

Summary of Burtle Parish Council Meeting – January 2024

Letter from Somerset Council re Financial situation. Asset and Service Devolution no definite news of what services will be affected by proposed budget cuts.

Precept 2024/25 Councillors unanimously agreed to keep the precept for the next financial year at £4,400, the same as the current year. This will mean no increase in the amount payable by householders in the parish although most other elements of the Council tax are projected to rise in 2024/25.

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

Finger post by Blackbull (River) Bridge repair of finger post damaged by a vehicle is in hand.

Grit bins new grit bin has been installed near to Blackbull (River) Bridge. Some grit has been placed in the bin and Highways dept are going to top it up.

Rubbish bin by bus shelter this has now been removed and a notice requesting that people take dog waste home with them has been fixed to the side of the shelter. It is hoped that this will be a reminder to dog owners that it is not acceptable to leave bags of dog poo anywhere in the village. Waste should be bagged and taken home for disposal.

Burtle Village Hall Councillors were pleased to welcome the Chairman and treasurer of the Burtle Village Hall Committee to the meeting. The main concern is the lack of volunteers to become committee members – they currently have just three. Plans are in hand to remove the sheep fleece from the loft and to replace it in the Spring. Funds have been identified to do this work.

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.