
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 March 2024.**

Present: Cllr T Wheeler (Chair), Cllr A Bray, Cllr L Carney, Cllr H Hill and Mrs P Norris, Clerk.

In attendance: There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Lloyd and County & EHDC Cllr Mocatta gave their apologies.

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.

3. Friends of Buriton Chalk Pits – Tim Speller, QECP

Unfortunately, Mr Speller was unable to attend the meeting.

4. To approve minutes from BPC meetings held on 29th January 2024.

The draft minutes of the meetings held on 29th January 2024 were approved as a correct record and the Chair will sign a copy for the Council's Minutes Book. **Action: Cllr Wheeler.**

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2024.

- Monks Walk driveway: Once the work on Haven Barn is finished, an agreement will be sought with the management company.
- EHDC hedge along Petersfield Road – letters have been written to the residents involved by EHDC Enforcement Team.
- Dog fouling: waiting for EHDC to come back with the details of the stickers.
- Replacement of trees and other works at village pond: some works to the pond have been budgeted for the next financial year by EHDC. The memorial tree has been removed.
- New footpath by B2146 at Hurst: unfortunately, one of the landowners has pulled out so this option is no longer viable. Clerk to inform Harting PC. **Action: Clerk.**
- Ineffective ditch in Petersfield Road by Bones Lane: Cllr Mocatta updated by email that drainage defects 21682524 and 21659017 both reported and on the HCC website as "closed following resolution". No works have been done so these will need to be reported again.
Action: Cllr Wheeler
- Email addresses: all the new email addresses are being used and working well. The website has been updated and it has been mentioned in Buriton Bits.
- Table Tennis Table: waiting for favourable weather to be able to get the table installed.
- Fly-tipping hot-spot at corner of Greenway Lane: the elm trees supplied by HCC are too small and there is worry that they will be just driven over, alternatives will be looked at. **Action: Cllr Carney.**
- Tree to commemorate the Coronation of King George III – Cllr Carney has the trees and will arrange the planting,
- Potential works to the Village Hall: the first tender meeting with a contractor who has supplied a quote has been held, further meetings are planned for this week. Three contractors have supplied a quote.
- On-line banking: application submitted to remove Lee Lloyd and add Cllr Carney.
- Nursery Garden – condition has been reported, a resident had volunteered to clear for the school to use but they do not want this. It was agreed to ask the Lengthsman to tidy this area.
Action: Clerk.
- Football update: Cllrs Lloyd has provided a further quote for the matting. A resident has queried as to whether planning permission is required for this. **Action: Cllr Lloyd to check.**

- Review of assets: Cllr Hill is waiting for the surveyor to contact her, she will chase. **Action: Cllr Hill.**
- New barn at Weston: this is in the hands of EHDC's Planning Enforcement Team.
- Management of BOATS: meeting organised by East Meon PC held, the PC's raised the condition of BOATS and requested a strategy to deal with them from HCC.
- Advertising the Village Hall and social events: lots of advertising carried out for the Grazing event and tickets are selling well.
- Memorial tree/event: Cllr Lloyd is looking at options
- Security light at the Village Hall – Hall Manager has replaced.
- Condition of ground to the entrance to playground – Cllr Wheeler to inspect.
- Logs at Pond Car Park – Cllr Wheeler has moved some these back to their original position.
- New Cllrs – advert has been placed in the parish magazine, one application has been received from Matt Wright. Cllrs agreed to co-opt Matt to the Parish Council if no more applications are received that will need the requirement for an election.
- Residents permanently parking in the Village Hall and Pond car parks – letter written requesting a contribution to the upkeep. Need to identify which residents to send the letter to.
- Culverts in Kiln Lane and Weston – added to the Lengthsman work, up date required. **Action: Clerk.**

6. Chair's Update

The Chair stated that as a resident had asked questions about the proposed matting to increase car parking on the recreation ground for village events would be discussed at the May meeting.

7. County and District Councillor's Reports

County and District Cllr Mocatta provided a report from EHDC and provided details on recycling by HCC, which is attached to these minutes.

