

Burtle Parish Council Summary – January 2019

Planning Cllrs agreed to support and application to add a single storey extension, garage and alterations to front porch at Blagdon Cottage, Robins Lane.

Application (part retrospective) for changes to permission to convert former Shapwick School to dwelling were discussed. Cllrs unanimously agreed that they were unable to support the application as the site is in a prominent position in the village at the crossroads with two main roads and there has been comment amongst villagers that the developments so far do not blend well with the surroundings. The building was the old village school and of a particular style which was sympathetic to the adjacent grade 2 listed church and the surrounding village churchyard enhancing the visual aspect of this corner in a traditional rural area. The conditions attached to the original application have clearly not been met. Particular concerns were the style of the replacement windows, formation of a roof terrace which would overlook the churchyard and neighbouring properties plus treatment of the boundaries. The new illuminated wall along Mark Road appears to be out of keeping, removal of the Leylandii hedge bordering the graveyard and the height of fencing was noted.

The site plan submitted with the application was not accurate and councillors queried whether the access to footpath BW14/19 which runs from Mark road to the pond in Robins Lane has been compromised. Cllrs also noted the large concrete pad which has been built in the south eastern corner which is not mentioned and the large mound of spoil in the south western corner by the graveyard.

Sedgemoor District Council has refused permission for a larger garage/ carport/store at Merlouin (Old Rectory) Mark Road.

Catcott Broad Drove Electric cable continues to be laid across the road to link up the horsebox to property opposite. Highways Dept are aware.

Precept 2019/20 Cllrs agreed to set the precept at £4100 the same as the current year.

Annual Village Spring Clean will be held on Sunday 10th March. The usual free soup and pudding lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th March in the Village Hall

Next meeting Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall