

Summary of Burtle Parish Council Meeting – May 2022

This was the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Parish Council elections were due this year. There were only five nominations and no poll was necessary. Four of the previous Councillors were returned to office: Richard Dallimore, Sandra Bull, Nathan Ponsillo and Julian Porter. James Hedges replaces Tony Duval did not seek re-election.

Tony Duval has served the village many years and will be greatly missed from the Parish Council.

Cllr Richard Dallimore was unanimously re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Sandra Bull was unanimously elected as Vice chairman. Cllr Richard Dallimore is an ex officio member of the Village Hall Management Committee in his role as Parish Council Chairman.

Cllr Nathan Ponsillo was unanimously elected as Parish Footpaths Liaison Officer.

Highways Deep edge potholes in Mark Road particularly outside of the old Edington school site and at Sweet's corner. Clerk to report to Highways. Still awaiting repainting of white lines as promised for this financial year.

Deep Lake by Godwins awaiting installation of reflector posts

Speed Indicator Device Site meeting between Chairman and SCC Traffic Engineer to agree locations for SIDS to take place within the next week or so.

Enforcement Issues Still very little response to all the longstanding enforcement issues in the village. New tipping at Catcott Broad Drove opposite Shepherds Drove has been reported to all the relevant authorities with little response. It would appear that, in November 2021, Sedgemoor DC gave the owner of the mobile home on land at Westhay Broad Drove a time extension until May to remove it because of the wet conditions, although Burtle Parish Council was not informed of this at the time despite numerous emails to the officer concerned. The mobile home now has an advertising banner on the side and this has been reported to the planning department.

Sandpit Cllrs agreed to ask for volunteers to help tidy the rockery area near to the seat. It has been suggested that some Queen Elizabeth rose bushes might be planted there to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Bus shelter temporary repair has been carried out following damage caused by vehicle hitting the shelter but substantial repairs are needed to preserve the shelter. Cllrs agreed to seek quotes.

Damage to Road signs several road signs in Burtle and in Mark appear to have been deliberately damaged by a vehicle being driven at them. Damage has also been noted to the Bow Bridge in Catcott Broad Drove and Black Bull Bridge. This has all been reported to the Highways Dept and the local PCSO. A damaged vehicle was abandoned in Burtle Road on the night of 13/14th April and this has also been reported to the police etc.

Fly tipping two large piles of tyres dumped in the ditch by Chapel Hill farm have been removed by Sedgemoor Clean Surroundings Team.

Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 8th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, one week later than usual because of the Jubilee bank holidays.