

# **Burwash Parish Council**

## **Environment and Maintenance Working Group**

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### **Agenda**

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

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 7pm**

If anyone would like to include an item for a future agenda please contact Julian Kenny at  
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#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Brian Newman, Colin Chapman, Fiona Hosein

#### **2. Disclosures of Interest**

None

#### **3. Minutes from the previous meeting**

Agreed

#### **4. Community Toilet Scheme**

There has been a lot of local opposition to the plan to demolish the toilet block, including issues about disabled toilets, opening times of alternative options and communication of ways forward. There were concerns that the toilet issues should cause any delay in the car park negotiations with Rother.

At the August full council meeting it was agreed that the Community Toilet Scheme could go ahead on a temporary basis and at an initial monthly payment. The group supported this idea as there are currently no public toilets in the village.

The group felt that we need more public engagement to discuss the issues and costs involved in all of the options. It was decided that we will arrange to have a stand at the Assembly on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and that this will be communicated via the ebulletin, a notice on the current toilet block informing people about the meeting and current toilet options (Rose and Crown + Coffee Shop).

ACTIONS: 1. Ask Steve to liaise with the Coffee Shop and the Rose and Crown. 2. Bob to ask the Bear whether they will join the scheme. 3. Antonia will liaise with Emma about creating a sign for the toilet block outlining possible plans and informing people about the Assembly

#### **5. Biodiversity Net Gain**

Antonia and Julian will be meeting Huw Merriman on 1<sup>st</sup> September to discuss concerns about the new Environment Bill and the proposed plans for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). Bob, Keith and Steve will also join the meeting to discuss other local issues.

ACTION: Antonia and Julian to create a summary document about BNG that will be shared with the E+M group prior to the meeting.

#### **6. Hedgerow survey**

We have been in touch with the Scouts and we are in the process of arranging a slot where the scouts can be trained how to survey hedgerows. Antonia, Halina, Julian and Sylvie will also be trained.

ACTION: Julian to liaise with Bruce and Tony on possible slots

#### **7. SSSI Fence Willingford Lane**

A request was sent to East Sussex to return the path across the SSSI to its original route. Sylvie will also raise concerns about the tractor damage around the gate with Natural England. Julian will forward the email that

Emma sent to East Sussex to the contacts that he has been dealing with at Natural England and the Rights of Way team.

**8. Lime trees**

Emma has confirmed that insurance for work on the lime trees is all ok. She is also keeping a log of all of the trustees of trees and new potential trustees. Colin has confirmed that he has pink sacks and will return to clipping the trees once he has recovered.

**9. Phone Box relocation –**

As 6 months has now passed since the issues was discussed at full council, we are able to have a further discussion about ways forward with the phonebox. Steve Moore has kindly offered to pay for the renovation of the telephone box and it will need to be removed for this to be done. The group agreed that on its return the box should be located where another phone box was previously located in front of Everton Cottages and that it should be used as an information point and possibly a seed exchange at certain times of the year. The group felt that it would be a good idea to have information on this at the Parish assembly.

ACTION: Julian to ask Emma for a space at the Parish Assembly for people to see plans for the phone box.

**10. Next agenda**

Spring lane verges. Sylvie will email Samantha B to find out details prior to the meeting

**11. Date of next meeting and time to be agreed**

Ideally Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, but Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> will be the standard meeting if 16<sup>th</sup> already has a meeting