

## HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2018 IN

### ST PETERS CHURCH, HORTON AT 7.30pm

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#### Public Forum

- A) 9 members of the public in attendance of the meeting.

A member of the public raised concerns over the former caravan park signs still displayed on the A303 and A358. The owner of the land was also in attendance of the meeting and stated that they had requested the signs to be removed some time ago but were told this could take up to 12 months as Somerset County Council and Highways England both need to remove the signs. Clerk to email Somerset County Council and Highways England and also request that the signs are removed.

A member of the public raised concerns of a damaged seat within the village. Clerk to make enquiries over who owns the seat and the repairs needed.

- 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.

**2876 PRESENT** Cllrs Adele Brady – Chair, Ann Richards, Philippa Woodman, Richard Clifford, Vickie Hobbs, Julie Layzell, Ann Winter

**2877 APOLOGIES** Cllrs David Johnson – Vice Chairman and David Lester

**2878 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

**2879 ELECTION OF CHAIR** Cllr Adele Brady was appointed Chairperson after nominated by fellow councillors. All councillors unanimously voted approval.

**2880 SIGN DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** Acceptance of office was duly signed.

**2881 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN** Cllr David Johnson was appointed Vice Chair after nominated by fellow councillors. All councillors unanimously voted approval.

**2882 SIGN DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE** Cllr David Johnson gave apologies for the meeting and therefore unable to sign declaration of acceptance. Clerk to list this as an agenda item for next meeting.

**2883 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** Minutes of the meeting held in March having previously been circulated were approved as a true record and correct record of the meeting. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed.

**2884 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** Comments as per 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 Annual Parish Meeting.

**2885 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE UNDERMENTIONED**

- A) Village Hall – Cllr Ann Winter
- B) Playing Field – Representative not appointed
- C) Footpath Working Party – Cllr Richard Clifford
- D) Area West – Cllr Julie Layzell
- E) Police Liaison Officer – Cllr Ann Richards
- F) Horton Charities – Cllr Ann Winter

**2886 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:

- Community engagement is still on going over the project.
- The Working Group are now a formal established group having recently written and signed a constitution. Working Group to forward a copy of this to Cllr Vickie Hobbs.
- Further dates have been added the Village Breakfast after a successful first meeting. £350 was raised. A further £400 was raised at the Easter egg hunt. Further fundraising events are planned.
- The Working Group require in insurance for hold fund raising events.
- The village hall committee have agreed to let the Working Group have free use of the village hall for a set number of meetings.
- The Working Group has requested continually support from the council and representation at their meetings. Cllr Vickie Hobbs has agreed to be the point of contact for the council and will attend the working Group meetings where possible. Cllr Vickie Hobbs requested minutes of the Working Groups last meeting.
- Concerns were raised over the length of time it takes for the minutes of the parish councils meetings to be posted publicly.
- Mobile phone – the Working Group request a mobile phone in order to complete the deign of the new playing field sign. The Working group understood that in the March 2018 meeting that it was approved that the council would purchase a mobile phone. Clerk and councillors were unaware of this being approved Clerk checked approved and hand-written notes of March’s minutes and there is no evidence of this approval. The Working Group informed the council that Cllr David Johnson approved this purchase. As Cllr Johnson was absent from the meeting Cllr Adele Brady is to speak with Cllr Johnson for an update of this. Councillors have previously discussed the purchase of a mobile phone and was not approved.
- Grass cutting – It has been noted that grass cutting has commenced this year. Cllr Adele Brady stated that the grass cutting would be done twice a month in the warmer months of the year. It was agreed that Cllr Ann Richards would liaise with contractor over invoicing and requests for grass cutting. Clerk to confirm a ‘rota’ on when the grass will be cut.
- Weekly log – discussion held over the weekly inspection needed for insurance purposes. To be discussed further.
- Cllr Vickie Hobbs handed over documentation the council held with regards to the previous grant funding project at the playing field.

**2887 GRANT APPLICATION – ST PETERS CHURCH** A grant request was received by the council on behalf of St Peter’s Churchyard which made a request for a grant of £200.00. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed to give grant for the sum of £200.00.

**2888 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**18/01337/FUL – Land At Forest Gate Farm, South of Whitney Cottage, Whitney Hill, Whitney**

Cllr Julie Layzell informed the councillors that there were a number of concerns raised by the Planning Officer at SSDC over the application which had been published on the SSDC website.

Discussions were held and Parish Council object to the above application on the grounds that the proposed garage/store building is out of scale and keeping with the local area.

**ADJOINING PARISH APPLICATION – 18/01311/OUT - Land Os 4538, The Pound, Broadway Road, Broadway**

Discussion were held. Councillors did not come to an unanimous decision over the proposed development. Therefore, it was agreed that no comments would be put forward to SSDC.

**2889 PLANNING DECISIONS**

**18/00508/FUL – Brambles, Thornleigh, Hanning Road, Horton – Approved subject to conditions.**

**2890 DEFIBRILLATOR** Clerk updated councillors on the progress with the defibrillator. Clerk met with the ambulance service to register the defibrillator with the emergency services. As a result of the meeting it was clear the company that sold the defibrillator and cabinet had mis sold the cabinet to the council as the cabinet purchased is intended on internal use only. Clerk to follow this up with the British Red Cross. Clerk to set up defibrillator and site within cabinet as soon as possible. Due to the incorrect cabinet the defibrillator is fine to be sited within it but come extreme weather regular inspections need to be made to ensure defibrillator is still in working order. A new cabinet may be required in the future but would require a power source. Clerk to send letter to the pub and post office to enquire whether they would consider defibrillator to be sited on their buildings.

