

Burwash Parish Council
Environment and Maintenance Working Group

Minutes

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

Thursday 20th November 2025 7pm in The Parish Room

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

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1. Attendees: Terry Johns, Sylvie Franklin, Jeremy Richardson, Julian Kenny

2. Apologies for Absence

Lindsay Green, Anne Newson

3. Disclosures of Interest

None

4. Minutes from the previous meeting

Accepted

5. Emergency Plan

Terry has requested a local company from Etchingham to come and service the generators (two other companies have not responded to the request).

The Village Hall ideally needs a new socket in order to charge the generator without using the use of an extension cable in its current location. It was suggested that we explore options for locations at both sites which would aid access and avoid movement of the generators prior to operation. It was suggested the generator at the Village Hall could be located externally by creating a cover on some hard standing behind the hall. Terry and Julian will raise this at the Village Hall committee meeting who would have to agree any changes. The siting at the Pavilion may need some alterations to the metal shed where the generator is currently housed.

The list of the volunteers needs to be divided in to a group for the Village Hall and a group for the Pavilion and appropriate WhatsApp groups. We should aim to run a training event for all of volunteers so that they are up to speed with what needs to be done in the event of an emergency. We should also liaise with all neighbouring parish councils to share our plans (apparently Ticehurst has a very good system in place).

6. Lime trees

As Colin was not at the meeting, this was delayed until the January meeting

7. Dark Skies

It was suggested that tips for reducing light pollution could be included in the ebulletin

8. Local Nature Recovery Strategies

Comments on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy are due by 26th October. Julian will send the draft comments from the Parish Council round to those present and he'll forward the draft to Emma before submitting it,

9. Bridleways – footpaths

There was a good discussion about footpaths and bridleways in the Parish. Jeremy would like to know the procedure for changing the designation of a footpath to a bridleway. It is a little complicated as there needs to be proof of demand for the change and landowners will need to give their permission. Emma has agreed since the meeting to contact East Sussex to find out more details on how this can be done.

Kev, the Batemans Ranger has suggested that we would need bow saws, a 21 inch raker blades, loppers and shears + protective equipment for a volunteer team. Sadly, it is proving difficult to recruit any volunteers.

10. Items for the next agenda

Footpath and bridleway designations

11. Date of Next Meeting

27th January 2026