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**Minutes of a meeting of Buriton Parish Council held at Buriton Village Hall,
at 7:00pm on Monday 25th September 2023.**

Present: Cllr T Wheeler (Chair), Cllr A Bray, Cllr E Bird, Cllr H Hill, Cllr D Lloyd, Cllr L Lloyd, County and District Cllr R Mocatta and Mrs P Norris, Clerk.

In attendance: There were 10 members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies

2. Declarations of Interest

Declaration of interest from 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. 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.

3. To approve minutes from BPC meetings held on 31st July 2023.

Cllr L Lloyd stated that he had resigned from Petersfield Town Juniors in January 2023 and that he did not have an interest in the agenda item relating to the use of the recreation ground for football matches by Petersfield Town Football Club. The draft minutes of the meetings held on 31st July 2023 were approved, other than the wrong declaration added, as a correct record and the Chair will sign a copy for the Council's Minutes Book. **Action: Cllr Wheeler.**

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2023.

- Monks Walk driveway: agreement to be explored with residents' management committee. The work on Haven Barn is continuing.
- Proposals from Buriton School for School Meadow – further details still awaited.
- Defibrillator: this has now been moved to The Nest, the defibrillator team thanked the landlord Shane and the team for all their help. Two CPR courses are fully booked with charity Saving Lives together on 3rd and 5th October. Following discussion Cllr Bird agreed that she would check the equipment on a regular basis. **Action: Clerk** to let the team know. The Cllrs expressed their thanks to the team for providing this essential piece of equipment for the village.
- EHDC hedge along Petersfield Road – Cllr Mocatta reported that EHDC's Enforcement Team have commenced legal action against the tenant, this may take between 6-9 months.
- Dog fouling: Cllr Mocatta will chase as he thought that these had been ordered. **Action: Cllr Mocatta.**
- Replacement of trees and other works at village pond: Cllr Mocatta reported that EHDC are producing a Pond Management Plan. Cllr Mocatta will provide details of the Cleaver Group who will clear areas for a donation, East Meon PC have used them. **Action: Cllr Mocatta and Clerk** to contact East Meon PC.
- New footpath by B2146 at Hurst: HCC will be visiting the landowners.

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- Ineffective ditch in Petersfield Road by Bones Lane: HCC's website states that the work has been completed, if not it needs to be reported again. There are some anonymous reports but they need a name.
- Email addresses: **Action: Clerk** to contact Ali Martin.
- Replacement of damaged bollards at the Five Bells, these still have not been replaced.
- Table Tennis Table: to be installed.
- Bus service changes: Cllr Mocatta reported that the decision to change the bus times was taken by Stage Coach themselves, HCC are looking at rural routes.
- Fly-tipping hot-spot at corner of Greenway Lane: Cllr Mocatta will raise about moving the chevron to prevent vehicles parking and fly tipping. **Action: Cllr Mocatta**
- Grant funding from County Cllr Mocatta to forward to details to the clerk. **Action: Cllr Mocatta**
- Repairs to pot-holes in highway still awaited. Cllr Mocatta urged residents to continue reporting on the website and use a photo with a tennis ball to show the depth. It was agreed that the link could be included in the next parish magazine. **Action: Clerk**
- Potential works to the Village Hall on the agenda.
- Co-option of new Cllrs – a further application has been received from Laura Carney to become a Cllr. Cllrs all agreed to co-opt Laura onto the Parish Council.
- External audit – successfully completed.
- On-line banking: awaiting further information from Cllr Hill. **Action: Cllr Hill**
- Use of football pitches – there have been two weeks of matches all well finished by 12noon. The car park was busy but there was an event in the Village Hall as well. The High Steet and the Pond car park was not busy. The away team have been asked to use the Pond car park. The Parish Council will receive £50 per match and will be invoiced monthly. A fencing contractor van was parked in the entrance in Kiln Lane which is the access for emergency vehicles into the recreation ground, the Clerk to ask Petersfield Town to stress that this is not allowed, although it may not have been there for the football. There have been emails received with negative feedback and some positive comments have also been received.
- Blocked bridleway in Weston – Cllr Hill has spoken to the owner and the bridleway is no longer blocked.
- Cllr Bird wishes to sit on the Planning Committee.
- Internal improvements to Village Hall- Cllr D Lloyd reported that the village hall has been deep cleaned and a new carpet has been put down in the entrance hall. New bookings have been received. A new vacuum cleaner has been purchased for the cleaner. Following a discussion Cllrs agreed to increase the cleaner's hours from 6 to 10 hours a week to ensure that the hall is clean for all users. It was agreed that this would commence from 1st October 2023 and that the cleaner would receive a copy of the bookings each week to schedule the work. Cllrs also agreed to hold bi-monthly Village Hall meetings. Two disabled parking signs have been purchased and will be put up to the right of the entrance.
- Nursery Garden – the school does not want to take over the garden. The future use will be discussed at the next Village Hall meeting.

5. Chair's Update

There was no update from the Chair.

6. County and District Councillor's Reports

County and District Cllr Mocatta provided a report from HCC, which is attached to these minutes. He highlighted:

- RACC concrete – there is only one school in Hampshire affected by this. The next issues that will be looked at is asbestos in schools.
- Solar Panels – both HCC and EHDC are providing grants to get more solar panels onto public buildings

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- Vapes - residents are being asked to recycle used vapes, this can be done at Petersfield recycling centre.

Open Forum

A parishioner stated that on the corner where the fly tipping was happening there are two chevrons, and that it is the one on the corner that could be moved not the one preventing people going through the hedge.

A parishioner asked where the Lengthsman money comes from and what jobs do they do. They were informed that the money is provided by HCC. Cllrs agreed to add the list of regular jobs to the minutes. Cllr Mocatta reported that there will be more funding next year and the Lengthsman will be able to carry out a wider range of jobs.

A parishioner asked if there was a tree warden in the village, the Chair informed the meeting that as the present time there is not.

A parishioner raised concerns about the amount of speeding traffic coming through the village especially when the A3 is blocked and large lorries come through and whether 20mph speed restriction could be implemented. Cllr Mocatta stated that he is chairing a meeting in November looking at the introduction of 20mph zones in areas. Full consultation will be carried out.

A parishioner asked if all emails sent in concerning the football being played on the recreation ground had been read. It was confirmed that these had been read and replied to. The parishioner stressed that he was not negative about the football but the parking situation. He also asked about the financial side of the arrangement and whether risk assessments are in place. The meeting was informed that the football club mark out the pitches and provide the goals and nets.

A parishioner applauded all the work that the Cllrs do. He stated that the cost to village is not financial but inconvenience, increase in traffic and parking. The parishioner said that he would have made a different decision but respected the decision that was made. He asked what actions will be made to ease the situation, was there a conflict of interests for Cllr L Lloyd and how are these conflicts dealt with in the future?

A parishioner felt that the decision to allow football had been taken without any consideration of residents and without any consultation. He wondered if there are a paper trail on the negotiations with Petersfield Football Club. He said that there were issues with getting access to properties and access for emergency vehicles.

A parishioner said that he had spoken to many people and was very impressed with the organisation. He said that he had been told by somebody from the Tennis Club that the football would be every 2nd Saturday.

A parishioner stated that the village is already congested but it would be sad if the facility was not used. He said that the situation be monitored especially the parking and that the decision should be reviewed.

A parishioner suggested that a letter be sent to the parents of the players asking them to be considerate with parking.

It was agreed that the Clerk will be the main person to liaise with the club, that all those who emailed would be replied to and that the situation be monitored.

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7. Finance and Accounts

- **Summary of Reserves** – Cllrs noted the summary of reserves.
- **Approval of receipts and payments up to 11th September 2023 for the Parish Council** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 3 totalling £515.00. Cllrs approved the following payments: 8 totalling £2,577.90 from the current account.
- **Approval of receipts and payments up to 31st August 2023 for the Village Hall** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 17 totalling £2,092.50. Cllrs approved the following payments: 25 totalling £2,222.40.
- **Budget against performance up to 11th September 2023** – Cllr noted the budget against performance.
- **Budget Setting Meeting** – Cllrs agreed to hold a meeting to set the budget for 2024/25 in early November.
- **Acceptance of the Insurance Quote** – Cllrs accepted the insurance quote of £3,490.49.

