

Highways – Annual cutting of verges has now been carried out but Councillors are grateful to Mr A Lee for cutting the visibility splays at the junction of Robins Lane with Burtle Road at Red Gate before the official cut was made in the interests of road safety. Deep potholes at the side of the road in Westhay Road have been marked for repair, promised patching near to the Peatworks has been completed. Dip in Edington Road by the West Heath Farm appears to be getting worse – clerk to inform Highways.

Speedwatch – more people have expressed an interest in reforming the group, one of whom is interested in acting as coordinator.

Fingerposts – Cllr Tony Duval and Mr Robin Howell have volunteered to attend the training course to enable Burtle to maintain the three finger posts in the parish themselves

Casual Vacancy – no one has come forward to fill the post. The council will continue to run with four councillors until a cooption can be made. **Application forms are available from the clerk.**

RLT2 Money – Burtle has a little over £6,000 in their pot, some of which needs to be used as soon as possible but with nowhere within the parish where it can be used Councillors agreed that it be shared as equally as possible between Catcott Playing Field and Chilton Polden Playing Field as they share a boundary with Burtle and are traditionally used by families from the village.

Fly tipping – dumping of grass cuttings and garden waste on the verges and in ditches is fly tipping. As well as being unsightly this can block the ditches that are essential to maintain good drainage in the parish.

Winter gritting – Letter has been received from Mr Colin Pople to say that he will not be able to offer the service this winter. He advised that the equipment that he purchased to carry out the service is available for sale if there is anyone who would like to take on the contracts. Cllrs were very sorry to lose this service that is so beneficial to the community and asked the clerk to write to thank Mr Pople for providing it for the last few years.

Finance – 2016/7 acts are with the external auditor. Inspection period for accounts will run from 3.7.17-11.8.17

Planning – application at Burtle Inn has now been changed to: Change of use and extension of Public House to form two dwellings at Burtle Inn, Catcott Broad Drive, Burtle. Several sets of plans have been submitted and despite correspondence with the Planning Officer, Councillors still do not have accurate information about the revised plans. The agent was present at the meeting and offered to send a copy of a new materials schedule and the latest plans. He confirmed that the intention now was for two dwellings to be similar to the existing building. Councillors agreed to hold a meeting to finalise their response to the revised plans on Monday 10th July. Application for extension at 1 The Cross has been approved by Sedgemoor DC.

Peatworks – Planning application regarding the chipping processing on the site has still not been received by Mendip DC despite it being promised by 19th May. Landscape Officer has visited the site and although he could see that some of the mature trees had died he felt unable to enter the site for a closer inspection at that time. *NB Since the meeting Burtle Parish Council has been informed that Mendip DC has received a planning application to change the conditions to allow the chipping processing to take place on the site. We are advised that if this is successful they will make a further application to regularise the installation of the machinery and any proposed additions/alterations they wish to make to the building. No further information is available at the time of going to press.*

Time and date of next meeting Wednesday 2nd August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.