

## **FVEG Welcome Statement and Quarterly report, for 11<sup>th</sup> September Parish Council meeting**

### **Welcome Statement**

FVEG welcome the new Councillors of Burlescombe Parish Council and thank them for putting themselves forward to enable us to continue with a functioning Parish Council. We know there is much you are currently organising to enable you to support the community, and we appreciate and support your ongoing efforts for the wider Parish and community. The Four Villages Environmental Group look forward to offering any support Councillors of Burlescombe Parish Council should need in the future. Please find below our recent report.

### **FVEG Quarterly report – September 2024**

This is our quarterly report, which has been submitted to the Clerk, by email.

#### **The Grand Western Canal**

We've continued to liaise with the GWC team as necessary, issues included rodent holes on the towpath and wildlife issues.

We've written a report about the proposed GWC Conservation Area changes. It's been sent to MDDC and copied to Borden Gate, Burlescombe and Holcombe Rogus Parish Councils, for transparency.

#### **Westleigh Quarry**

FVEG attended a quarry site visit in the summer. At the following Quarry Liaison Meeting, we raised continuing issues with potholes, road defects and missing road markings by the Ayshford Arms to the DCC Highway representative.

We've continued to follow up on Black Bridge to keep it on AIUKs radar. The structural survey's now complete and will be discussed at the next Quarry Liaison Meeting. We also reported issues with the temporary, broken Harris fencing and kids climbing on top of the bridge cage at night.

We've reported several issues to the quarry and estates manager including, unsheeted lorries, dust issues in Westleigh and urination / dumping of faeces and other rubbish at the top of the village – the latter will be raised at the next Quarry Liaison Group. We've also kept our members updated with night runs and quarry blast dates.

AIUK also held a radar gun session on the main road through Burlescombe, last month, to assess the speed of the lorries. There will be feedback at the next Quarry Liaison Meeting.

We thank AIUK for clearing out the blocked drains in Burlescombe, when the local authority was unable to do it.

### **ORL (Mineral railway)**

ASB by kids was reported. We also advised one of our members to contact the PC about an issue with hogweed.

FVEG updated the current Parish Council with an extensive list of outstanding issues in the ORL. This included a walk round with one of the current Cllrs.

### **General updates**

FVEG reviewed and responded to the Broadpath Landfill Site Solar Farm consultation.

FVEG reviewed the MDDC Adoption of Air Quality SPD, for necessary comment.

FVEG contacted the local MP regarding continuing issues with potholes, supplying information and other data.

FVEG has continued to independently report, collect and dispose of local litter – we've now organised a litter pick for the Great British Spring Clean event in Spring 2025. The Quarry has also offered volunteers for the event. We hope others will join us too. We'll update everyone nearer the time.

FVEG is currently creating information campaigns, relating to both local and wider issues affecting the environment, for our social media and website blog.

End of Report.

**Thursday, 5th September 2024**