8. Village Hall and Recreation Report

The Chair reported that:

- There are no bad debtors.
- All maintenance has been completed.
- **Further works to the Village Hall** – quotes are being obtained.
- **Condition of the car park** – Concern was raised about the state of the car park in particular the pot holes. Cllrs agreed to purchase scalplings and wacker and would together place in the potholes. It was also noted that the french drain around the village hall was becoming overgrown with grass and weeds. If this happens there is a possibility that the hall could flood. Cllrs agreed that due to the risks the weeds would be spot killed with weedkiller during the Christmas holidays. Signs will go up when this is due to happen to make people aware. **Action: Cllr Bray.**
- **Playground Inspection** – The quarterly inspection of the playground equipment has been carried out. Two pieces of equipment has been condemned, these were the pieces that were moved from old playground using a grant from EHDC. Cllrs agreed to obtain a quote to remove the equipment and reinstate any holes. **Action: Clerk.**

9. Planning

A report produced by the Planning Committee is attached to these minutes:

- **Parish Priority Statement** – Cllrs agreed to the statement that had been produced by the Buriton Village Design Statement Group. They thanked Jonathan Jones and the group for all their hard work in this matter. **Action: Clerk to submit to SDNPA.**
- Cllrs noted the issues raised during consultation on the Parish Priority Statement, copy attached to the minutes.

10. Work for Lengthsman & Highway Issues

The drains down the High Street have been cleared. Residents are reminded to report issues with potholes via the HCC website.

The Lengthsman to be asked to clear the grot outside the school opposite the Five Bells, at the bottom of Kiln Lane and also in Weston Lane. **Action: Clerk**

11. Rights of Way

The following matters were discussed:

- **Removing remaining stiles** – Cllrs agreed to obtain a quote to remove the stile in Maple Durham with a kissing gate. **Action Clerk.**

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- HCC is reconsidering its policy about BOATS and plan to hold a scrutiny Select Committee session on 27th November, Cllr Mocatta will be chairing the meeting. Cllrs agreed for Doug Jones to represent the Parish Council's Right of Way Committee at this meeting.
- Doug Jones provided Cllrs with a summary of the main issues discussed at the Queen Elizabeth Country Park meeting. A copy is attached to these minutes.

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

The following matters were discussed:

- **Agreement with Network Rail for Mural South Lane Bridge** – Cllrs agreed that it would be great to have a mural at this site. **Action: Clerk** to sign agreement and return.
- Doug Jones provided a summary from BEA, attached to these minutes. Main points discussed were:
 - **Hay Day** – this was a great success
 - **Hedge at Kiln Lane** – Cllrs agreed to leave the hedge inside the recreation ground uncut and only have the road side and top cut this year. **Action: Clerk** to inform Idverde.
 - Grass area Heatherfield – Cllrs agreed to ask Idverde to cut and collect the large grass area in Heatherfield. **Action: Clerk**

13. CIL Statement

Cllrs agreed to the statement that Doug Jones had produced and that it be placed on the website and SDNPA be informed. The Chair thanked Doug for his work on this matter. **Action: Clerk.**

14. Correspondence

A list of correspondence is attached to these minutes.

15. Date of next meeting: The next meeting of Buriton Parish Council is on 27th November 2023.

At the conclusion of business the meeting ended at 9.10pm.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2023

1. HCC launches consultation on future of care homes

On 4 September 2023 a consultation will commence on proposals that would see some £173million invested over the next five to six years to transform and expand the future of nursing and specialist care accommodation directly provided by Hampshire County Council for the county's growing older population. The consultation will run for 10 weeks, closing on 12 November 2023. From 4 September the consultation will be available at this link: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/social-care-2023>

The proposals put forward recommend concentrating on the delivery of specialist nursing care, complex dementia care and short-term support – to either prevent a hospital admission or support a hospital discharge. This would meet the needs of a growing number of older people in Hampshire in the longer term.

The County Council's seven remaining nursing and short term 'step-down from hospital' care homes will remain in operation. The changes would be phased over time and would help to increase the overall number of directly provided Local Authority beds to around 1,000 from the current position of just over 900 beds.

