

Burtle Parish Council Summary July 2019

Highways Cllrs noted that highway repairs in Halterpath Drove/ Goose Lane near to bridge have still not been done. Hedge in Robins Lane between Burtle Farm and Blagdon Farm is overgrown and overhanging the highway. Clerk to report to Highways Dept.

District Cllr Stuart Kingham is in contact with Highways Dept regarding safety of deep-water lake beside the peatworks.

Westhay Broad Drove Natural England has contacted the new owners of the strip of land between First & Last and Black Ditch Rhyne to let them know that the land is designated as SSSI and advise about the responsibilities and restrictions regarding such land. No reply has been received from Highways Dept regarding the siting of the new fence and the hazard that the barbed wire poses to cyclists etc. Clerk to send reminder.

Planning Cllrs unanimously agreed that they had no objections to application for first floor extension at Bowdley, Burtle Road. They feel that is well screened and are pleased to note the proposal to reuse the roof tiles and other materials in keeping with the original.

Sedgemoor District Council has approved applications for change of use to residential from agriculture on plot of land behind Robins Cottage, Robins Lane and erection of a single storey extension to rear (North) elevation on site of existing single storey (to be demolished) and covered walk way at Fairview, Burtle Road.

Road Closure - Robins Lane Notice has been received of a closure for 3days from 7th August 2019 for works on BT poles.

Defibrillator Cllrs were extremely disappointed to learn that there is evidence that the defibrillator has been tampered with. Fortunately, the actual defibrillator has not been damaged. Everyone is reminded to be vigilant.

Wild flowers some parishioners have raised the prospect of planting wild flowers on verges in the village. The Parish Council did sow some wildflower seed at the rear of the Sand pit a few years ago but they have not regenerated because the grass has been mowed. Cllrs agreed to review the subject at the start of next season.

Cllrs agreed to not hold a meeting in August unless there are any urgent matters to discuss.

Next meeting is planned for Wednesday 4th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.