- The Chair highlighted the consultation process that HCC is currently carrying out for proposed cuts to the services that is provided. Cllrs agreed to respond to the consultation in particular a proposed letter drafted to the Leader of HCC concerning the cuts to the bus service route to Buriton.
- The Hangers Way is in such a poor condition that HCC is removing it from their "named routes".
- Cllrs were very concerned about the racist graffiti that appeared at the Chalk Bits and condoned this behaviour. The graffiti was quickly removed by HCC.

8. Finance and Accounts

- **Summary of Reserves** – Cllrs noted the summary of reserves.
- **Approval of receipts and payments up to 11th March 2024 for the Parish Council** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 5 totalling £785.81 in the current account. Cllrs approved the following payments: 7 totalling £2,152.69 from the current account.
- **Approval of receipts and payments up to 19th February 2024 for the Village Hall** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 25 totalling £3,257.35. Cllrs approved the following payments: 26 totalling £4,033.75
- **Budget against performance up to 11th March 2024** – Cllr noted the budget against performance.
- **Noticeboard in High Street** – Cllrs agreed to replace the noticeboard in the High Street due to the current condition. Cllr Wheeler will obtain quotes expected to be around £800, this will come out of the office reserves. **Action: Cllr Wheeler.**
- **Village Hall VAT** – Cllrs agreed that the VAT returned for invoices paid from the Village Hall account will be added to the Village Hall reserves.

Open Forum

A parishioner was going to raise the condition of the noticeboard and was pleased that this was going to be replaced. She also stated that she had asked for the dates of the Parish Meetings be included in the Parish Magazine.

A parishioner raised the issue of dog fouling on the recreation ground and that lots of people are coming from outside the village and parking in the car park to walk their dogs on the rec.

A parishioner asked if the current Village Hall car park could be extended rather than have the grass matting, the Chair explained that this could not be done due to the tree roots and the cost of moving the bank. The parishioner also stated that the matter was going to be raised at the next BEA meeting. They also questioned as to whether planning permission would be required for the matting. It was explained that the matting area would not be available at all times but only accessed when required. It was also questioned as to whether there would be an impact on Kiln Lane residents with extra cars.

A parishioner stated that they were very disappointed that the football had stopped due to a few residents complaining about the parking. A discussion has held about whether to hold a public meeting.

9. Village Hall and Recreation Report

It was reported that:

- There are no bad debtors.
- All maintenance has been completed.
- **Further works to the Village Hall** – already discussed under matters arising.
- **Additional Parking Area** – covered under matters arising
- **Playground Inspection** – Cllrs agreed that there was no urgent work required following the quarterly playground inspection.

10. Planning

A copy of the matters discussed at the Planning Committee, held on 11th March 2024, is attached to these minutes.

- **Greenway Lane Development** – Cllrs agreed to a letter that had been sent raising objections to the discharge of conditions.
- **Recharge One development** – a briefing meeting was held at the Village Hall for interested parties for the developers to explain what was they were hoping to do. It was not clear if the development would be connected to the grid rather than off-grid as per the planning permission. Cllrs agreed to a letter objecting to proposed changing of conditions. There is no proposed commencement date yet as funding is still being looked at.

11. Work for Lengthsman & Highway Issues

The hedge on the Village Green has been cut but no work has been carried out on the culverts in Kiln Lane and Weston. **Action: Clerk** to chase. Clearing the nursery garden has been added to the list. It was also requested that the Clerk is able to contact the Lengthsman direct. **Action: Clerk.**

12. Rights of Way

Some rights of way issues have been discussed or noted earlier in the meeting.

Initial quotations have been obtained by BEA for the mural on the South Lane bridge, the group are hoping to apply for a grant for the work.

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

The BEA Group provided a report which is attached to these minutes.

14. Community Emergency Plan

Cllrs discussed the need for a Community Emergency Plan based on that provided by EHDC. Cllrs agreed not to proceed.

15. Correspondence

A list of all correspondence is attached to the minutes.

- EH CAB request for a grant – Cllrs agreed to donate £200 to the Citizens Advice Bureau

- Cllrs agreed to the proposed events to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D Day, the Chair expressed thanks to Elaine Bray for all her work. **Action: Clerk** to reply.
- Request for Memorial Seat around the pond – following a discussion Cllrs agreed that there is no more room for any more benches around the pond. **Action: Clerk** to reply
- Questions relating to proposed parking at the recreation ground – as previously discussed, Clerk to reply. **Action: Clerk.**

16. Date of next meeting: The next meeting of Buriton Parish Council is on 20th May 2024 which will include the Annual Meeting.

At the conclusion of business the meeting ended 8.30pm..

March Report: EHDC

EHDC

The budget for 2024/25

EHDC approved a precept of £7,727,908. This is £146.92 per band D property. To put this into context, the Council tax paid to HCC for basic services (again Band D) is £1312.32, the premium for adult social care £220.92, Hampshire Police services another £261.46 and Hampshire Fire services £82.84. The average payment for a parish council was a further £99.

EHDC is the billing authority, so the entire council tax payment is collected by EHDC, although the bulk is passed on to HCC.

The full breakdown of the budget is here:

[\(D\) \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Details are here:

[Appendix A Revenue Budget.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

The full text of the budget report is here:

[EHDC Full Council Budget Report 2425.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Local precepts over past 8 years

This table shows how the cost of the local parish has changed over the past 8 years.

Band D tax £	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	CAGR
Petersfield	99.6	101.5	105.6	111.7	147.6	153.3	158.1	166.0	178.7	7.6%
East Meon	43.5	44.9	48.4	47.4	48.7	50.5	51.9	54.5	58.0	3.7%
Buriton	47.0	46.2	49.5	51.3	54.2	56.6	62.0	62.4	64.0	3.9%
Langrish	23.5	26.2	26.1	26.0	30.2	30.5	35.2	40.9	43.3	8.0%
Stroud						68.5	72.1	98.4	102.3	
Clanfield	40.9	59.4	58.3	58.8	75.5	78.1	79.1	84.2	91.2	10.6%
Alton						103.0	107.6	110.3	113.6	
Average EHDC	65.7	70.5	74.5	76.7	83.8	86.3	89.7	94.2	99.2	5.3%

Local Plan

This consultation is for the area that EHDC is the planning authority for, so it excludes the SDNP area. However, residents will be affected by the impact of housing in the neighbouring parts of EHDC and are encouraged to give their views to the council.

[Have Your Say Today - East Hampshire Local Plan - Commonplace](#)

New ways to contact the council

Residents across the district will soon be able to access council services in their own communities through a hi-tech network of easy-to-use screens. The system will be ideal for people who can't resolve their query using the council's website. The vast majority of customer contacts the council receives are made online by people using personal devices in their own home. By contrast, only around three per cent of customer enquiries come through the council's reception at Penns Place.

Our new network will give residents the chance to speak to a council officer without having to travel to Petersfield. At convenient and accessible locations, residents will be able to discuss their issues directly with an officer, receive the support and assistance they need and conduct their business with the council in a professional and discreet manner.

Locations are yet to be agreed, although libraries, housing associations, town and parish councils and other community-centred facilities will be likely hosts.

Waste collection

Just a reminder on the most important service for the council.

EHDC advice on missed bins is here

[Bin collections | East Hampshire District Council \(easthants.gov.uk\)](#)

The advice on how to find your collection date is here

[Finding your bin calendar | East Hampshire District Council \(easthants.gov.uk\)](#)

Full details on available EHDC services are here (including local tree protection orders and any local planning applications):

[iShareMaps | East Hampshire District Council \(easthants.gov.uk\)](#)

You can also sign up for email notifications if there are problems in your area:

[East Hampshire District Council - Sign up for updates on bin collections in East Hampshire \(govdelivery.com\)](#)

If you haven't signed up for MyEHDC, it is highly recommended. There is lots of detail on EHDC's services on this page.

[Welcome to MyEHDC | My East Hampshire District Council \(easthants.gov.uk\)](#)

Updates on current planning matters for the meeting on the 11th March 2024.