Annually, the County Council sources care home places for around 1,600 clients, more than three quarters of whom go into private care homes. The investment proposals would enable a similar ratio of care provision to be maintained.

We are at an early stage of consultation and decisions will not be taken until February 2024. Your support in not only providing your own views, but in promoting the public consultation to your local populations would be greatly appreciated.

2. Schools

Residents may be aware of the recent news story regarding schools in England due to close imminently as a result of their buildings containing unsafe concrete: [School buildings in England to shut over concrete safety fears - BBC News](#)

No Hampshire school is being closed. Cranbourne College in Basingstoke is the only site where RAAC has been identified among Hampshire County Council's maintained schools. Temporary works have already been undertaken to one section of the building to make sure it is safe and another area has been taken out of use since the beginning of the year, however, the school is expected to open as normal at the start of the autumn term.

Meanwhile, the council is encouraging families to do all they can to support regular school attendance for their children from the beginning of term. The first few days back in school are especially crucial in paving the way for a successful year. Attendance rates are improving locally, but are still not back to pre-pandemic levels.

Educational specialists advise that attending school every day, unless unwell, is best for children to ensure that the solid foundations for their future education and employment can be laid. It is also one of the best ways of protecting a child's mental and physical health. The [County Council's website](#) provides advice and guidance on school attendance including

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parental responsibilities and what to do if a child is unwell or expected to be away from school for a long period of time.

3. HCC Meeting with Southern Water

HCC is the Lead Local Flood Authority for Hampshire and so works closely with water companies. In August the Leader of HCC Cllr Rob Humby met with the new CEO at Southern Water Laurence Gosden.

A troublesome issue affecting many parts of Hampshire is sewage overflow during heavy rainfall. These overflows are not just distressing for residents, they are also very bad for the environment. This sewage pollutes rivers and makes its way into the sea where it kills fish and adversely affects the marine environment. Sewage overflows are a national issue and there is a Storms Overflow Taskforce at DEFRA developing proposals. Why is this suddenly happening now? The answer is that the frequency of severe rainfall events has increased due to climate change whilst continuous development in the UK (especially concreting) has also played a part.

Southern Water blame this sewage overflow phenomenon squarely on excess surface water flowing rapidly into the sewage system during flash floods. We all have a job of work to do to make sure that rainfall does not enter the sewage system. Rain from roofs should go into soakaways, planters, flowerbeds or a sustainable drainage system (SuDS). This sort of thing is standard on new housing estates, but older housing stock is often set up incorrectly. HCC has agreed to play its part by retrofitting our entire estate of 10,000 buildings including all our schools, and by improving sustainable highways drainage.

Parish Councils should consider whether there are actions they can undertake at the local level to improve sustainable drainage and thus reduce sewage overflows. In certain cases Southern Water will fund “slow water butts” for entire villages which are very effective at reducing sewage overflow by withholding rainfall during flash floods. Even if they cannot fund the water butts, they will provide guidance and advice for free.

4. Government planning consultations

I would like to draw attention to two planning reform consultations launched recently by the Government which could potentially have a far-reaching impact on our area.

Firstly, the Government is consulting on changes to plan-making. This will make the process quicker and it will also require planning authorities to review plans every five years. You can read more about this and respond to the consultation here.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plan-making-reforms-consultation-on-implementation>

Secondly, the Government is consulting on changes to Permitted Development, including within protected landscapes. This consultation covers changes to certain permitted development rights that allow agricultural diversification and development on agricultural units. The South Downs and New Forest National Park Authorities are not very happy about this proposal. I suspect there will be mixed views amongst Parish Councillors. Whatever your views I hope you will take the time to respond to this important consultation. You can read more about this and respond to the consultation here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/permitted-development-rights>

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Both consultations close on 25 September 2023.

5. Vaping

Following an increase in young people experimenting with vaping, Hampshire County Council has pledged continuing support for a series of education and enforcement measures to tackle the increasingly pressing issue of teen vaping. In total, 20.5% of children nationally have tried vaping, up from 15.8% in 2022 and 13.9% in 2020.

Steps include writing to families of children in secondary schools with information about vaping to highlight the risks and the support available; redeveloping education and awareness schemes to encourage behaviour change and to reduce uptake; Trading Standards carrying out enforcement operations to deter underaged sales of vapes and tackle illegal vapes.

