

Summary of Burtle Parish Council Meeting – June 2024

Highways

Concerns about the number of Towans lorries travelling through the village was brought to the meeting by a member of the parish. Data was presented that showed that a lorry passed along Burtle Road on average every two minutes on certain days, mainly on Saturdays. They appear to be travelling to the Peat works. It is believed that some lorries might contain hardcore that is being tipped but it is also believed that imported peat is also being brought in. Councillors agreed to contact Somerset Highways about the volume of traffic and Somerset Strategic Planning to check whether there is planning permission for this activity.

SID has recently been situated by Southview Farm. Some high speeds were recorded but data shows that 70% of vehicles adhering to the speed limit.

Adapting the Levels Project

Mr Thibaud Sulzer was welcomed to explain this project which is a pilot landscape recovery project between Defra and Somerset Wildlife Trust to bring together and support those who live and work in parts of the Brue Valley on the Somerset Levels. Further information is available at www.somersetwildlife.org/adaptingthelevels

Planning

Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage at Cherry Tree Barn, Robins Lane, Burtle has been granted by Somerset Planning - North.

Lifting of agricultural occupancy condition on Greystones, Burtle Road has been granted by Somerset Planning - North.

Enforcement Issues

Somerset enforcement officer, Environment agency and Natural England are investigating recent activities in Catcott Broad Drove. Natural England has clarified that they still have other issues within the parish under review.

Finance

Audit 2023-24 Formal papers were signed and exemption certificate will be submitted to external auditor.

Next meeting Wednesday 3rd July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.