

# Summary of Burtle Parish Council Meeting – September 2024

## Highways

Repairs to damaged bridges at Catcott Broad Drove, Redgate and Black Ditch, Westhay Road are still outstanding. Clerk to remind Bridges Dept, Somerset Council.

Blocked gullies have still not been cleared, Highways Dept, Somerset Council to be reminded.

Replacement of Mark Road, street sign by the Sandpit which appears to have been stolen in April is still awaited. Original estimate for replacement was six weeks but delays have been caused by cut backs by Somerset Council. The site was surveyed in July but there is no estimate as to when the sign will eventually be replaced.

## Lorries travelling through the village

There now appear to be heavy lorries from other companies as well as Towans travelling through the village. Somerset Highways Traffic Management have advised that they are unable to take any actions such as regarding the number or size of lorries passing through the village as the road through the village is a public Highway.

Burtle Parish Council approached Somerset Planning in June in an attempt to try to understand if there are any projects in the area causing this increase in heavy lorries. No response has been received to date.

Somerset Councillors for Burtle have been made aware of the problems being caused and Burtle Parish Council will continue to pursue the matter and liaise with adjacent Parish Councils who are experiencing similar problems.

## Planning

**Applications** - Councillors discussed application 55/24/00006 Erection of single storey extension to (NW) elevation and the erection of a double garage at Cherry Tree Barn, Robins Lane, Burtle TA7 8NT and unanimously agreed to support the application.

**Decisions** - Application to reduce spread of 3No. Horse Chestnuts (within TPO Ref Group G1) on western side by 1.5m at Merlouin, Mark Road, Burtle has been approved by Somerset Planning – North

## Finance

**Audit 2023-24** Exemption certificate has been approved by external auditor and 2023- 24 Audit is now complete.

## Road Closure by Burtle Inn

A road closure was advertised for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, the day of the Parish Council meeting, to allow a large crane to lift a prefabricated building into the rear garden of Huntspill House. Residents in the area had been advised of an interruption of their electricity supply on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The road was closed at 6.30am but some time later it was opened as it appears that the

wrong date had been advertised. Signs were then amended to show a closure the next day on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**Update after the Parish Council meeting.** The road was closed again on 5<sup>th</sup> September, the electricity supply was turned off for the day, a very large crane arrived together with a large building on a transporter. After several attempts the crane could not be stabilised enough to lift the building and everything was taken away. It is believed that another attempt will be made at a future date.

Burtle Parish Council was not consulted or even informed about the project. Somerset Councillors for Burtle have been informed of the disruption and lack of information given to the village.

**Next meeting Wednesday 2nd October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**