In other news on vaping, Hampshire residents can now recycle vapes at any Household Waste Recycling Centre, helping to avoid disposal in general waste, which is a fire risk. HWRCs can accept all types of vapes. The guidance is not to dismantle them before disposal, unless the batteries can be safely removed for separate recycling.

Single-use vapes contain lithium-ion batteries which can catch fire if broken. This is an increasing problem across the country; in Hampshire, the County Council estimates one fire a month on average in a waste truck or waste facility can be attributed to a battery, faulty electrical item or disposable BBQ. A battery was the suspected cause of a significant fire at the Portsmouth Materials Recovery Facility in 2021 which closed the site for three months

6. Emergency Contact Numbers

I would like to draw attention to a helpful new page on the HCC website which lists emergency contact numbers for a range of different organisations:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/contact/emergency>

The contact number for the HCC Emergency Planning Team is 01962 846 846 and Clerks may wish to save this number in case it is ever needed.

Hopefully Parish Councils are already aware of the Community Emergency Plan Toolkit which can be downloaded from this page:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/emergencyplanning/prepareyourcommunity>

Robert Mocatta

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Lengthsman's worksheet for the Parish of Buriton

Worksheet for:				
Job No	Job Description	Location	Additional information	Work Completed
1.	Strimming and tidying area	.War Memorial		
2.	Clearing of drains	High Street		
3.	Clearing vegetation	Nursted junction with B2146		
4.	Tidying hedge	By Skate park in recreation ground		
5.	Clear around and clean the four Buriton Village signs	At each entrance to Buriton		
7	General tidy up of the area	Village Hall		
8	Clear gutter of the bus shelter	High Street		
9	Mow grass around the War Memorial	High Street		
10	Maintain the French drain	Village Hall		
11	Keep the drain clear between Tithe House and The Village Inn	Coming into the village from the A3		
12	Check the drains in the High Street	High Street		
13	Clear the drains in the High Street starting in Kiln Lane	High Street, bottom of Kiln Lane		
14	To regularly clear any brambles on the footpath at The Links	The Links		

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15	To weed and remove litter on a regular basis.	Area of planting on the corner of South Lane and High Street		
16	To sweep leaves and mud from the path	Path in High Street		
17	Clear debris from pinch points entering the village	Entrances to the village.		
18	To remove vegetation from small wall around the War Memorial	By the pond		
19	Remove gravel that has piled up at the end of Kiln Lane with the High Street which is causing flooding	Kiln Lane		
20	Clear debris behind blocks behind the bus shelter and sweep the bus shelter	High Street		
21	Cut hedge by Manor Lodge and ensure that the area around the War Memorial is tidy for Remembrance Sunday	High Street		
22	Clean off graffiti around the Village Pond	High Street		
23	Trim back vegetation from the path between Heatherfield and Bones Lane	Heatherfield & Bones Lane		

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Updates on current planning matters

SDNP/22/02272/LDC The Hopkiln, Weston Lane. Decision pending.

SDNP/23/00952/DCOND. Land at Greenway lane. Discharge of conditions 11(hard landscaping) and 12 (Planting). Application in Progress

SDNP/23/00647/HOUS. Single storey Side Extension at 12 Sumner Road. Application in Progress.

SDNP/23/02429/HOUS: Trinity Flint Barn Weston Lane Weston - Alterations to dwelling and provision of new garden office, with associated landscaping. Application Approved

SDNP/23/02430/LIS: Trinity Flint Barn Weston Lane Weston - Listed building consent - Alterations to dwelling and provision of new garden office, with associated landscaping. Application Approved

SDNP/23/02721/HOUS. 7 Greenway Lane. Application Approved

SDNP/23/03240/HEDG and SDNP/23/03238/HEDG. New sewage pipeline from Buriton to Petersfield. Applications in Progress

Note: The PC's comments are only showing on SDNP/23/03240/HEDG and not on /03238/HEDG.

Maggie Johnston

**Issues raised which are not directly relevant to the PPS pro-forma
(for Parish Council consideration)**

Ensure that all planning conditions attached to development projects are fully monitored and enforced; including pre-commencement conditions; no cutting corners

Use the Village Design Statement; ensure SDNPA deals with applications in a consistent manner

Make sure the ReCharge One development adheres to 100% of the Planning Conditions. If they value the National Park as they claim, can they be asked to contribute to the upkeep and activities in the Park (including Buriton playground)

Infrastructure and planning not on the same page

Our narrow roads are not designed to take highway vehicles when A3 is closed. Need speedy clever electronics to divert traffic onto suitable routes

Pedestrians need safer places to walk along North Lane as well as Greenway Lane

Pot-holes need to be fixed as they are dangerous

Reduce the width of B2070 (Causeway) to reduce traffic speeds

Charging points for electric vehicles at village hall and/or pubs

The village hall should have solar panels

More benches on the recreation ground (sponsored by people) to encourage people to enjoy the beauty and diversity of planting round the edges

Budgets for maintaining the village pond, the recreation ground, verges and green spaces: don't mow unnecessarily

Allow visitors to make donations if they use the children's play area

Reduce the amounts of litter, dog poo and dumping

Footpaths: picking up dog poo and not hanging it in bushes

Less nutrients being used by farmers polluting waterways

Encourage environmental organisations to work in the area

Make a list of websites and contact details for when advice on environmental projects is required.

Feedback from QECP Forum (20th September)

- QECP have started to hold this new 'Community Forum' and the next one will be on the morning of 6th March
- QECP staff summarised their recent and future projects and a copy of their presentations will be circulated soon. Lottie Gibson summarised their visitor statistics for 2023 and their volunteering programmes/opportunities (including trying to re-establish a group to look after the Buriton Chalk Pits Nature Reserve); Becky Bolton summarised their recent events and mentioned plans for Halloween, for their Xmas Trail and for a big Xmas Market on 25th November; Justin Harvey summarised QECP's recent works at their ponds (including the Buriton Chalk Pits pond), their bike projects and their car parks as well as explaining their new 'Changing Places' proposals for a new disabled toilet and improved welfare units (with showers) for early 2024; Yvonne Thompson explained her new role as 'Outdoor & Active Officer' (aiming to improve their diversity of users and help people with health & wellbeing opportunities).
- Other organisations represented were Petersfield Town Council, the Sustainability Centre, Butser Ancient Farm, EHDC, Churchers College, the Police and local hang glider, model airplane and mountain bike user groups with apologies from SDNPA and Forestry England as well as local HCC Councillors.
- Other points of interest included: the Town Council has helped to set up anew "Visit Petersfield" website which can promote local events and venues; the paddock field at the Halls Hill car park has been used, on a pilot basis, by HCC's Children's Services with more plans for 2024; Butser Ancient Farm and others have seen significant reductions in school group visits because of increases in transport (vehicle hire) costs; there are plans to upgrade the kiosk near the top of Butser Hill in the future; the Police are aware of local 'smash and grab' incidents from cars parked with valuables inside (including at Halls Hill) and feel that there may be scope for CCTV and they also reported that they are now able to use new legislation to handle unauthorised encampments if there is any anti-social behavior or criminality (or likelihood thereof); EHDC mentioned their grants for Green and Levelling Up projects.
- I explained the Parish Council's nature and climate change projects (with HCC and SDNPA) and mentioned that the community has particular interests in: the restoration/future of the TJ Quarry site adjacent to QECP; the Halls Hill car park and the adjacent activity field; the Chalk Pits Nature Reserve; and effects of any large events hosted by QECP in the parish. I also informed everyone that both our pubs/inns are able to offer good quality food and accommodation on the doorstep!

