

Summary of Burtle Parish Council Meeting – January 2021

A virtual meeting was held on 6th January 2021.

Highways – Bridge dept have now identified bridge in Halter Path Drove and hopefully it will be repaired soon. Highways Dept state that pothole by First and Last is not currently deemed a defect but it will be kept under review. Potholes in Catcott Road to be reported.

Planning Applications

55/20/00008 Demolition of ancillary storage/classroom and stone outbuildings and erection of a single dwelling with integral garage, widening of existing vehicular entrance and erection of an ancillary unit of holiday accommodation on site of Dutch barn (to be demolished) at Chapel Hill Farm, Mark Road, Burtle

Cllrs unanimously agreed to support the application with the following comments: Cllrs discussed the above at their January meeting and unanimously agreed to support the application.

- *They are pleased to note the proposed use of natural stone and reclaimed tiles which will help the dwelling to blend in with the surrounding buildings.*
- *Cllrs feel that the proposed development will tidy up the site and visually will be an improvement on the existing concrete block building.*

55/20/00009 Change of use of land from highways to residential use in order to facilitate the erection of a new boundary wall at site of Burtle Inn, Catcott Broad Drove, Burtle. After much discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to make no objection to the above application to build a wall on highway land at the Burtle Inn site.

However, they have concerns about road safety in this area as the highway is quite narrow and they have concerns about there being room for emergency service vehicles and agricultural vehicles to pass but on consideration they came to the conclusion that a wall might deter vehicles from parking on that stretch of highway reducing the width of the highway even more. Cllrs would make the following comments:

- *Cllrs would like to see the highway surface extend right up to the wall with no verge on the road side so as not to reduce the width of the highway more.*
- *Cllrs would like to see parking in front of the wall prohibited, if possible, so as not to reduce the width of the highway more.*
- *Cllrs consider it essential that the wall is built in the situation as shown on the plan as a maximum width so as not to reduce the width of the highway in this area any more than absolutely necessary.*
- *Cllrs feel that a rendered block wall to match the one already around the old carpark area and the one already agreed to be built in front of the new build section on the building line of the demolished part of the original building will help to blend the two sections together.*

Cllrs are aware that there are many outstanding issues around the development that still have to be resolved many of which have been outstanding for a long time but they have

considered this application solely on its own merits and its effect on the safety and aesthetic impact on the community. The Burtle Inn was once an attractive part of the village and after many years of being an eyesore Cllrs are very keen to see building work finished and this corner becoming a pleasant and safe part of the village once more.

Planning Decisions 55/20/00005 Removal of Condition 8 of Planning Permission 90564/1 (Erection of an agricultural dwelling) to remove the agricultural tie at Sunset Bay Farm, Burtle Road, Burtle - Granted by Sedgemoor Planning Committee

Precept 2021/22 Cllrs unanimously agreed to set the precept at £4,100.00 the same as this year.

Traffic through the Village Traffic Engineer to be contacted regarding the unfinished white lining in the village. Cllrs were expecting the white lining to be on both sides of the road and extend the length of the straight up to the Burtle Inn corner.

Peat on the road at Godwin's Police are happy that there is sufficient signage to draw attention to the hazard and Highways dept have reminded the factory manager of responsibilities to clean the road.

Next meeting Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 7. 30pm. This will be a virtual meeting with everyone welcome to attend.