

Summary of Burtle Parish Council Meeting - December 2020

A virtual meeting was held on 2nd December 2020.

Highways – After some confusion bridge at Halterpath Drove has been identified by SCC Bridge Dept. This is not recorded on their list of bridges probably because the span is too small to meet their criteria and if that is the case, it will be responsibility of Highways Dept. Pothole by Sunset Bay Farm has been repaired.

VE day coins Some delivered still trying to find names of other young people in the village.

Planning Applications -

55/20/00007 Erection of a single storey rear extension and alterations to the existing dwelling and roof at Sunset Cottage, Robins Lane, Burtle

After discussion Cllrs unanimously agreed to support the application with the following comments: *Councillors are pleased to see that the plans keep the traditional features of the front of the cottage whilst updating the property and making it suitable for modern family living*

Traffic through the Village White line painted on hall side of Burtle Road and 30mph roundels appeared in the road before Traffic Engineer's promised report with a plan of action based on the observations and discussions at site meeting. Report and recommendations now received it appears work is incomplete. To be reviewed.

HGVs from Wood chipping operation at Godwin's continue to be a problem Mendip District Councillor M Martin confirmed that he is in discussion with Mendip District Council regarding the whole issue of wood chipping operations on the site. The road by the site has been covered with a thick layer of peat recently rendering it very slippery and dangerous. The unfenced deep-water pond makes this even more treacherous. Clerk has highlighted this to Meare Parish Council as it is in their parish. Mendip District Cllr Martin will take this up.

Somerset County Council Climate Emergency Community Fund 2020 – 2021 -Proposed Grant Application by Burtle Village Hall

Grant application would have to be made by Parish Council and they would be responsible for administering the project. As one quote had only been received that afternoon it was agreed to hold another meeting in one week when Councillors had had opportunity to study the information put forward. It was also hope that a full council would be present to join the discussion.

Catcott Broad Drove - concerns about extensive clearing and tipping on SSI site. Enforcement Officer is investigating. Natural England informed.

Daffodil bulbs have been delivered. Cllr A Duval and Cllr S Bull have planted some around the village.

Tree for Sandpit Replacement has been ordered for Cherry Tree that died.

An additional meeting of Burtle Parish Council was held on Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 8.00pm to discuss grant application. This was a virtual meeting held via zoom.

Somerset County Council Climate Emergency Community Fund 2020 – 2021 -Proposed Grant Application by Burtle Village Hall After much discussion it was unanimously agreed that, although councillors commend the idea in principle, they are unable to support making the application. The application must be made by the Parish Council, the grant money would be paid to the Parish Council and they would be responsible for the successful completion of the project. A detailed letter was sent to the village Hall Committee thanking them for the work that they had undertaken to date but explaining that the Parish Council does not have sufficient financial reserves or resources to administer a project of the size proposed. They do not have funds available to make any contribution to the project either at the initial stage or any unexpected costs that may arise during the installation or for the inevitable maintenance costs that would arise in the future.

Condolences Councillors noted with sadness that two long standing residents of the village had recently passed away Mr Alan Parr and Mr Derek Cox. Letters of condolence will be sent to their families

Next meeting Wednesday 6th January 2021 at 7.30pm via zoom.