

**Burwash Parish Council**  
**Environment and Maintenance Working Group**

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**MINUTES**

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

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 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, Anne Newson, Helga Castle, Lindsay Green, Antonia Stapylton-Smith, Julian Kenny  
(Chair)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Sylvie Franklin

**2. Disclosures of Interest**

None

**3. Rural Cuts**

There was in-depth discussions about how to deal with the rural cuts and it was felt that more information needed to be gathered to decide how to move forward. Lindsay's maps and notes for Burwash Common and Weald were well received and it was felt that a similar map needed to be created for the rest of the parish. The group generally felt that we could not just cut verges where local people are already cutting verges. In addition to the verges that are being excluded from potential cuts in Willingford Lane, other verges that are being cut by the local house owners should not be included. We were also unsure which verges were cut by East Sussex as they were considered verges that could interfere with sight lines. Future cuts could be done by a handyman, volunteers (e.g. Wild About Burwash). It was felt that we needed to find out more information before any decision is put to full council, so we will gather relevant information and discuss at the January meeting.

ACTIONS: Julian to check with Emma about:

- verge cuts along to A265 and verges that may need cutting in the wider parish
- whether a future handyman would be able to cut some verges

**4. Community Transport**

Julian has contacted Age Concern Heathfield and is waiting for a response. He will chase and also contact Battle Community Transport.

**5. Allotments**

Julian had contacted Franchise to see whether they would be able to provide space for allotments on the lane by the Mottysden orchard. It was also suggested that we contact all local farmers/land owners, including David Vereker and Burwash Place. It was stressed that it should be in an area which is easily accessible and that has reasonable parking options.

ACTION: Julian to check contacts with Emma and to contact any possible land owners.

**6. Items for the next agenda:**

Rural cuts, allotments, community transport, climate and ecological emergency ways forward.

**7. Date of next meeting** Tuesday 18 Jan 2022 7pm Zoom