

Summary of Burtle Parish Council Meeting – July 2024

Highways

Concerns about the state of the road surface in Mark Road in the Sweets Corner area to be reported to Highways Dept.

Towans lorries travelling through the village Somerset Highways Traffic Management are unable to take any actions regarding the number or size of lorries passing through the village. No response has been received from Somerset Planning. Other enquiries suggest that Towans are visiting more than one site in the area. Residents in Meare and Westhay are experiencing a nuisance with Towans lorries travelling from Ashcott to Meare, Oxenpill, Westhay to Shapwick. It is believed that they may also be taking peat from Godwins to reinstate land involved in the installations of the new pylons. Burtle Parish Council will continue to pursue the matter and liaise with adjacent Parish Councils.

Planning

Application to reduce spread of 3No. Horse Chestnuts (within TPO Ref Group G1) on western side by 1.5m at Merlouin, Mark Road, Burtle. After discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application with the following comments:

1 Photographs supplied with the application appear to show that the building being constructed is very near to the protected trees. Councillors would like confirmation that the building is in the position agreed in application 55/19/00001 and that all measures set out in item 2 of the permission granted ie position of the building, Tree Protection Plan and Method Statement and the submitted and approved Tree Protection Plan (Blackledge Design) have been complied with.

2 Councillors position remains the same as in previous applications on this site in that any work agreed will not be detrimental to the health of these mature protected trees which are a feature on the entrance to the village.

Finance

Audit 2023-24 Exemption certificate has been submitted to external auditor.

Grant Request Councillors agreed to make a grant of £476.22 to cover costs of materials to upgrade area in front of Burtle Village Hall.

Next meeting Wednesday 4th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. No meeting in August unless urgent matters arise.