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/23/03240/HEDG and SDNP/23/03238/HEDG. New sewage pipeline from Buriton to Petersfield. Decision Pending

SDNP/23/03981/LIS New windows at Manor Cottage North Lane. Application approved

SDNP/23/04226/FUL Storage containers and Kitchen vents at the Nest Hotel. Application Approved

SDNP/23/03638/FUL Land to west of the Causeway, for 54 new houses. Application in Progress

SDNP/23/04270/OUT - North-East of A3 Northbound Interchange Petersfield: Outline planning application for the construction of a hotel (Use Class C1) and a cycle centre (mix of flexible Use Class E(a)(b)(c)) with all matters reserved except for access from B2070. Application in progress

SDNP/23/04425/TCA - 6 High Street Buriton: T1 large conifer tree - to be removed to ground level. T2 conifer tree - to be removed to ground level. T3 and T4 Indian bean trees - Reduce crown height by 1.1.5 m, leaving a crown height of 3-4m, Reduce crown spread by 1-5 m leaving a crown spread of 3-4 m. No Objection

SDNP/23/04381/HOUS – Trinity Flint Barn, Weston: New swimming pool; removal of pergolas and formal planting and replacement of concrete terrace and paving with stone. Application Approved

SDNP/23/04382/LIS – Trinity Flint Barn, Weston - Listed building consent - New swimming pool; removal of pergolas and formal planting and replacement of concrete terrace and paving with stone. Application Approved

Items for consideration at this meeting:

SDNP/24/00588/CND. Land to the North of A3 Junction. Change of conditions.

SDNP/24/00121/HOUS. 14 Sumner Rd Buriton. Replace conservatory with single storey extension.

SDNP/24/00591/TCA. Remove Mountain Ash tree at Karnten House.

Note for future discussion:

SDNP/23/05398/HOUS. Installation of 28 solar panels at Tithe House Buriton.

Maggie Johnston

Buriton's B-Earth Day show event: Saturday 11th May (1-4pm)

The group is organising another event, similar to those arranged in 2022 and 2023. Once again there will be an interesting array of activities giving everyone a chance to get involved in the community's nature and climate care initiatives, including recycling and reducing waste:

- the family event will include a range of activities, talks, stalls and demonstrations promoting nature, wildlife, pollinators and climate causes
- the talks and demonstrations are due to include a bug hunt on the recreation ground and seasonal cooking to make the most of leftovers etc
- there are also due to be art activities for children, findings from the moth trap, face painting and other activities.

More activities throughout the year

As in previous years, the group is aiming to ensure that there are events or activities each month:

- February: litter picking event
- March: 'Learning about Lichens' event on Saturday 23rd and seed swap at coffee morning
- April: Farming talk on Weds 10th and seedling swap at coffee morning
- May: switching on the Swift Caller in the village hall, B-earth day village show event and promotion of 'No Mow May'
- June: Wildlife Gardens trail and also Open Morning at Coulters Dean Nature Reserve
- July: potentially a 'Swift Pint' walk
- August: potentially a Bat walk
- September: community Hay-Day on the Recreation Ground and potentially apple-pressing
- October: potentially a fungi walk
- November: potentially a talk about hawks
- December: activities at the Xmas market.

Village Pond: it is understood that EHDC are planning works at the pond in the new Financial Year commencing in April. It will be important for the Parish Council to be involved in the changes: making sure that the pond is better for nature / ecology than it is now (and not just looking pretty for humans). Useful improvements would include: (a) some prevention of silt getting into the pond (installing and maintaining a silt trap and/or preventing soil run off from the farmer's fields); (b) planting at least one new tree on the church side of the pond to replace a number that have been lost in recent years and to provide some screening/camouflage to hide parked cars etc.

Wildflower verge: the small sub-team is purchasing plants for the Greenway Lane area with bulbs to be purchased later in the year.

