

Burwash Parish Council
Environment and Maintenance Working Group

Minutes

This is the agenda for the Environment and Maintenance Working Party meeting taking place on
Tuesday 3rd March 2026 7pm

If anyone would like to include an item for a future agenda please contact Julian Kenny at
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1. Attendees: Terry, Antonia, Julian

2. Apologies for Absence

None

3. Disclosures of Interest

None

4. Minutes from the previous meeting

Agreed

5. Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference should include a Review of Crime Reports and Crime Reports should be included as a standing item on future E+M agendas

6. Emergency Plan

We need to include two tables of volunteers, one for Burwash Village Hall and one for Burwash Common Pavilion and details of people who will be working with the generators, Terry has received an estimate for wheels to be added to the generators GBP100 per generator

7. Lime Trees

Julian has contacted Colin to see if there is anything that needs to be done with the trees in the next couple of months.

8. Dark Skies Update

Antonia is submitting a pre-application enquiry to see if Burwash can apply to be considered part of a local International Dark Skies Reserve with twelve other local parishes. If the initial application is successful, we will be able to start the process before the new stricter criteria are brought in. Kieran Mullen has joined two of the local group meetings and is supportive of the group application. There is an initial joining fee of GBP200. Several local parishes have already put their applications in, including Mayfield and Ticehurst. In the initial application we have to show engagement with community, which we have with the events that Wild About Burwash have run + reducing night time lighting which we have done by changing the car park light to be dark skies compliant. We have letters of engagement from The High Weald and from CPRE.

Antonia is submitting a pre-application enquiry on behalf of Wild About Burwash to see if Burwash, along with twelve other local parishes, can apply to be considered part of an International Dark Skies Community. If the initial application is successful, WAB will be able to start the process before the new stricter criteria are introduced in April. Kieran Mullen joined a local group meeting in January and is supportive of the group application and has joined the All Party Political Group for Dark Skies. There is an initial joining fee of USD 250 (circa GBP 187 at the current exchange rate) for the application. Several local parishes have already put in their applications including Mayfield and Ticehurst. In the initial application

WAB has to show engagement with the community and a reduction in night time lighting. WAB have run multiple dark sky events in Burwash and the Council has changed the lighting in the car park lighting to be Dark Skies compliant. WAB has letters of endorsement from the High Weald and the Chair of CPRE Sussex. Those present fully supported the application.

9. Bridleways and Footpaths

Nothing to report

10. Next Meeting

10th May to include concerns about East Sussex compost bins