

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018 IN

ST PETERS CHURCH, HORTON AT 7.30pm

Page 914

**Public Forum**

- A) 8 members of the public in attendance of the meeting.
- B) Cllr Linda Vijeh was in attendance of the meeting. Please see attached report (**Appendix 1**) written by Cllr Linda Vijeh for SCC/SSDC Councillor Monthly Report.
- Cllr Vijeh provided some information over the SIDs scheme Donyatt parish council are offering. Clerk to suggest a meeting with Donyatt parish council to establish more facts and cost implications.
  - Cllr P Woodman asked Cllr Vijeh if there were any updates in connection with the proposed closure of Chard swimming pool. Cllr Vijeh is to attend various meetings shortly to discuss the future of the pool.

**2898 PRESENT** Cllrs David Johnson – Vice Chair, Ann Richards, Philippa Woodman, Richard Clifford, Julie Layzell, Ann Winter

**2899 APOLOGIES** Cllrs Adele Brady – Chair, David Lester and Vickie Hobbs

**2900 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

**2901 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** Minutes of the meeting held in May having previously been circulated were approved as a true record and correct record of the meeting. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed.

**2902 PLAYING FIELD UPDATE** A representative from the Horton Playing Field Working Group gave an update on the playing field project. Discussions were held, and the points raised were:

- A bank account has been set up for the Horton Playing Field Working Group.
- Some of the money that has been raised to date has to be used to buy an insurance policy which is to cover fund raising events.
- Repairs to the skatepark are now complete. Invoice handed to clerk.
- A large amount of low level repairs is required at the playing field. Quotes have been obtained but are excessive in price. The Working Group has requested that the parish council pay for the materials needed and the Working Group will undertake the works for free. Materials will cost approximately £200. The parish council agreed to this. Payment of materials to be listed on next bi-monthly agenda.
- Community engagement is still on going over the project.
- More funds have been raised from another successful breakfast club meeting. This event was so popular that they ran out of food which helps to plan events and amount of food needed for future events. It was raised that certain pieces of equipment within the village hall kitchen were not working. The Working Group thanked the village hall committee for sorting the issues out so quickly.
- More fundraising events are currently being planned.
- The first vision for the new playing field has been drafted, which largely resembles the 2005 plan. A pre-app will be submitted to SSDC in the near future to seek their comments on the proposed plans.
- A bench has been donated to the Working Group/playing field and the permission was sought from the parish council with regards to installing this. The parish council approved this.
- A draft funding request strategy is underway. Playground providers have been proving the Working Group with planning and design advice.
- Grants are imminently going to be applied for. The Working Group will keep the parish council informed of each application submitted.

- Weekly log – discussions held over the weekly inspection needed for insurance purposes. The Working Group have researched the requirements of the weekly checks and once a template and log has been drawn up this will be passed to the clerk. A member of the public that is unrelated to the playing field project and parish council has kindly offered to under the weekly inspections on behalf of the parish council.

Updates from the clerk:

- A mobile phone has been purchased and the number was given to the members of the public. Discussions were held of the content of the replacement signs needed. The mobile phone number will be included on the sign, but it was made clear the number is to only be used when there is an issue with the playing field, not for other parish council business.
- Grass cutting rota – the contractor undertaking the grass cutting felt it is difficult to make a rota due the grass length being dependant of weather conditions i.e. currently grass cutting is not needed due to the hot sunny spell. It was agreed that we would carry on as usual, but the contractor will check the grass regularly. If a request was received for a grass cut it would be undertaken.
- A discussion was also held over allowing dogs on the playing field and several residents have asked if this is possible at fundraising events. It was agreed that two signs will be purchased; one sign for contact details and the other stating 'No Dogs Allowed'. The discussion had regarding making this change was generally not supported by the parish council due to potential dog fouling and children playing near dogs. Clerk is to investigate whether we must seek permission from SSDC to make this change before any formal decisions are made.

