

Summary of Burtle Parish Council Meeting – June 2022

Highways Cllrs noted that edge potholes have been marked out but have not yet been repaired. Clerk to remind Highways Dept. Many road traffic signs have been knocked over in the parish recently. This appears to have been deliberate vandalism as tyre marks were visible in the surrounding grass where a vehicle had been driven at them. It would seem that other parishes in the area have also been affected. Black Bull Bridge and the bow bridge at Catcott Broad Drove have also been hit recently. They have all been reported to Highways and local police.

Deep Lake by Godwin's White lining and slow signs in road have been installed. Promised reflector posts are still awaited. Traffic engineer to be approached about the corner nearer to Burtle on the other side of the peatworks. This is a sharp bend with no verge and a steep drop into the rhyne. The problem is made worse by the mud and grit that is usually over the road causing a skid hazard.

Speed Indicator Device Unfortunately, the Traffic Engineer had to cancel the site meeting planned for end of May. New date has been arranged for end of June. Unable to proceed any further with the project until this meeting has taken place to agree locations.

Finance Formal approval of accounts 2021/22 and Audit documents were completed. Cllrs agreed to finance the cost of a small reprint of the Burtle welcome booklets.

Planning Applications Cllrs agreed to support an application for erection of a rear extension in place of conservatory at Crossing Cottage, Catcott Road. They also agreed to support an application to crown lift and remove epicormic growth of walnut tree at The Old Vicarage, Mark Road, Burtle. They feel that the proposed works will help maintain the health this tree, which is protected by a Tree Preservation order.

Enforcement Issues unfortunately there is no progress to report.

Sandpit Thanks to Cllr Sandra Bull for leading the project for volunteers including Lorraine and Ian Simmonds to clear and replant the flower bed and repaint the fencing at the Sandpit in time for the jubilee.

Platinum Jubilee Mugs Burtle Parish Council has purchased commemorative mugs for young people of the village. Many were distributed at the events over the Jubilee Weekend. If anyone has not yet had collected theirs, they will be available at Café Burtle on 9th July or by contacting any councillor or the clerk.

Bus shelter was hit by a vehicle recently. Fixing was broken and the shelter moved several feet. Thanks to Cllr James Hedges for carrying out temporary repairs to make the shelter safe. Inspection has shown that it requires quite extensive repair. Quotes will be obtained.

Fly Tipping Two heaps of tyres have recently been dumped in the verge in Mark Road. These have now been removed by Sedgemoor Clean surroundings Team. Garden cuttings have also been dumped by Shepherd's Drove in Catcott Broad Drove. Dumping of garden waste, grass cuttings etc on verges or in ditches is Fly tipping.

Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 6th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.