

Burwash Parish Council

Environment and Maintenance Working Group

MINUTES

These are the minutes for the Environment and Maintenance Working Party meeting that took place on

Tuesday 18th January 2022 7pm

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Anne Newson, Lindsay Green

2. Disclosures of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the previous

Agreed and accepted

4. Rural Cuts

Sylvie had been part of a group who had met ESCC to discuss the Willingford Lane verges. It was unclear which verges were managed by Rother and which verges were managed by local people. ESCC are going to provide her with a detailed map of the parish and which verges they look after. Also, as Lindsay was unable to attend the meeting, it was felt it would be better to get the information and to discuss it in more detail at the next meeting.

ACTIONS: Julian will check the details of the rural cuts with Emma.

5. Allotments

Julian had heard back from Franchise, unfortunately, they rent some spaces to a few neighbours on the farm, but they aren't able to offer any more spaces to the Parish Council. Some other options include:

- Brooks Marle on Ham Lane – ask Emma
- Burnt House Farm, although we need to check with Rother as there is an enforcement issue
- Mottynsden

ACTIONS: Julian will check with Emma about Brooks Marle and will liaise with Rother and David Vereker

6. Community Transport

There has been no response from Age Concern Heathfield nor from Battle Community Transport. It was suggested that we could discuss with neighbouring parish councils eg Stonegate, Brightling and Dallington to see whether they would be interested in working together to apply for a grant for a shared minibus which each parish could use a day a week.

ACTION: Julian to contact neighbouring councils to see whether they were interested in working together to apply for funding.

7. Liaising with neighbouring Councils

Julian and Antonia have been in touch with Brightling and Dallington to discuss sharing environmental issues moving forward.

8. Grants for biodiversity audits and climate change infrastructure

There were no specific ideas for funding, but the group discussed the footpaths in Burwash High Street which are uneven and dangerous. Colin would like to show Highways the specific areas of danger. It was also suggested that we look at ways of returning the pavements that had been tarmacked over to the original brick pavements. Colin also gave an update on the lime trees and Julian will put him in touch with Cllr Amy Mack who would like to help with the lime tree work.

ACTIONS: Julian to put Colin in touch with Amy for lime tree work and to ask Emma if she could arrange for Darren from Highways to meet with Colin to discuss the pavements.

9. Items for the next agenda:

Southern water

Verges (especially rural)

Mobile phone coverage/mast

10. Date of next meeting Tuesday 15 Feb 2022 7pm Zoom