

Summary of Burtle Parish Council Meeting – April 2023

Highways Rubbish left by contractors who carried out highway repairs in Catcott Broad Drove has now been removed.

Damage to road surface including potholes and a sink hole to be reported to Highways. The recent heavy rain has resulted in the pond over running the road, requests to deal with drainage on this corner were made some two or more years ago. Edge potholes in Westhay Broad Drove and Edington Road to also be reported to Highways.

Planning Application for erection of first floor extension to detached garage to allow for office space at Merlioun, Mark Road, Burtle TA7 8NJ Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application but asked for assurance that the proposed extension to the garage will not impact on the adjacent horse chestnut trees which Councillors believe to be protected by a tree preservation order.

Retrospective application for the erection of agricultural workshop and storage buildings at Tor View, Robins Drive, Burtle, TA7 8NY has been granted by Somerset DC.

Enforcement Issues Councillors continue to engage with Sedgemoor Enforcement Dept, Natural England and Environment Agency regarding the numerous planning breaches within the parish, many of which are on SSSI land.

Grass cutting at Sandpit Two tenders to cut the grass at the Sandpit for the period 10.4.23 – 31.3.24 were received. After discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Mr Wayne Pople.

Village Clean up Day Unfortunately, this had to be cancelled due to safety concerns because of weather conditions. The verges were very muddy, the ditches full of water and heavy rain was forecast. It is hoped to hold a clean up day in the autumn when the vegetation has died back.

Rubbish Bin by Bus shelter This is a general rubbish bin and was emptied on a voluntary basis by the late Stephen Tennant. It is now full and overflowing and appears to be being used as a dog poo bin. Cllrs unanimously agreed to investigate the purchase of a special dog poo bin and a contract to regularly empty it. It was suggested that a more suitable place for such a bin would be on the Sandpit rather than where the children wait for the school bus. The rubbish bin would then be removed.

Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.