

BURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting for Burstow Parish Council held on 11th November 2025 at 7.00pm in the Centenary Hall, Smallfield

Open Forum: One member of the public attended

Attendance: Chairman bob Locke, Vice Chairman Ashleigh Bolton, Cllrs Debbie Hale, Nick Bush, Andrew McLean, Eddie Lord, Donna Morris, Andrew Gilbert, Alison Lewis and John Carney. Mr Peter Bond

- 58 Apologies for absence – Apologies received from Cllrs Cat Dodman, County Cllr Lesley Steeds and Dist. Cllr Sue Farr.
- 59 No declarations of Interest and no dispensations required
- 60 The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2025 were signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 61 No matters arising from these minutes
- 62 No Chairmans Announcements.

Suspend Standing Orders to allow for reports from others.

- 62 The Clerk reported that an email had been sent to Cllr Steeds enquiring about the possible asset transfer of the old caretaker bungalow. Cllr Steeds did not think that would be possible. A request has been submitted to the properties section at Surrey CC.
- 63 Dist Cllr Bolton reported that a recent planning application for a traveller's site in Horne was refused by the Planning Authority. It will probably be appealed. Similar to Burstow, Horne is experiencing significant unauthorised development by travellers. Apparently, there was an attempt to develop another site but this was prevented. The Horne Residents Association is being very proactive and requesting any photos, vehicle regs of hauliers, etc. Cllr Locke reported that, at a recent meeting with our MP, he and the Clerk requested assistance in changing legislation to make HGV operators, assisting in unlawful development, accountable. Another 7 acres of land has appeared on the Barney's Auctioneer website, plotted into a number of smaller areas. TDC is aware and considering what next steps to take. An interim injunction for North End Paddock in Shipley Bridge has been served.

The site adjacent to Alwyn remains unoccupied by the Mr Harty who cited exceptional circumstances and a need for a home for their children as a reason for planning consent.

Joe Reid, at a site in Dowlands Lane south, is listing caravans for rent on social media. He does not specify they are restricted for the G&T community. Consent is for gipsy and traveller occupancy only.

- 64 Neighbourhood Plan – report from Mr Peter Bond, Chairman of sub-committee regarding the Reg 16 consultation. Mr Bond said that he has received a reply from Nick Perrins at TDC and it is relatively good news regarding the development of the Plan. It has taken 7-months to get a response from TDC. Mr Perrins listed 17 items, with just 4 needing a little more thought. Mr Bond intends to complete and return early next week, requesting TDC now progress to the Reg 16 stage. Tandridge DC are to provide better maps. The stages to go through are Reg 16 – another public consultation; which is managed by Tandridge DC, then an Inspector is chosen by the Parish Council from a shortlist provided by Tandridge. Once the Inspector finds the Plan ‘sound’, then we can proceed to hold a Parish Referendum and, if supported by the majority, then the Plan becomes part of the decision-making process for all applications.
- 65 Update) from Speed Watch – Two months remaining of the year’s schedule and the group are 20 sessions away from equalling their previous years total. If the weather cooperates, they should hit the target. At the last session held the stats were:
- 17 offenders
 - 482 passing vehicles
 - Max speed – 68mph
 - Average speed – 38 mph (8 over the limit)
- 66 School Liaison – Cllr Morris reported that Burstow School has said they are ‘too busy’ to join the Christmas light competition. Three entries have been received from the Aurora School of which one is suitable. It may not be possible to have a new light made before this Christmas though.
- 67 Litter Angels – The next session is scheduled for Sunday 16th November, 8-10am. Cllr Bush said he had received a report from a resident regarding fly tipping by the Plough Pub car park. He has personally removed some of the rubbish but as it is private land, Tandridge DC does not attend.
- 68 – Social Media – Cllr Bush said that there are now 368 ‘Friends’ on the Councils Facebook. He will post about the Fairfax development proposal tomorrow. The Remembrance Sunday poppy display received 166 likes and 27 positive comments. The bicycle repair station has been installed. There have been a large number of complaint mentioned on social media regarding burning of rubbish in the area. The Tandridge Environmental health officer, David Bryant, has told one resident they will need to complete a log sheet of the events before he can act.

Standing Order’s Reinstated

- 69 The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2025 were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

- 70 Review of hall hire charges. After discussion Council made one change. The Saturday market will now be charged £120 per hire.
- 71 To discuss and consider applying for a Heritage grant to fund the purchase of Horne Park golf club. Proposed by Cllr Locke, no second proposer and no vote taken. Council does not wish to become involved in owning businesses at this point.
- 72 Cllr Bush proposed the BPC award a grant of £500 to the Forget me Not's Dementia Group. Seconded by Cllr Gilbert and carried unanimously. Council requested the Clerk re-call the grant to the Smallfield Sports Club as there has been no progress on lighting for the path for several years.
- 73 Men's Shed – no quote received. After Christmas we will seek alternative quotes.
- 74 Budget 2025/26 preparation – Cllr Lewis asked that Council review the additional hours worked by the Caretaker to ensure they are still required.
- 75 There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.55. The next scheduled meeting is at 7pm on Tuesday 13th January 2026.

Signed..... Dated.....