**2903 PLAY INSPECTIONS – PROPOSAL TO APPOINT COMPANY** The clerk had obtained details of a company that undertake quarterly inspections of the playing field equipment. Clerk had a quote from the company which would approximately cost the council £500 per year to carry out inspections. The Working Group and councillors had discussions over the proposal and it was felt quarterly inspections are not necessary as all issues/repairs required within SSDC's 2017 annual audit are underway to being resolved/fixed. Also, the weekly inspections would pick up any issues. The council decided not to appoint the company.

**2904 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**18/01858/FUL** – Land North of Elm Tree Cottage – The erection of a dwelling with double garage and associated parking/garden.

Discussions were held. The Parish Council support the application.

**2905 PLANNING DECISIONS**

**18/01828/NMA** – Fernville, Pottery Road, Horton – Application Permitted - Noted

**17/03409/OUT** – Lamb Inn, Horton Cross – Application permitted with conditions – Noted

**18/01337/FUL** – Land at Forest Gate Farm, South of Whitney Cottage, Whitney Hill, Ilminster – Withdrawn – Noted

**17/02636/FUL** – Sunnyside, Pottery Road, Horton – Appeal Allowed Subject to Conditions - Noted

**2906 REQUEST FROM DONYATT PC – SPEED INDICATORS** Since the last council meeting, the clerk requested further information from Donyatt parish council. Further details requested we costings, frequency the SID would be in the village and who would be responsible for moving it. The information received as a result of our request was still unclear. The council agree that the principle of having a SID within the village is a good idea however, no further discussions we had due to lack of information. Clerk is to request a meeting with the clerk of Donyatt parish council.

**2907 SUMMARY OF TRAINING COURSE FROM CLLR LAYZELL ON RESPONDING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Cllr Julie Layzell gave an update to all councillors regarding the key points taken from the training session. The key points noted have been appended to the minutes – please see Appendix 2.

- 2908 PUDDEBRIDGE SPEED LIMIT** A response had been received from Somerset County Council Highways but was informal and did not include responses to most of the points raised by the council. The key points in the response received was that it has been agreed to lower the speed limit through Puddlebridge to 40mph and the cost of the new signage etc would fall to the parish council. The cost will approximately be £750. The council still feel that a new road speed census through Puddlebridge is required due to the last census now being too old to form any opinions from. It was also requested by the council that the clerk is to request a formal response from Somerset County Council which responds to all points raised in our original letter.
- 2909 DOG WASTE BINS** This has been an agenda item a couple of times and has not been progressed. Clerk listed as an agenda item to see if this is something the council wishes to progress. The clerk has enquired with SSDC and the installations of additional bins throughout the village. In order for SSDC to install and empty a bin the council needs to undertake a trial so see how often the bin is used. Discussions were held in the meeting regarding possible locations for the bin etc. The suggested location was Hanning Road. Clerk to email SSDC again to confirm they are still happy to empty trial bin prior to the council purchasing a temporary bin.
- 2910 YELLOW SALT BINS** This has been an agenda item a couple of times and has not been progressed. It was mentioned some time ago about purchasing yellow bins as the council was offered free road salt by SSDC. The council were unable to collect the free road salt due to having nowhere to store the road salt. It was suggested that a yellow salt bin would be a good idea for the residents of Riverside. Discussions were held in the meeting and mostly consisted of; who would be responsible for filling up the bin and distributing the grit? Would permission be need from Somerset County Council as it would have to be sited on the pavement? It was resolved to not proceed with the yellow salts bins at this time due to SSDC budget cuts and road salt may not be offered to the council this year.
- 2911 ASSET LIST** This has been an agenda item a couple of times and has not been progressed. Clerk needs to maintain an up-to-date list of parish council assets for audit purposes. Clerk circulated to councillors a copy of the current list and asked to have a think about any amendments needed to the list prior to the next bi-monthly parish council meeting.
- 2912 GRANT APPLICATION – ILTON AND BROADWAY SCOUT GROUP** A grant request was received by the council on behalf of Ilton and Broadways Scout Group which made a request for a grant/donation towards the club. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed to give grant for the sum of £50.00.
- 2913 FINANCE**  
Proposal - Financial statements and accounts were circulated and were duly approved as being a true record of the financial state of this council.  
Proposal – To approve payment of the following cheques:  
- M F Salmon – Grass cutting - cheque no. 000714 - £144.00 - Unanimously approved  
- SLAC - Training Course Fees - cheque no. 000713 - £30.00 - Unanimously approved  
- Play Inspection Company – Quarterly Playing Field Audits – Not approved  
- Horton Playing Field Working Group – Remainder of monies left from 2005 project – cheque no. 000715 – £585.87 - Unanimously approved  
- Evolution Stakepark Ramps – Fixing/maintenance of skate ramp – cheque no. 000716 - £1245.84 - Unanimously approved  
- C Duff – wages and expenses - – cheque no. 000717 - £512.47 - Unanimously approved
- 2914 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**
- Clerk updated the council with regards to the defibrillator. The clerk had a meeting arranged with the ambulance service to complete the necessary paperwork in order to put the defibrillator into the cabinet. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the clerk had to cancel the meeting. Clerk to rearrange meeting with ambulance service as soon as possible.

