

Burtle Parish Council Summary 5th September 2018

Highways Cllrs are disappointed to see that dip in the road is returning by the cattery in Edington road so soon after repairs were carried out. Clerk to report to Highways.

Godwin's site Formal application for Certificate of Lawful Existing Use (CLEUD) is expected shortly. Cllrs were sorry to learn that the Senior Enforcement Officer at Mendip is leaving the authority.

Planning

55/18/00002 Permission is being sought to crown lift three horse chestnut trees in Mark Road which are subject to a TPO

55/18/00003/ Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian and the erection of a timber stable block on land to the West of, Mark Road, Burtle. Councillors had no objections but were somewhat perplexed by some aspects of the application as although it is requesting change of use from agricultural the application states that the land will be used for grass production for hay which is agricultural. It also states that the relatively small plot 1.66acres minus the area covered by the substantial stable block and store will be used to graze two horses as well as hay production. A site of this size would not appear to be large enough for this. Councillors feel that it will be extremely difficult to negotiate a horse box through the proposed narrow entrance.

Burtle Inn Councillors understand that a new application for the site is in the process of being submitted.

Postbox A reply to email at beginning of July has now been received from Royal Mail advising that as all formalities to reposition the postbox by the noticeboard in Burtle Road have now been completed they are unable to move it to the safer site suggested in front of East House. The owner of the Burtle Inn has advised that the original box cannot be moved until the scaffolding currently surrounding it is removed. In view of this and the fact that there could be some delay as the new planning application has not yet been made clerk has requested that Royal Mail supply a temporary box as the village has been without an afternoon collection for some three months now.

Bus Shelter Councillors note that tarmac has been laid in front of the bus shelter. Thanks to Cllr Julian Porter for carrying out the work and improving the look and safety of the area. Councillors would also like to thank Mr Steve Tennant for regularly emptying the waste bin at the bus stop.

Community Speedwatch Group An email from the group coordinator was discussed at the meeting and councillors expressed the following views: The speed limit through the village was introduced in 20 after many years of lobbying by Burtle Parish Council. Councillors have committed to joining the new scheme to pay for the installation of Speed Indicator devices on a regular basis following the County Council's withdrawal of the previous scheme which installed them free of charge. They have supported the Community Speedwatch group by purchasing the signs that they requested for the approach roads to the village. Councillors do not believe that concrete planters or chicanes are suitable for Burtle Road but they are pleased to note that the police speed van is visiting more often.

Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 3rd October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall