

**Timeline of actions taken by Burtle Parish Council regarding Wood chipping processing at Godwin's site. August 2017**

7th October 2015	Wedmore parish Councillor came to meeting to discuss the general problem of HGVs travelling on inappropriate roads through villages. Idea to link up with other villages to jointly approach SCC	Burtle Noted that problems with HGVs had increase recently mainly from AW Jenkinson lorries
7th October 2015	Complaints about noise from wood chipper wrote to Mendip Planning dept, Meare PC and wildlife groups  Letter to MP for Meare and Burtle	Meare replied have also had complaints Reserves manager at Avalon Marshes passed on to Natural England Reply from James Heappey has passed on to several people including Ian Liddell Grainger No reply ever received from ILG
October /November 2015	Wrote to Mendip Enforcement team	Replied currently have under review checking permissions. Reply subsequently received from Mendip stating that Godwin's have necessary permissions
November	Wrote to AW Jenkinson about lorries  And to Godwin's Head Office	Reply received from Jenkinson – all drivers are trained and if any problems report to them with Reg and they will investigate. They will send memo to all drivers to take care driving through Burtle. No reply from Godwin's
November? December	Police informed about concerns with HGVs coming through village	PCSO attended February Cafe Burtle and many residents spoke with her about the traffic problems
	Mendip Environmental Health dept have the matter under review	

December 2015	Two new dryers installed at Godwin's site Black Bull Bridge damaged transporting them to site	Bridge dept informed – bridge inspected and deemed safe and noted for repair. Bridge repaired at end of 2016. Burtle PC have asked for haulier Wheelers of Bridgwater to be charged to repair damage but they have denied liability and there is no proof.
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2016	Jenkinson lorry overturned by Black Bull Bridge damaging verge	Road eventually repaired end of 2016. These repairs have failed and road closure is now planned for August 2017 to redo the work Burtle Pc have been requesting that SCC recharge the cost of these repairs to Jenkinson.
February 2016	<p>Many residents at PC meeting to hear about Godwin's site. Sheet listing all actions taken to date was circulated.</p> <p>Residents urged to complete diary sheets to record noise nuisance for Environmental team at Mendip. Their environmental officer is monitoring noise levels County Cllr D Huxtable to take up at County Level.</p>	<p>Sheet and other information displayed at Cafe Burtle.</p> <p>County Planners liaised with Mendip regarding permissions.</p>
May2016	Residents from Westhay have been in touch with Burtle PC to say that they are troubled by the noise etc HGV overturned in Westhay Road – it was fully loaded with chippings	Photographs provided to Highways Dept

May 2016	Site meeting between Burtle Councillors and Mr Alyn Jones Interim Director of Economic & Community Infrastructure Operations and Andrew Turner Service Manager – Highways from Somerset CC, to discuss general Highway issues in the parish	Matter of HGVs from Godwin's site raised and they are aware of damage that is being caused to all roads along their routes
June 2016	Cllr Huxtable informed Burtle that Planning Officers in SCC and Mendip DC do not believe that there is valid planning permission for the chipping activities on the Godwin's site. Company to be given deadline within which they must apply for planning permission. Burtle resident has suggested that TRO ( traffic Regulation Order ) is sought to limit times that vehicles are permitted to travel through the village	After much prompting by Burtle PC and DH. This application was eventually received on <u>10 July 2017</u>  It was agreed to leave this in abeyance at that time
September 2016	Burtle PC wrote to Stuart Brown, Mendip Chief Executive to enquire exactly what action they are taking	Reply received from Stuart Brown detailing actions
November 2016	Another lorry has come off the road making a total of at least six incidents in the year.	Burtle PC wrote to Highways asking for assurance that damage will be recharged where there is proof.

<p>January 2017</p>	<p>Rupert Williamson, Mendip Environmental Protection team has taken over the case and has invoked a clause stating that the nuisance may be dealt with in the District in which it is being suffered in the first instance and has passed responsibility to Sedgemoor.</p> <p>Mendip have given operators seven days to produce documents that prove use of site for wood chipping is lawful.</p> <p>Email to Cllr David Fothergill, SCC cabinet member for Highways asking for confirmation that vehicle owners are being recharged for damage</p>	<p>Burtle residents advised to apply to Martin Stoyles at Sedgemoor for diary sheets</p> <p>Mendip do not agree and have invited operators to make a planning application.</p> <p>Reply saying difficult to prove. Pictures offered</p>
<p>January 2017</p>	<p>Burtle Parish Council has been actively challenging the wood chipping activity at Godwin's for over a year now.</p>	<p>Cllr David Huxtable remarked that it is difficult to see what else Burtle PC could have done to highlight the nuisance that this is causing.</p>
<p>February 2017</p>	<p>Operating company have given details of why they think the use is lawful. They have also indicated that they will be submitting planning application for buildings to house the machinery that is currently outside.</p> <p>Lorries visiting the site and weighbridge and plant crossing from one side to the other have dragged a great deal of mud and gravel on to the highway making this bend extremely dangerous.</p>	<p>Mendip Enforcement Officers and Environmental protection Officers have visited the site and are reviewing documents submitted.</p> <p>Reported to Highways dept and to police who have subsequently made a visit to the site.</p> <p>Mud on road signs erected.</p>

April 2017	Piles of chippings etc are increasing and are situated under the trees surrounding the site. Many of these are believed to be mature native oaks and Cllrs are concerned that they are being killed by the detritus piled up under them . Mendip Landscape Officer contacted – request to protect the surviving trees with TPO	Landscape officer did not visit until June and then felt unable to get out of his car to make a close inspection
July 2017	<p>Planning application received  <b>Ref: 2017/1838/VRC</b> <i>Application to vary condition 3 of planning permission 085439/001 (erection of replacement factory building) to enable the building to be used for the storage, processing and manufacturing of horticultural products and wood products for animal bedding and biomass at E J Godwin Peat Industries Limited, Burtle Road, Westhay, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9TT</i></p> <p>Request for informal meeting with a few of their councillors to share information received from Meare parish Council</p>	<p>Correspondence with Planning Officer concerned extension given to respond.  Request for original application- it is on microfiche and we can view or ask for pdf doc at cost of £28 and three week wait.  The case officer also intends to view microfiche</p> <p>Burtle Parish Councillors attended meeting at Meare. No formal notice or agenda received. All councillors and public were present. Some information shared and agreement to try to share information in the future</p>