

BURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting for Burstow Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7.00pm in the Centenary Hall, Smallfield

Open Forum – One member of the public attended, he mentioned that after several accidents along Broadbridge Lane on sheet ice that the police closed the road and the fire brigade said they would be asking Surrey CC to add it to the gritting schedule.

Attendance: Chairman Bob Locke, Vice Chairman Ashleigh Bolton, Cllrs Andrew Gilbert, Debbie Hale, Eddie Lord, Donna Morris, Nick Bush, Andrew Mc Lean and Neighbourhood Plan Chairman Mr Peter Bond.

At the beginning of the meeting. All Councillors joined the Chairman in sending their deepest sympathies to Cllr Lewis for the recent loss of her husband.

- 79 Apologies received from Cllrs Lewis and Dodman for reasons accepted by Council. County Cllr Lesley Steeds also sent her apologies.
- 80 No declarations of Interest and therefore no dispensations required.
- 81 The minutes of Tuesday 11th November 2025 were signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 82 No matters arising from the minutes
- 83 Chairman's Announcements- Cllr Locke welcomed all to the meeting and wished them a very happy New Year. He thanked Cllr Lord for all the time and work he has invested, ensuring the Council's website was able to hold all the Neighbourhood Plan documents in a 'usable' form to all the Regulation 14 consultation to commence on Monday 6th January 2026. Cllr Locke also thanks Cllr Hale and Mr Bond for all their work.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow for reports and updates

- 84 Surrey County Councillor Lesley Steeds, whilst unable to attend the meeting asked the Clerk to inform Council that the Local Government Reorganisation is ongoing and the latest update of the NPPF will potentially have serious implication regarding increased Green Belt development
- 85 Tandridge District Councillor Ashleigh Bolton informed Council that she has requested the two applications for G&T pitches on land at the Plough Rd, Dowlands Lane be called in for decision by the Planning Committee. Cllr Bolton told Council that Tandridge DC has recently refused consent for two traveller sites in the district, both in Horne. TDC now believes they have sufficient provision and that no additional pitches are required. The Clerk advised that a request had been submitted to TDC that an Article 4 be placed on the remaining undeveloped land at Plough Rd/Dowlands Lane. Cllr Bolton suggested that Council could apply for a PSPO at the east end of Wheelers Lane as some drivers are still choosing to ignore the 'no entry' signage.

86 Update from Neighbourhood Plan - Mr Bond reported that the Neighbourhood Plan has moved on significantly since the last meeting. The TDC officer, Rebecca Landman, has been very helpful. She has made some changes which the sub-committee has agreed to, mainly to maps, though has also removed some of the flooding policies because she said they replicate policies in the NPPF. The public consultation opened on Monday 6th January and closes at 11.59 on the 15th February. It is important that as many consultation responses are received as possible. Mr Bond has ordered 11 A2 posters for the public engagement sessions covering the key areas such as vision, objectives, housing design and flooding. Cllr Bush will do reminder social media posts before each open session.

87 Update from SpeedWatch – Cllr Bolton reported the following statistics for the speed watch sessions in 2025;

Recorded offenders for 2025 - 1318

Session held 79

Avg offenders per session 16

Passing cars 37862

Avg 479 per session

68mph fastest recorded in a 30mph

38mph avg per session

225 less cars passing during 14 less sessions than last year

Avg of 70 more cars passing per session

Only 31 offenders less than last year, 14 less sessions held

88 Update from Litter Angels – Cllr Bush said that the group will resume at the end of January, weather permitting. He mentioned the lack of gritting in Smallfield, both pavement and roads and that the SCC grit bin has gone. The SCC bin on Wheelers Lane is also unusable. The Clerk mentioned there had been some comments from residents that the new car park was icy. Council discussed getting a grit bin for the car park but only for sand as the grit would kill the grass.

Standing Orders were re-instated

89 Letter received – The Horne and Burstow Residents Association have email asking for financial assistance with their efforts to respond to unauthorised development. Council requested that this be moved to the next Finance meeting and in the meantime, the Clerk to assist with printing and offering hall space.

90 The minutes from the following committees were received;
Planning – 11/11 and 9/12 and Finance & GP – 9/12

91 Budget 2026/27 – Council agreed the budget proposal provided the proposed increase to the Precept did not exceed 4.8%. Council will make changes to the Men's Shed budget proposal to accommodate this. Cllr Lord suggested some

work is required to the current website as it is several years old now. Cllr Hale asked that the Caretaker clean the bus shelter when the weather warms up.

92 A proposal by Cllr Locke that BPC submits a precept demand to Tandridge District Council for £148,930.23. Seconded by Cllr Bush and carried unanimously. The Clerk was instructed to submit the demand to Tandridge District Council.

93 Urgent items – the Clerk was asked to purchase signage to direct motorists to the new car park.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Council takes place at 7pm on Tuesday 10th March 2026.

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