## **Burtle Parish Council Summary October 2019**

**Highways** Two patches of subsidence in Edington Road near to Hill View have been marked out by Highways but clerk asked to write to them again pointing out concerns as to how quickly they are sinking and how deep they have become.

District Cllr Stuart Kingham's enquiries regarding the safety of deep-water lake beside the peatworks are still ongoing. Cllrs feel that a safety barrier is needed.

**Westhay Broad Drove** Highways dept are still trying to obtain details of the owners of this land to contact them regarding the siting of the new fence on the highway verge and the hazard that the barbed wire poses to cyclists etc. Substantial amounts of hardcore have now been imported on to this SSSI site.

**Planning** Sedgemoor DC has given consent for alterations and erection of a two storey & single storey extension to rear (south) elevation and single storey extension to side (west) elevation at Robins Cottage, Robins Lane and for the application to erect an agricultural building at Whites Farm, Burtle Road.

Appeal has been made following Sedgemoor DC's refusal of retrospective permission for the erection of a front wall with downlights at site of Burtle School, Mark Road.

**Finance** Cllr Duval reported that he has carried out the six-monthly review and found everything to be in order.

**Speeding and Traffic through the village** District Cllr D Huxtable was present at the meeting is taking the matter up with the Traffic Engineer including the concerns raised by the Village Hall Committee regarding safety of those visiting the hall.

Cllrs have learned from the local PCSO that the Community Speedwatch Group has been disbanded.

**Finger Posts** options and costs are still being researched. It was noted that the finger post by Black Bull Bridge has been renovated by Mark Parish Council. The parish boundary is very convoluted in this area and contact to be made with Mark PC.

**Burtle Inn Site** Sedgemoor District Council 'stop notice' on all work on the restaurant end of the old pub is still in place as Community Infrastructure Levy due has still not been paid.

**Social Media** Draft of updated Media Policy to be circulated to Councillors and listed for discussion at next meeting.

**Burglaries in the area** Cllrs noted a recent spate of break ins in the area including some in Burtle. They advise all residents to remain vigilant and to ensure that all property including garages and out buildings are secured.

**Chapel Hill Farm** The current owner of the site which was previously part of Edington school was present at the meeting. Along with his architect he had brought some preliminary plans with ideas of how he would like to develop part of the western end of the site. Cllrs welcomed his attendance at the meeting and his desire to let everyone know of his ideas which coincide with their own commitment to openness and transparency. No decisions can be made by councillors until a

planning application has been made to Sedgemoor DC and the Parish Council will be a consultee. They welcomed his intention to take the preliminary plans to Café Burtle to allow as many people as possible from the village opportunity to see them and give feedback.

Next meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.