- Clerk informed the council of an email that had been received from a resident within the village over concerns of the Riverside development. The comments were noted. At the request of the resident, the council will keep the resident informed of any agenda items in the future concerning Riverside.
- A letter was received from the Local Government Boundary Commission informing of the outcome of the new electoral arrangements. No changes are proposed with the Neroche boundary.

**2914 ANY OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

- Cllr Pippa Woodman requested that the limited bus service within the village is to be put on the next bi-monthly meeting agenda.
- The broken bench on Hanning Road was discussed as it was felt to be a health and safety issue. The council resolved to remove the bench in its entirety due to being formed out of concrete and is not fixable. Clerk to seek removal of bench as soon as possible.

**2915 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**APPENDIX 1 - ILMINSTER DIVISION COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT MARCH REPORT 2018**

**COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR JUNE REPORT 2018**

**SCC FINANCES**

Each year SCC is required to produce a Statement of Accounts, summarising its financial affairs and providing a commentary on performance and accountability. This is available at:

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/information-and-statistics/financial-information/budgets-and-accounts/>

An interim finance officer, Peter Lewis, has been recruited, to replace Kevin Nacey.

**DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE (DSFRS)**

At the annual meeting this month Cllr. Sara Randall Johnson was re-elected Chair of the authority, with Cllr. George Wheeler, as Vice Chair, after some discussion in relation to proportional representation for the two counties.

I have been appointed as Vice Chair of the HR Management Development Committee and also the Chief Fire Officer's Appraisal Panel.

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE PRECEPT**

SCC will use the additional 3% Council Tax precept, approved by the Government, to support the local care market, encouraging more re-ablement at home with less emphasis on care beds. All types of provision will see an increase in costs as the local market has still to deal with the additional cost of overnight care (sleep ins). This recent court judgement will cost SCC an additional £1.5m a year.

**SCC ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES**

I understand that there has been an increase in reported instances of abuse in the over 55s; this is often linked to hospital/GP visits, where signs of abuse are noticed during visits.

Despite meeting with both senior officers and the head of service in relation to several ongoing issues concerning Ilminster Division residents, the promised response has yet to materialise and I have reported this to the Cabinet member.

SCC is to be the subject of a BBC Panorama programme for its successful work in the local care sector. The programme focuses on challenges of providing elderly care across the Country. It is hoped this will raise awareness of the issues being faced on a daily basis.

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE REVIEW**

SCC commissioned Valuing Care Ltd. to carry out an independent 'Fair Cost of Care' review of fee levels for 2018-19, to reflect the actual cost of care. Since the last review, in 2013, a number of factors have changed – including pressures on providers, national minimum wage, CQC costs, travel and sleep ins. SCC wants the process to be as transparent as possible. Valuing Care considered - Care at Home fees including reablement; Care Home fees; a mechanism for the annual cost of care decision making in the future. All 42 CQC registered Care at Home providers were contacted, with only 12 responding. Although disappointing, a review of fees paid to Adult Care providers has taken place. The cost is currently estimated at £8.5m, in excess of the £6.6m income from the Adult Social Care precept. £1.1m is already committed for contractual inflation in other services, leaving a shortfall of £3m which is proposed to be met through the Better Care Fund. The proposal, with an average inc. of 5.35%, has been broadly welcomed, supporting providers who have been struggling to deliver SCC funded placements. There is evidence that the new fee levels are reinvigorating the supply market in residential and home care provision. SCC have scheduled a meeting to address points of clarification on future funding for sleep ins and learning disability rates. There remains a slightly lower differential between residential and nursing home.

**SHELTERED HOUSING PROVISION**

SCC's contract ends in Oct. and will not be renewed. SCC will no longer provide the £1.2m financial contribution to Sheltered Housing Providers. As this is not statutory responsibility, SCC are instead planning to reinvest some of the funding into developing Somerset Community Connect (a partnership with SCC, the Health Service, local communities and voluntary organisations), building the right infrastructure to enable people to be able to access support within their local community; ensuring that support is available to all, not just those living in sheltered housing schemes.

Somerset Community Connect uses trained individuals to work with within the local community to help people remain independent within their own homes for as long as possible. £200k has been set aside to recruit village agents to handle the transition period as the new service will not come into effect until Mar. 2019.

SCC have undertaken a public involvement and consultation exercise; to inform and gather views on the preferred commissioning model moving forward and its potential impacts.

At present, around 450 sheltered housing tenants, out of 3,500, benefit directly from SCC funding. 2017 figures show that Somerset's 50+ population is now 246,630.

All Sheltered Housing Providers will continue to offer tenancy related support services to their tenants, and tenants can expect to be able to access sheltered housing services from their landlords and services provided through Community Connect. Any reduction in the Housing Provider service that leaves a tenant in need, and their outcomes unmet, will be able to access Community Connect to discuss how their needs can be met in another way.

### **SMOKING IN PREGNANCY**

Over 1,000 babies have now been born smokefree in Somerset as a result of the SCC funded Mums2Be Smokefree service working with maternity services. Midwives refer women to the service, and specialist advisors work with them individually to quit smoking.

### **CHILD SAFETY**

SCC joined forces with SDFRS as part of Child Safety Week this month, to make homes safer. The team focused on finding eligible Somerset families who can receive a safer homes referral. News about Child Accident Prevention Trust is at <https://www.capt.org.uk/>

### **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

In response to questions asked at SCC full council, the following has been received

'Children's Social Care is on track for the necessary reduction in the use of locum social workers. As of April 2018, there were 53 full-time equivalent locums in post, with a permanent workforce of 237 contracted staff. This is a reduction of 30 locums since 2017 across Children's Social Care. For South Somerset -

<b>Role</b>	<b>SCC contracted staff</b>	<b>Locums</b>	<b>Locum % of workforce</b>
Qualified Social Worker (Inc. ASYE)	31.73 (F/T equivalent)	6.09	16.10%
Consultant Social Worker	2.00	2.98	59.84%
Team Manager	5.81	0.63	9.78%
Operations Manager	1.00	0.00	0.00%
Deputy Operations Manager	1.00	0.00	0.00%
All Social Work Qualified Roles	41.54	9.70	18.93%

### **SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

A recent study by the County Councils Network shows that transport in suburban areas is £10 per pupil p.a and £93 in rural Counties, representing £12m additional cost in Somerset.

### **YOUTH CLUB GRANTS**

34 youth clubs across the county (12 in S. Somerset) have received a total of £105k in grants from SCC's Youth and Community Service, to support a range of projects. This is matched by over £287,000 in locally raised funding and hours of volunteers' time.

### **MIND OF MY OWN APP. (MOMO)**

One of Somerset's Children Looked After was recently crowned MOMO champion of the year for his role in supporting the use of this app. nationally by children in care, care leavers and their social workers to share good news and sort out problems. It allows children to speak up anytime and anywhere they want – using a phone, tablet or computer. Somerset is recognised as one of the top MOMO-friendly local authorities in the UK.

### **POST 16 EDUCATION TRAVEL**

SCC, in conjunction with partner organisations, seeks to maximise opportunities to increase access and concessionary travel to those aged 14-19 in education and training.

Particular consideration is given to the needs of Post-16 learners with disabilities and/or learning difficulties up to the age of 25.

After Year 11, SCC does not have a statutory duty to provide home to school/college transport free of charge for students aged 16 to 19. However, SCC will provide access to transport for these students to access education at a school sixth form, further education establishment or a LA commissioned learning provider.

There is no means testing for assistance with travel costs; the student contribution to the cost of their ticket is the same for all. Those suffering financial hardship can access additional assistance through the 16-19 Bursary (means tested) provided by Colleges and Schools with Sixth Forms and other providers. Students who have recently left 'care' may be eligible to have their contribution to travel waived.

Petrol allowances are available at 18p per mile, limited to £135.00 p.a. to allow young people living over 3 miles from their nearest bus stop to access to the local bus network.

The Love the Bus County Ticket enables holders to travel throughout Somerset and on cross border routes to/from Wiltshire, Dorset and Devon N. Somerset and Bath & NE Somerset. Unless stated otherwise, these flexible tickets enable travel at any time.

All eligible students will have to pay a contribution of £795 for 2018/19.

### **CREWKERNE/ILMINSTER SCHOOLS**

Following my meeting at Wadham, the response to questions raised with SCC was:- Futures for Somerset have been asked to consider how the current school estate could be configured to deliver a 2-tier system. This work will inform Mid Term Financial Plan/Capital bids for 2019/20. They have been asked to look at all options, producing a review covering:

Capacity reviews of the existing estate, to assess sites and their condition

Review of site opportunities and constraints (taking account of expansion, listed buildings, conservation areas, planning constraints and other related items)

Development of an options appraisal with related strategic plans, capital cost information and risk log and programme information

A summary report with conclusions and recommendations will be considered by Officers in further consultation in the autumn term with head teachers/governors. The need to move to two tier, and the development of an 11-16 school, is a given. SCC are aiming to make any change at the start of the academic year 2020/21. The work being done by Futures for Somerset may impact on this timetable. The Diocese are fully engaged with the process and fully supportive of the need to change. Of more concern, is the situation in relation to academies, which the LA has no power to direct.

### **SOMERSET WASTE PARTNERSHIP**

The range of items that can now be recycled has been extended and further changes are planned as the 'Recycle More' campaign is rolled out in 2020. Some items incur charges. The Chard recycling centre is closed on Tues. and Wed. (Tel. 01460 65855).

For more information contact [enquiries@somersetwaste.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@somersetwaste.gov.uk)

For collection enquiries call 01935 462462.

### **FREE WATER REFILLS**

A recent study shows that almost 65% of us would not buy bottled water if tap water refills were freely available.

The Refill Movement is a free tap water initiative designed to reduce plastic pollution and promote healthy hydration by making refilling a water bottle easy. County Hall and other SCC locations have recently signed up to become Refill stations. You can download a free app at [www.refill.org.uk](http://www.refill.org.uk)

### **SSDC TRANSFORMATION UPDATE**

The meeting held at Henhayes (Crewkerne) this month at which local parishes were invited to attend and raise any questions was poorly attended. The selection process for the proposed new job roles has now been completed and service re-design is under way, with the intention of introducing new ways of working in Jan. 2019. An update on the Connecting Devon and Somerset broadband position was received. For more information contact – [matt.barrow@devon.gov.uk](mailto:matt.barrow@devon.gov.uk) or visit the website [www.conectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk](http://www.conectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk)

## PLANNING

There have been a number of planning applications coming forward within Neroche ward, in recent weeks, which have caused some discussion. To view specific applications go to:-

<https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-a-planning-application-online/>

## NEW PLANNING SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

New arrangements for contacting the Planning service at SSDC came into effect this week, to allow the team to deal with a current backlog of planning applications and give Planning Officers increased time without interruption to avoid demand failure yet maintain a good level of customer service. This situation is intended to be temporary. Incoming direct calls to the Planning service will only be answered between 9.00am – 10.00am and 4.00pm – 5.00pm daily. During all other hours, calls will go to voicemail and be actioned when the Planning Officer becomes available. The Duty Planner service will only operate from 9.00am until 1.00pm daily. Duty Planner calls are received by calling 01935 462462. After 1.00pm messages will be taken and passed to Planning Officers to action. Should you need to contact a known Planning Officer dealing with a live case you are advised to email the Officer direct.

Until further notice, there will be no Planning Officer cover for walk-ins.

The guide to the Planning service at SSDC is at [www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planning](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planning)

## HIGHWAYS

No new roadworks are planned in addition to those previously notified. Additional 'live' information can be found at [www.travelsomerset.co.uk](http://www.travelsomerset.co.uk).

Verge maintenance programmes have now commenced. For information on environmental maintenance, visit [www.travelsomerset.co.uk/grass-cutting](http://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/grass-cutting).

The annual carriageway surface dressing programme has begun. For more information visit [www.travelsomerset.co.uk/surface-dressing](http://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/surface-dressing).

## POTHoles

Following the difficult weather conditions last winter, the Government have confirmed additional Pothole Action Fund capital contributions to Somerset of £3.662m for the 18/19 financial year. On average around 19,000 potholes are filled in Somerset every year.

## TRAFFIC

SCC have developed the Traffic Choices website <https://www.trafficchoices.co.uk/somerset> to help inform people of the options available to help resolve traffic problems. Enquirers will be directed to Engineers at [trafficmanagement@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:trafficmanagement@somerset.gov.uk)

## ILMINSTER HIGHWAYS

**Kerb outside the Bookshop, Silver Street – damaged - has been marked for repair**

**Pedestrian Crossing at the Triangle/Strawberry Bank – button only works after several presses - reported to the traffic signals team to investigate**

**Parking Matters – a query was raised in relation to repainting the double yellow lines from Silver St into Court Barton (adjacent to the Minster), and the work to re align the no entry**

**The highways officer has been in direct contact with Iminster TC.**

## WINSHAMS SIS SCHEME

This scheme to consider pedestrian safety improvements has been assessed, score-carded, reviewed and recommendations have been presented to the SIS panel for approval to progress to the design stage. The next step will be to commission the scheme to an engineer resource, after which the scheme will again be assessed before progression. SCC will be in touch in due course to advise of programme key milestones.

## LIBRARY SERVICE

The 'Future of Libraries' consultation received over 4,000 responses. A final decision is expected later this year. SCC are keen to stress that no decisions about the future delivery of library services in any community have been taken, and that the results of the consultation will be taken into account before any decision is taken. Next steps are:-

**10th July** - A summary of the consultation results will be presented to SCC Scrutiny for Policies and Place Committee at a public meeting at Taunton Library.



**August/Sept.** - Analysis of consultation results.

**27 Sept.** - Recommendations on the library service re-design to be published.

**9 Oct.** - SCC's Scrutiny Committee for Policy and Place to consider the recommendations.

**17 Oct.** - Cabinet will meet to take a final decision on the recommendations and future funding allocated to each library by SCC.