Nature, Biodiversity & Climate Change updates

Denise is now on the email circulation list for all the BEA meetings and activities and will be able to cover issues arising at the most recent meeting (4th September) including 5 that were raised for Parish Council consideration / action:

1. cutting arrangements for the hedge along the Kiln Lane side of the recreation ground: only cut the top and outside (Kiln Lane side) when the hedges are cut next (likely to be fairly soon) with no cutting of the hedges inside the recreation ground this year to allow berries etc to develop to help wildlife
2. 'cut & collect' mowing arrangements: part of the mowing contract with Idverde is for one 'cut & collect' mowing of the long grass margins each year. This is still required this autumn (in addition to the recent manual effort on the community Hay-Day) but should only be done when growth has effectively stopped: likely to be the end of October
3. it was felt that it would be good if this 'cut & collect' arrangement could also be done on the grassy area in the heart of Heatherfield (before HCC plants the 3 new trees there during the winter months). Perhaps Idverde could be asked to do this at the same time?
4. the Network Rail Mural: Parish Council to sign and return the agreement to Network Rail as it brings no Parish Council costs or commitment. Although the project may take some considerable time to be developed (if at all) it was felt that it would be best to get the written agreement sorted now rather than run the risk of losing the helpful contacts at Network Rail
5. health of the village pond: QECP staff have reported that the ecological health of the village pond appears to be very poor and it was felt that the Parish Council should raise this matter with EHDC as they own the pond and are keen to improve biodiversity in the District.

If it would be helpful for me to liaise with Idverde about the date for their 'cut & collect' mowing I'd be willing to do that.

Other recent updates from the BEA team that the Parish Council may wish to note include the following:

- the Hay-Day earlier this month was another successful community event (details are here: <https://www.buriton.info/news/rakes-and-cakes>)
- the publication by SDNPA of the Case Study (initially drafted many months ago) has recently appeared on the SDNPA website: https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Case_Study-re-naturing-in-Buriton-DRAFT-v2-PDF-version.pdf
- a film crew from HCC visited the village early in August to record community actions towards their Nature Recovery priorities, restoring habitats, protecting wildlife and combating climate change (<https://www.buriton.info/news/film-crew-visits-village>)
- the guided Bat Walk on 10th August was very successful (<https://www.buriton.info/news/bats-unsung-stars-night>)
- the guided Fungi walk is now being arranged for the afternoon of Saturday 21st 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
- there will be opportunities 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
- Ashlea Walters has left HCC and Buriton's new contact in that team is Bee King.

Correspondence

Date	Details	Sender
31.7.23	Thanking Cllr L Lloyd for meeting him and for the work of the Parish Council	Henrich Boreniok
8.8.23	Copy of email to SDNPA re lack of response and the external lighting	Jonathan McSharry
9.8.23	Response to complaint about Re-Charge one appeal	Planning Inspectorate
10.8.23	Response to the condition of the The Links	Susan Shone
11.8.23	Maintenance of hedge by War Memorial	Bridget Grant
15.8.23	Response to concerns expressed re Greenway Lane development	Robert Ainslie, SDNPA
18.8.2	Raising concerns about the overgrown vegetation on paths around Heatherfield	Brian and Jo Knight
18.8.23	Copy email to Imperial Homes about contactor vehicles parking in Glebe Road	Steve Elliott
18.8.23	Copy email to Charlotte Milligan replying to raised queries	Alan Hiron, SDNPA
22.8.23	Requesting an appointment to inspect works completely a year ago on the Village Hall refurbishment	Aaron, Executive Windows
24.8.23	Issues with dog fouling and golf practice on the rec	Tim Mitford
25.8.23	Concerns with external lighting on new development in Greenway Lane	Charlotte Milligan
28.8.23	Copy of email to SDNPA re Greenway Lane development and external lighting	Charlotte Milligan
6.9.23	Information about Trees along Routes initiatives	Liz Keeling, Hampshire Farm Partnership
7.9.23	Recreation ground being used for football	Tim and Patrica Mitford
8.9.23	Recreation ground being used for football	Juliette Timms
11.9.23	Parking at Village Hall and football on recreation ground	Peter and Carol Warren
14.9.23	Issues with musical tubes on the playground and children catching their fingers	Amy Southey
16.9.23	Recreation ground being used for football	Tony Carrter
17.9.23	Recreation ground being used for football	Tim Mitford
19.9.23	Invitation to a public meeting with Damion Hinds	Anna Grey
20.9.23	Application to be a parish councillor	Laura Carney
20.9.23	Copy of email to SDNPA re external lighting at Greenway Lane	Charlotte Milligan
20.9.23	Copy of email to Cllr Mocatta re damage to telegraph pole in Glebe Road by bin lorry	Paul Turrell
22.9.23	Email relating to football on the recreation	Carol Warren