers the period to 2033). Parishes have been asked to contribute through a Parish Priority Statement (PPS) which summarises principal needs, prevailing views and what makes the village special. The deadline for submission of this PPS is 20 October so as to inform the development of the Local Plan Review at an early stage.

Copies of the PPS Template and other documentation from SDNPA have been circulated to all Councillors and previous meetings of the Parish Council agreed that Jonathan Jones and the Village Design Group should take this PPS exercise forward, to bring recommendations for submission back to the Parish Council for consideration and approval.

In recent months the Group has been concentrating on a number of things including: seeking the views /inputs of the whole community on each of the headings in the PPS template; looking back at the current VDS to identify some of the most important messages so as to be able to consider them for inclusion in the PPS; and considering any potentially new issues which could also be considered for inclusion (perhaps learning from recent planning decisions such as the ReCharge One site etc).

As well as articles in the Parish Magazine (delivered to every household in the parish) and on the community website asking for comments, ideas and inputs, the Group has had a stall at each of the following well-attended community events: the B-earth Day village show in late April; the Fun on the Farm event in June; and the School Fair in July. Ideas and comments from people for the PPS have been collected at each one of these events – reaching a wide cross section of residents ...

Summaries of comments thus far have been posted on the community website and included in the Parish Magazine so that others can respond and react to the Group by the end of July.

Chris Paterson (the Planning Policy Lead Officer at SDNPA for this PPS process) has seen Buriton’s community engagement in action and has been suitably impressed.

The SDNPA will use the PPSs as part of the evidence base for the Local Plan Review and they will inform their decisions on policy development, land allocations and designations. They are part of the collaborative approach to plan making to which the Authority is committed. The SDNPA explains that PPSs are easier and less resource intensive to prepare than a Neighbourhood Plan although parishes are reminded that PPSs will not form a formal part of the development plan.

The revised timetable for the review of the South Downs Local Plan indicates that formal consultation on the Local Plan (referred to as the Regulation 18 stage) is due to take place early in 2025. The SDNPA ran its Call for Sites exercise over the summer of 2022 and received approximately 300 site submissions. They also ran a Call for Local Green Spaces and received 95 submissions.

It is not yet known whether there are any implications for the parish of Buriton from either of these two exercises as the results have not yet been revealed. SDNPA officers have

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been visiting sites to assess all new submissions and to review all sites which have been submitted to previous calls for sites. It is hoped that results will be available later in the year.

The Parish Council has already responded to requests to help the SDNPA with two other evidence-based studies for the Local Plan Review: the Settlement Facilities Assessment and the assessment of Public Open Space provision.

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