

Burtle Parish Council Summary July 2020

A virtual meeting was held on 8th July 2020 to deal with urgent matters. This was the first meeting since lockdown on 23rd March.

The Parish Council has endeavoured to bring things requiring action to the attention of the relevant bodies during this unprecedented time but understandably, services have been much reduced and responses have been taking longer with staff working from home.

A live link to the Somerset County Council, Coronavirus updates page, has been put on the Burtle website for the benefit of parishioners. This gives updates and advice from Somerset County Council and the NHS as they are published.

Highways Cllrs were pleased to note that some repairs to the highway had been carried out and other defects have recently been marked. Hole in the bridge at halterpath Drove has been reported to Highways.

Clerk to inform highways that trees overhanging the highway on Catcott Broad Drove

Planning Two applications have been granted permission since the last meeting

55/20/00001 Erection of a dwelling on site of demolished section of the Old Burtle Inn (Revised Scheme)

55/20/00002 Variations of Condition 1 of planning permission 55/18/00004 (Retrospective application for the change of use of part of the old Burtle Inn to 1 No. residential unit.) to amend the approved drawings to allow for the installation of solar pv panels to the roof and removal of Condition 4 relating to the low stone wall.

Councillors were pleased to see that the part of the applications to extend the boundary where the old post box was situated in Catcott Broad Drove and erect a wall on highway land has been withdrawn by the applicant. Also, that all previous conditions have been retained.

The 'stop notice' on work on the restaurant end of the site remains in place until outstanding Community Infrastructure Levy payments have been made.

Finance Audit of 2019/20 Accounts The internal audit has been successfully completed. Cllrs agreed the statement of accounts and the external Audit forms were agreed. These forms will now be submitted to the External Auditor and published on the Burtle website.

Westhay Broad Drove Highways Dept has still not had the fence and barbed wire that has been erected on the highway verge removed despite requests dating back to July 2019. Concerns regarding the creation of an access on to the highway and the installation of two large metal gates plus the large concrete pad which has been recently installed have been brought to the attention of the relevant authorities.

Speeding and Traffic through the village County Cllr D Huxtable was present at the meeting and agreed to pursue the matter of safety markings on Burtle Road. In particular, 30mph signs painted on the road surface which the Parish Council suggested some months ago.

County Cllr Huxtable informed the meeting that some surrounding villages are carrying out a survey of HGV traffic through their villages in particular those going to and from the Godwin's site. Cllrs agreed to seek volunteers to collect data from Burtle.

Fingerpost by the Burtle Inn has now been refurbished. This is a rare example and Councillors are grateful to South West Heritage Trust for their contribution towards some of the restoration costs. Somerset Forge have done an excellent job including recasting the missing finger.

Annual Parish Meeting unfortunately this had to be cancelled because of lockdown.

Next meeting TBA No dates for any future meetings have been set. It was agreed that, in the current circumstances, meetings would be called as and when necessary.