Tree planting: the trees which the Parish Council successfully applied for in the summer of 2022 as part of the County's 'Highway Tree Planting' scheme have been planted in Heatherfield. It is understood that some disease resistant elms have been obtained for Greenway Lane and to mark the Coronation on the Recreation Ground.

More information has been received from SDNPA about the **Miyawaki mini-woodland** idea. You'll recall that these are usually smaller than a Tennis Court and he felt that the area between the

copse of field maples and the rail line on the Rec Ground could be perfect. This would create a small dense, fast-growing area of natural species woodland that enhances biodiversity / wildlife and mitigates climate change etc. He thinks that it would probably cost around £3,000. He's spoken to HCC Arboriculturalists and they all feel that digging out would not be necessary on this site as a light rotavate should be sufficient. Within the £3,000 he has included the plants, spirals, canes, soil improver, mulch, fencing, and a £500 commitment towards some interpretation work. The costs don't include any labour costs as he thinks that this could be something that the Ranger Team and volunteers could do. He thinks that funding sources could include 'Trees for the Downs' for the whips with potentially a bit more from SDNPA, too. I think that HCC and EHDC may both have funding streams, too, but all would probably expect some sort of contribution from the Parish Council. It would be helpful to obtain a steer from the Parish Council as to whether this idea should be pursued in any way.

The **margins of the recreation ground** will still need regular attention 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. Plant surveys will need to be repeated in July, with a cut of the long grass in September, followed by the annual community hay-day (raking etc) again.

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.

The **commitments and obligations** in each of the initiatives where the Parish Council has received grant-funding (SDNPA's Re-Naturing; SDNPA's Bee Lines; SDNPT's Trees for the Downs) still need to be monitored and maintained. Information required for the 2022 Beelines Grant was submitted in an online survey to SDNPA in February. The parish is also still a leading pilot in HCC's Pollinator Project. There will be a regular rota for Moth Trap surveys from April to October to help fulfil the terms of the HBIC grant.

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 may need watering if there is a dry spell in the summer with an eye also being kept on any excessive growth around the bases as well.

The South Lane rail bridge: following the Parish Council's licence agreement with Network Rail, HCC's Nature / Pollinator contact arranged for an artist to visit the site to consider whether the surfaces would be suitable and to explain any other practicalities, materials, costs etc with no commitment on either side. They felt that the surfaces should be suitable, after cleaning, and their approximate estimate of costs totals to £2,370. Not everyone on the BEA group is keen to put a mural under the bridge but they are seeing if there might be some funding available from external sources that might enable the space to be utilised educationally and / or to spread the word about re-naturing. It would be helpful to obtain a steer from the Parish Council as to whether this idea should be pursued in any way.

More households have received **Thermal Imaging Surveys** during the winter months and more may be attracted to 'sign-up' for next winter at the B-earth Day event in May. 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 camera.

Correspondence

Date	Details	Sender
30.1.24	Informing us that Kiln Lane will be closed for 1-2 weeks for the removal of ash trees	James Lovegrove, HCC
6.2.24	Request for grant	Helen Drake, EH CAB
15.2.24	Enquiry about using the recreation ground for football matches	Lewis Charlton, Horndean FC
16.2.24	Report of racist graffiti at the Chalk Pits	Dermot Feenan
20.2.24	Seeking permission to film around the village	Hollie Millard, Studio Lambert
1.3.24	Details of planned 80 th anniversary of D Day	Elaine Bray
2.3.24	Email expressing that there is no Summer Show or Firework display advertised in the Parish Magazine. Also condition of the noticeboard in High Street and the small garden used by Ducklings.	Alison Longhorn
7.3.24	Condition of the noticeboard	Pauline Butler
8.3.24	Temporary Toad crossing signs by pond	Tom Bober
8.3.24	Thanking the PC for the grant to St Mary's PCC for the parish magazine and upkeep of the cemetery	Ian Johnston, St Mary's PCC
11.3.24	Request for a memorial seat around the pond	Hazel Leppard
18.3.24	Questions relating to the proposed extra parking on the rec	Fran Vesey
18.3.24	Request to do pond dipping	Georgina Hounslow, 1 st Sheet Scouts