

3. The Parish Council and the Role of Lead Councillors

The Parish Council (PC) decides on all matters for which the PC is responsible by majority voting. Lead Councillors do not have delegated powers unless specifically approved by the PC.

The role of Lead Councillors is as follows:

- a) To report to the Parish Council on those matters for which they are Lead Councillor, having researched the issues and developed draft proposals if appropriate, in order to assist the PC in making decisions.
- b) To represent the Parish Council at meetings and present the PC's views, bearing in mind that new matters requiring a PC decision must be referred back to the PC.
- c) To liaise with Wiltshire Council and other third parties regarding delivery of services in the Parish, including liaison with parishioners and coordination of action lists.

Note that all formal correspondence on behalf of the PC is the responsibility of the Clerk, unless specifically agreed by the PC. If the Clerk is absent, the Chairman will carry out this role.

4. Recurring Issues

4.1 Road Condition & Road Drainage: The PC will continue to identify road condition and drainage issues in the parish and liaise with the WC highways team to address them. Under the highways arrangements implemented by WC, all residents are encouraged to use the WC App to report highways issues. More minor items should be reported to Cllr Beare who will arrange for them to be dealt with by the Parish Steward.

4.2 Land Drainage & Flooding of Properties: The PC will continue to monitor issues of land drainage and flooding within the parish and liaise with land owners, WC drainage team and the Environment Agency to address them.

Flood Wardens have been appointed for each village:

- Burton: Cllr Wright
- Nettleton: Lisa Dafforn (resident at Nettleton Mill)
- West Kington: Cllr Futrell

4.3 Road Safety & Traffic Speeds: Traffic speeds on the B4039 in Burton are continuing to be addressed through Speed watch operated by Burton Community Association (BCA).

Traffic speeds and the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders continue to be a concern in both Nettleton and West Kington. This issue will be kept under review.

4.4 Footpaths & Bridleways: The PC will continue to monitor the condition of public rights of way and will request the appropriate authorities to take action where considered necessary. Issues can be reported to Cllr Kerr who has a role (separate from his PC role) as Cotswold Footpath Warden for the Parish. WC are assisting with trying to resolve the drainage issues on the path to West Kington Church and the resulting slippery surface.

4.5 Fly Tipping: The PC will monitor fly tipping in the Parish and notify the appropriate authority to remove it. All residents are encouraged to report fly tipping promptly through the WC App.

4.6 Litter: The PC will monitor litter in the parish and will, where considered necessary, take appropriate action to address this issue.

5. Current Ongoing & New Issues

- 5.1 Broadband & BT new Fibre-optic Installation: A fibre optic service is now available in all of Burton, in most of Nettleton and in parts of West Kington. The PC will continue to press BT by all available means to provide effective broadband throughout the parish.
- 5.2 Risk to pedestrians on Hillside, Burton: The Hillside section of the B4039 road has no footpath and is a serious safety hazard to pedestrians. Investigation of a scheme to provide a footpath via adjacent land has shown that this is not feasible at present but the matter will be kept under review. In the meantime, the possibility of providing signs to alert drivers to possibility of pedestrians in the road will be investigated with Wiltshire Council.
- 5.3 Affordable Housing: A plan will be developed to investigate the need for and potential means of providing more affordable and smaller housing units in the parish.
- 5.4 Provision of Allotments: A request for allotments was received by the PC in 2014 and an investigation was carried out but no suitable land was identified in the parish but it was found that there are allotments available in Castle Coombe.
- 5.5 Projects in the parish and use of CIL Payments: A list of projects in the parish which the Parish Council may wish to fund (in part or in whole) will be kept under review. This will include the potential use of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) payments received from WC.

6. Other Issues

The PC will consider other matters as they arise and will act either independently or in association with other bodies as appropriate. In addition the PC has a non-specific monitoring role of the general well-being of this rural community to identify matters having a general effect on the community and take appropriate action, liaising with the relevant authorities in a timely manner as necessary.

Abbreviations used in this document

PC = Parish Council. WC = Wiltshire council. BCA = Burton Community Association.