

Burwash Parish Council
Environment and Maintenance Working Group

Agenda

This is the agenda for the Environment and Maintenance Working Party meeting taking place on

Wednesday 8th July at 6pm

If anyone would like to include an item for a future agenda please contact Julian Kenny at
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Attendees: Anne Newson, Antonia Stapylton-Smith, Halina Keep, Heather Toll, Helga Castle, Sylvie Franklin ,Julian Kenny (Chair)

1. Apologies for Absence

Andrew Mann

2. Disclosures of Interest

None

3. Minutes from the previous meeting

Accepted

4. High Weald AONB Pilot + Farm liaison

Anne and Julian had a Zoom meeting with the High Weald AONB Unit on 1st July. The plan is to have some personalised posters for landowners. The posters will promote positivity of working with landowners explaining what is expected of people who use the land and there will be contact emails or phone numbers for people to contact if there are issues with livestock/land. Once we get the draft posters we will send these round to group members.

5. Biodiversity Report

This is a long-term major project. It will be good to have additional details to the information that was included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Having the detail will help protect land from developers (see email for details of potential contacts – details will be added into a final version of the minutes).

6. Lime Tree Maintenance

This has been passed on to the E&G group. There was a group of local residents who had signed up to take care of individual trees. The maintenance of the trees used to be managed by East Sussex, but was taken over by the Parish Council several years ago and the Parish Council worked with local residents and asked people to take on maintenance of individual trees, Some of the trees have been well cared for, but sadly many of the trees have been left and are pretty overgrown. The trees ideally need to be checked and pruned twice a year. Last year Frogheath Landscapes pruned the trees at the end of last year and charged £311 inc VAT. There are several potential ways of working moving forward:

- a. Ask the handyman if we would maintain the trees (Colin will check the costs involved)
- b. Get a group of residents (Wild About Burwash) to have a morning of maintenance
- c. See whether local companies would like community involvement days to work on the trees.
- d. Use a mix of the current people who are caring for the trees and one of the options above.

There are issues with the waste. Halina will check with the Playing Field to see whether the cuttings could be put on the bonfire.

Sylvie will check with the Clerk on the best way of working with the current Lime Tree Adopters ensuring the GDPR issues are followed.

7. Down Meadow Update

An update on the issues with Down Meadow will be given to next week's Parish Council meeting.

8. Flagpole

The flagpole was broken when a car drove into it. It needs to be replaced. Halina will pass on details of the flagpole that she has recently purchased. A resolution will be put forward to the coming Parish Council for the funds (approximately £100) to replace the pole. Colin will check the prices

As the current flagpole is close to the road and may be hit by a car again, it was suggested that the location could be moved as long as trees etc are not in the way.

9. Items to be included on the next agenda

Burwash Parish Council has been asked to attend a new local forum managed by Mountfield and the Darwell Conservation Society to discuss environmental issues across a wider area. Once a meeting date has been confirmed, we will decide on who should attend for the Parish Council.

10. Date of next meeting and time to be agreed.

Week beginning 3rd August – date and time to be confirmed.