

Burwash Parish Council

Environment and Maintenance Working Group

Agenda

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

Tuesday 21st October 2021 7pm

If anyone would like to include an item for a future agenda please contact Julian Kenny at

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Present: Halina Keep, Sylvie Franklin, Helga Castle, Antonia Stapylton-Smith, Julian Kenny (Chair)

1. Apologies for Absence

Anne Newson, Brian Newman, Colin Chapman, Lindsay Green

2. Disclosures of Interest

None

3. Minutes from the previous meeting

Agreed and accepted

4. Terms of Reference

The group reviewed the draft terms of reference and accepted them.

ACTION: Julian to forward the Terms of Reference on to the Clerk

5. Local Nature Recovery Strategies

Not everybody had had a chance to review these, so Julian said that he would send them round to the group again and that people could send their suggested answers to him. He would review the responses and send them round to everyone before sending them to the Clerk so that they can be included on the next full council meeting.

ACTION Julian to send email to all to all to ask for answers and to send an agreed version to the clerk to be included for the next full council meeting

6. Recycling bins

A concerned resident had complained about the amount of coffee cups and pizza boxes left around the pavilion after a cricket match and suggested that Swan Meadow signed up for a recycling bin. The group discussed ways of working with this and wondered whether the Burwash Common Pavilion had the same problems as they also have sporting activities and a children's play area.

ACTION: Julian will send BPFA an email to ask how they could resolve the problem.

7. Dark Skies

We have been working with WAB and the High Weald to monitor the light pollution across the parish. The High Weald Unit have asked us whether we would be able to do some more readings once across the parish and across some other parishes in the local area. There was also a discussion about the potential footpath link from Ham Lane to Strand Meadow that would have to be lit and also the discussions some of the Councillors had had with Huw Merriman about Dark Skies in the parish.

ACTIONS: Antonia to send the email communications Councillors had had with Huw Merriman. Julian will contact Anne Newson who has details about the potential Ham Lane Footpath.

8. Climate and Ecological Emergency

Caroline Lucas has created a Climate and Ecological Emergency draft policy that will go to parliament. There is a campaign to get Councils to sign up to the campaign. As members of the group were not familiar with the campaign, Julian will send a link round to all for comment and he will also ask the clerk to include it as an agenda item at the next full council meeting.

ACTIONS: Julian to send the campaign round to the group for comment and to ask the clerk to include it as an agenda item for the next full council meeting.

9. Face to Face meetings

As there has been an increase in Covid numbers, the group felt that it was better to continue with online meetings until numbers fall.

10. Next agenda

Nothing currently

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 16th November