

Burtle Parish Council Summary November 2019

Highways Cllrs pleased to note that patching has been carried out especially the two areas of subsidence in Edington Road near to Hill View. Deterioration of surface in Catcott Broad Drove to be reported to Highways.

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 The Environment Agency, Natural England and the planning department are aware of the huge amounts of building waste tipped on this strip of SSSI land and have given assurances that they are working together to take formal steps to have it removed and the land reinstated. They are in contact with the owners of the land. Still no reply from Highways dept as to whether they have contacted the owners of the eastern end of the site regarding the siting of the barbed wire fence on the highway verge. Further reminder to be sent.

Speeding and Traffic through the village District Cllr D Huxtable was not present at the meeting but has assured councillors that he is in the process of taking the matter up with the Traffic Engineer including the concerns raised by the Village Hall Committee regarding safety of those visiting the hall.

Finger Posts After consideration of costings it was unanimously agreed to ask Somerset Forge to proceed with renovating the finger post by the Sandpit. The company, who have carried out similar renovations for surrounding parishes, will undertake the whole process in accordance with the requirements set out by Somerset County Council at a cost of £630. Consideration will be given to funding the renovation of the post at the Cross at a later date. This will be more expensive because the missing arm will need to be recast.

Burtle Inn Site It was noted that scaffolding has been erected on the southern end of the site. Work is permitted on this section but not on the restaurant end of the old pub due to the continued non-payment of Cil money due.

Social Media Councillors agreed to adopt the updated Media Policy.

Wood chipping operations An approach has been made by the Mendip district Councillor, Matt Martin to hold cross boundary discussions about the activities being carried out by South West Wood Products at the two sites in Westhay Road and Ashcott Road. The company are currently appealing against an enforcement notice issued on the Ashcott Road site. Clerk was asked to send District Cllr Martin the timeline of actions taken by Burtle PC since December 2015, response to Burtle PC's formal complaint to Chief Executive of Mendip District Council together with other documents to give him an understanding of actions taken by Burtle PC regarding the wood chipping activity and its effect on the surrounding area and people living in the vicinity.

It was noted that another lorry loaded with wood chippings had overturned in Burtle Road recently. It had rolled off the road and the driver had to be cut out of the cab by fire crews. The road edges are giving way in several places between Godwin's and the junction with Shapwick Road with very steep drops which are a hazard to vehicles.

Next meeting Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.