

Summary of Burtle Parish Council Meeting – February 2024

Highways large pothole in centre of the carriageway in Edington Road was noted and will be reported to Highways.

Bridge at Redgate, Mark Road has been hit by a vehicle and damaged. Reflector posts on Burtle side of the bridge are also missing/ damaged. Clerk to report to Highways/ Bridge Dept.

Damage to railings at Black Ditch Rhyne, Westhay Road Councillors are concerned that repairs have not yet been carried out. This is a pinch point in the road with limited view of oncoming traffic because of a bend in the road and the temporary barriers, signs etc are making the situation worse. They are being pushed into the rhyne by traffic or being blown into the road by the recent high winds. Clerk to write to Highways requesting that repairs are carried out as soon as possible and asking for some sort of road markings such as priority signs.

Traffic through the village It would seem that the SID does reduce the speed of most traffic travelling through the village. However, data from SID installation in Burtle Road does show that some still exceed the speed limit. It has recorded a vehicle travelling through the village at 82 mph at 1.30pm in the afternoon! There were also incidences of vehicles travelling well over the 30mph limit, between 50-70mph.

Planning application for the erection of a two storey extension to the side (NE) elevation, single storey extension to the rear (NW) elevation on site of existing conservatory (to be demolished), and front porch to the (SE) elevation on site of existing porch (to be demolished). at 3 Station Road, Burtle TA7 8NU was discussed. Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application but commented that they would like to see all materials used match those in the original building in order to ensure that the property remains in keeping with adjacent properties.

Enforcement Issues Councillors continue to engage with relevant bodies regarding the numerous planning breaches within the parish, many of which are on SSSI land.

Annual Village Spring Clean will be held on Sunday 17th March 2024. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Village Hall at 10am. Equipment will be borrowed from Somerset Council. A free soup and pudding lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

Defibrillator Guardian, Nathan Chard will be at Café Burtle on 9th March to give people opportunity to familiarise themselves with the village defibrillator and to answer any questions that they may have.

Security residents are encouraged to ensure that all outbuildings sheds etc are secure following reports of thefts of equipment from outbuildings and fields around the village.

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.