

A short meeting of the Parish Council was held prior to the Annual Parish meeting

Highways Large pothole in Robins Lane has been repaired. Councillors are still trying to get confirmation that owners of the vehicles that have caused damage to Black Bull Bridge and to the verges when they have come off the road are being charged for the repairs to the damage. Councillors have a meeting arranged for 2nd May with representatives from County Highways to discuss this and other longstanding issues in the parish.

There are concerns about the large number of HGVs currently using Liberty Drove to take hardcore to Huntspill. The road is not suitable for HGVs and clerk to write to Highways.

Catcott Broad Drove Enforcement Officer is taking steps to have site where gentleman was camped in the bushes cleared by the owner.

Recycling Supervisor has been out with the team on a Burtle collection and it was observed that the flaps were not always closed at the appropriate times allowing rubbish to blow out of the vehicle. They crew have been reminded of the correct procedure.

Cleanup day This was very successful with about twenty volunteers who collected a huge amount of rubbish which was taken back to the Village Hall for Sedgemoor to collect the following day. The volunteers then enjoyed a free lunch in recognition of their efforts for the community.

Noise and increase of HGV traffic from Godwin's site No news from Mendip they are still awaiting planning application for the current use of the site which has been promised by 19th May. Councillors noted that the piles of chippings etc appear to be expanding out to the edges of the site and they have concerns that this may have a detrimental effect on the health of the large oak trees.

Owners of company using the site were invited to speak at the Annual Parish meeting but have declined. Councillors will consider their offer to meet with them in private at a later date.

Notice of Road Closure at Burtle Road, East Huntspill – planned for seven days from 2nd May
Next meeting Wednesday 3rd May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Burtle Annual Parish Meeting 5.4.17

The Chairman welcomed about twenty parishioners to the meeting and then delivered his report of the Parish Council's activities over the last year. Amongst other things he noted that a great deal of the council's time had been taken up with the chipping activity at Godwin's Peatworks and the nuisance that it was causing to the residents of Burtle. The clerk presented the unaudited accounts for 2016/17.

District Councillor Stuart Kingham gave his report and a report from County Councillor David Huxtable was read as he was unable to attend. Reports from Burtle organisations followed.

The speakers were Councillor Duncan Mc Ginty, Leader of Sedgemoor District Council who gave a short talk about the activities of the council and their preparation for the future. This was followed by the Management team at the Duck, Burtle who gave a short overview of the transformation of the old Tom Mogg into the Duck. The owner of the Duck Mark Lewis was also present and he said that reopening as a pub was quite a gamble but it has paid off and the village now has a pub again. The Chairman closed the formal part of the meeting and all those present took the opportunity to continue informal discussions over tea and coffee.