

Summary of Burtle Parish Council Meeting – March 2023

Highways Contractors who carried out highway repairs in Catcott Broad Drove recently have left waste on the verges. Highways have been requested to have it removed.

Speed Indicator Device and Road Safety Required adaptations to some of the poles to hold the Speed Indicator Device have finally been made by Highways dept. This will enable a Speed Indicator Device to be used in those locations and Cllrs agreed to now go ahead with the purchase of the Speed Indicator Device.

Planning

Applications –

55/22/00004 Retrospective application for the erection of agricultural workshop and storage buildings at Tor View, Robins Drive, Burtle, TA7 8NY

After discussion Cllrs agreed to support the application with the following comments:

- Councillors only support this application for use in connection with an agricultural small holding.
- They would like confirmation that the sheds will not be used in connection with any other purpose especially in view of the activities that have taken place on this agricultural land in recent years and appear to be continuing on the adjoining agricultural land.
- Councillors note that hard standing and access has been created from the garden area of Tor View and would like confirmation that the drainage ditch that runs between the garden to the property and the agricultural field has been properly constructed and piped.
- Councillors were disappointed to see that this is a retrospective application and feel that application should have been made before any work commenced.

55/22/00005 Conversion of agricultural buildings to form 1no. residential dwelling, with the erection of single storey extension to the North elevation at Whites Farm, Burtle Road, Burtle TA7 8NH

After discussion Cllrs agreed to support the application with the following comments:

- Cllrs feel that the building will be in keeping with the local environment.
- They welcome the provision of accommodation which will enable a younger member of an established farming family to remain in the village

Decisions-

Application for Erection of new front (NE) porch and two storey detached garage with carport to the front (NE) boundary, with alterations to fenestration. Also, alterations to entrance gate, repositioning of oil storage and garden shed at The Old Vicarage, Mark Road, Burtle - Agreed by Somerset DC

Grass cutting at Sandpit Cllrs agreed to advertise for a person to cut the grass at the Sandpit for the period 10. 4.23 – 31.3.24. A schedule of work required can be obtained from the clerk. All applications to be returned by 3rd April 2023.

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

Coronation Cllrs agreed to fund planting of the flower bed at the Sandpit in time for the Coronation celebration weekend

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th April at 8pm in the Village Hall. This is not a Parish Council meeting. The Annual Parish is a meeting of electors of the parish and they are welcome to participate and raise points for discussion. Mr Daniel Montcreiff will give a short overview of Somerset Councils plans for a children's home at Pennywise in the village.

This will be preceded by a short meeting of the Parish Council to discuss urgent business at 7.15pm.