

# Summary of Burtle Parish Council Meeting – December 2022

## Highways

**Speed Indicator Device and Road Safety** Councillors are frustrated at the lack of progress with the installation of Speed Indicator devices in the village and know that some in the village believe that they are not taking any action.

It is now six months since the site visit between the Chairman of Burtle Parish Council and the traffic Engineer to assess the locations for the poles to accommodate the SID and more than twelve months since, following identification of funds, the first enquiry regarding purchasing a SID for the village was made at the end of 2021.

Several actions are required from Burtle Parish Council such as evidence of insurance and a qualified volunteer to move the device etc. One of these was to provide suggestions for the siting of the SIDs and this information was provided in a detailed report compiled by the Parish Council and submitted to the Traffic Engineer in March 2022. A site meeting to review the suggested locations eventually took place on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The outcome of that meeting was that one new pole and extensions to two existing poles would be required before the SID could be put into operation and although the cost must be borne by Burtle Parish Council they must be installed by Highways Dep., who were unable to give an installation date other than 'in the current financial year'. Insurance, qualified volunteer etc has already been organised by Burtle Parish Council, the device has been identified and costed and will be purchased as soon as the poles are in situ.

Cllrs were, therefore, surprised to receive an invoice from Somerset CC for the installation and adaptations to the post on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022. In view of all the delays thus far they unanimously resolved to not pay the invoice until the work has been carried out by Highways Dept.

Additionally, Burtle Parish Council carried out an extensive review of road marking and signs in October 2021 and action was eventually taken by Highways Dept to rectify the problems identified.

**Planning** Permission has been granted by Sedgemoor DC for the erection of single storey rear (SW) extension with parking alterations at 2 The Cross, Catcott Road, Burtle

**Enforcement Issues** Cllrs continue to engage with Sedgemoor Enforcement Dept, Natural England and Environment Agency regarding the numerous planning breaches within the parish.

**Precept 2023/24** to be discussed at January meeting

**Grit bins** have been topped up by Highways dept ready to be used in bad weather.

**Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Parish Council meetings are open meetings and members of the public are welcome to attend.**