**Nov. 2018 – Jan. 2019** - Depending on the decision, Community Library Partnership proposals may be developed and agreed, where expressions of interest have been received from individual communities.

**Jan, – April 2019** - Implementation of the Library Redesign programme will start, continuing into the 2019-20 financial year.

### SOMERSET RIVERS AUTHORITY

The Private Members Bill, put before the House of Commons to establish the SRA as a separate precepting authority, failed due to the intervention of a single MP on a procedural matter. The SRA Governing Body have now written to the Environment Secretary to seek his support and intervention to resolve this funding issue before the next financial year

### FAIRTRADE

Ilminster Has once again been granted Fairtrade status and Greenfylde School has been awarded a national award for their work in this area.

### ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS

7/6	Wadham school meeting
7/6	Fiveways School – Staffing meeting
7/6	Ilminster Lit. Fest event
7/6	Broadway – planning application site visit
8/6	DSFRS Annual meeting
8/6	Horton PC meeting with Chair and Clerk
8/6	Ilminster Lit. Fest event
8/6	Whitelackington Art Group exhibition
17/6	Ilminster Civic Service
18/6	FFT Aspire School Governor Training - Bridgwater
19/6	SCC – Place Scrutiny Committee
19/6	Broadway Parish Council
20/6	Donyatt/Horton – planning site visit
20/6	Area West – Chard
21/6	SCC Children's Services workshop - Somerton
22/6	Samaritans fund raising quiz – Moose Hall Taunton
23/6	Armed Forces Day – Jocelyn Park, Chard – Chard Museum
23/6	Stockfest
23/6	Fiveways School Yeovil Annual Fete
23/6	Ilminster Lions Fete
23/6	Broadway Church Tea
24/6	Horton Playing Field Project B'fast
24/6	Ashill Church Cream Tea
24/6	Ashill Songs of Praise
28/6	Dowlish Wake church meeting
28/6	SSDC transformation update for parishes – Crewkerne
29/6	CLOKS performance – Guildhall, Chard
30/6	South Somerset MIND Driving Challenge – Henstridge
30/6	Winsham Street fair
30/6	Donyatt Fete
30/6	Horton Flower Festival

APPENDIX 2 – TRAINING NOTES WRITTEN AND DISTRIBUTED BY CLLR JULIE LAYZELL

Appendix 2 .

**RESPONDING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Seminar 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee, not a decision maker.

The three options for responding to a planning application are:

- No comment / observation
- Recommended for approval – may suggest conditions for planning officer
- Recommended for refusal - detail all the material considerations believed to be relevant

**Material Considerations – valid reasons for objections**

Adverse effect on residential amenity – e.g. noise, disturbance, pollution, overlooking

Highways – e.g. safety and parking, turning, sightlines and removal of hedgerows

Visual impact – out of character, impact on AONB (impact can occur even if development is outside AONB)

Adverse effect on listed buildings, conservation areas, ancient monuments and archaeology

Adverse effect on nature, biodiversity or trees, e.g.

Bats, slowworm, dormice, great crested newt

Hedgerows – especially if ancient

TPOs should not be removed unless trees dying or dead

Layout and density, especially if it changes the character of an area. There will be guidance in the local plan on thisPP

Design, appearance, materials – though this is subjective and opinions may differ

Drainage and possible impact on flooding and existing flood management

Some material considerations can lead to the applicant having to provide additional information or technical surveys.

**Non Material – not valid reasons for objections**

Loss of view

Negative impact on property value

Land or boundary disputes

Opinions or past history of applicant

Private rights of access and covenants

Impact of construction works

Opposition to business competition

Reasons / motives of applicant

Profit made by applicant

Concerns of possible future development of site

Opposition to principle if the development already has outline planning consent

Matters controlled by other non-planning legislation e.g. building regulations