

Burwash Parish Council
Community and Communications Working Party

These are the draft minutes for the Community and Communications Working Party meeting
which took place on Tuesday 6th July

Present: Cllr Fiona Hosein, Cllr Keith Lloyd, Cllr Brian Newman (Chair), Cllr Dominie Stemp
Halina Keep

1. Apologies for Absence

none

2. Disclosures of Interest

None

3. Minutes from the previous meeting

Agreed at the May Full Council Meeting

4. Updates:

Keith has contacted members of the BCWRA and asked them to consider being a part of a 'Brighter Burwash' scheme with planting to match that of the Lime Trees.

Action: Emma to be asked to look at who owns the triangle in Burwash Common and the other areas at each end of Vicarage Lane

Brian contacted a provider of youth services but it was not appropriate for our community, being principally for inner city young people.

Action: Emma to be asked to arrange for the purchase and siting of the Community Notice Board in September.

5: How the Council presents itself

Keith led a discussion on the elements of the questionnaire which focussed on the organisation of the Council. The Council should acknowledge the comments of those who responded and publish details of how they have responded

Promoting the Village: a further discussion was needed to narrow this down to specific groups such as Visitors and Business and to look at appointing a Councillor to lead on this

Risk Management: A number of examples of Risk Management Schemes in Mountfield and Robertsbridge were referred to as possible models but it was agreed that as the Environment Group had taken this on, this group would support what they were doing.

Support for isolated and lonely parishioners: It was considered that there was provision by various groups in the Parish but it would help if there was a local Directory of Groups which could be on the website and published as a leaflet which could be made available at places such as the surgery.

Action: Brian to develop and publicize a directory of community groups

A more open approach to Council Meetings: It was thought that there might not be Council support for an extended monthly meeting, to allow for more public access to Councillors, but an occasional extended, perhaps quarterly meeting should be explored.

Action: Emma to invite Councillors to consider extending a Council meeting in order to allow members of the public and Councillors to meet in a more casual environment

Action: Brian to include a feature in Parish Matters on how the Council is responding to the results of the Questionnaire and Emma to incorporate this in an e-bulletin.

6. Swan Meadow Fete

The Parish Council will have a presence on 29th August at this and the fete on 10th September at the Common.

The Council's Gazebo will need to be used as Brian's is not available.

There will be a 'Treasure Island' style game based on the Parish of Burwash, which Halina has agreed to prepare. It was agreed that there would also be a Comments Board, which we hope will be used by visitors to the Council's tent to comment on the work of the Council and suggest things that it could do in the future.

Councillors will need to volunteer to be present at the stand: Keith and Bob have already agreed to be at the Swan meadow Fete, and Halina at the Common fete.

7. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 30th August.

Agenda to include

Improving the bus stops, delayed from this meeting
Promoting the Village, what to do next?