**2891 NEW DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS** The new GDPR regulations to come into force on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Up until recently there was a requirement that all parish councils needed to employ a Data Protection Officer. However, recent news from the Government removed the need for this. Councillors did not approve the employment of a Data Protection Officer. Clerk to speak with website designer to update website with the required content the GDPR requires.

**2892 REQUEST FROM DONYATT PC – SPEED INDICATORS** Councillors are interested in the scheme however more information is needed before a decision is made. Clerk to make enquiries with Donyatt parish council.

**2893 CONFIRMATION OF HALL HIRE/LOCATION FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS UNTIL MAY 2019** All bi-monthly meetings up until May 2019 to be held at St Peter's Church Hall and extra meetings to be held at Broadway Hill Methodist Church. Clerk to raise payment for the 6 bi-monthly meetings under the finance agenda item.

#### **2894 FINANCE**

Audit arrangements have changed for the 2017/2018 financial year. Councils with an expenditure of less than £25,000 and are Transparency Code compliant can exempt themselves from external audit if the council agrees to do so. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed to exempt the council from external audit.

A) Annual Governance Statement - Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed statement.

B) Annual Finance Statement - Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed statement.

C) Internal Audit Arrangements – Clerk prior to the meeting contacted David Ireland to ask if he was available to carry out the internal audit, which he was. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed to David Ireland carrying out internal audit.

D) Financial Statement – 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:

- St Peters Church - hall rental - cheque no. 000711 - £60.00 - Unanimously approved

- C Duff – wages and expenses - - cheque no. 000710 - £527.93 - Unanimously approved

- St Peters Church – grant funding – cheque no. 000708 - £200 – Unanimously approved

- M F Salaman – grass cutting – cheque no. 000709 – Unanimously approved

- Came & Company – insurance – cheque no. 000712 - £393.76 - Unanimously approved

#### **2895 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- Clerk updated the council of the changes SSDC Development Control are introducing in relation to the reduction of paper planning documentation being sent. Parish councils encouraged to sign up to weekly list.
- Clerk updated the council of the changes SSDC Development Control are introducing in relation to the changes with major planning applications and after being decided at an area committee meeting, these applications will now be sent to regulation committee also.

**2896 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. No other matters raised.
- Clerk agreed that the next bi-monthly agenda items; salt bins, dog bins, bank mandates, community speed watch.

**2897 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 7.30pm Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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

### COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FEBRUARY REPORT 2018

Budget setting has dominated activity this month.

#### SCC - FULL COUNCIL

This month's meeting focused on the budget for the coming year. The 2018/19 revenue budget was agreed at £316,881,900, with a council tax requirement of £215,378,600.

This has resulted in a total council tax increase of 5.99% (2.99% + 3% precept for adult social; care), giving a Band D household value of £1,192.16 (an annual inc. of £67.37).

A number of savings are still required to close the estimated budget gap of £13m., using 'themed' areas highlighted in the 'Listening, Learning Changing' exercises carried out (at Ilminster during IMEx), improving procurement and reviewing existing contracts. It is expected that 100 posts will be affected by the required savings.

SCC currently has £329.55m of borrowing. To deliver capital projects valued at £120m., it is estimated that further borrowing of £40m may be necessary.

There were a large number of public questions submitted, on matters relating to bus services, children's centre, library closures, and the current learning disability provision contracted out to Dimensions.

Confirmation was received that in the coming financial year there would be significant capital expenditure on 14 new schools, and the expansion of 10 further schools throughout the county. This element of council tax spend is ring fenced.

The appointment of Scott Wooldridge was confirmed as the new monitoring officer, as the current officer has taken on a new role for the next two years, as SCC is the administering authority for the Heart of the South West Joint Committee.

SCC members voted unanimously for a ban on the use of single-use-plastic on its premises and to lobby central government.

#### COUNTY FARMS

I met with local tenant farmers and officers responsible for handling the disposal of County Farms. I am awaiting the result of further discussion between the Leader and the CEO.

#### BROADBAND UPDATE

I have no updates on the situation but note resident comments that the website is not up to date. My home access to the internet is spasmodic, which can mean delays in response.

#### DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

DSFRS is the largest non-metropolitan fire service in the country, with 85 stations (13 full time). Key risks include tourism doubling the population, Hinkley Point, Devonport Dockyard, national parks, M5 & A303, thatched properties and an ageing population.

At this month's budget meeting an increase in the precept of 2.99% was agreed. This equates to a precept of £84.01 for a Band D property.

Concern was expressed over the impact of resource changes to the fire service, particularly in relation to the location of fire stations in areas undergoing change, and also the resource implications for a major incident, where flexibility is necessary.

#### ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES

A number of issues across the division are giving cause for concern. I am meeting with the head of service in early March.

#### SWANMEAD SCHOOL

The school received an OFSTED inspection this month. The outcome of this will not be known for several weeks.

## **ILMINSTER/CREWKERNE SCHOOLS REVIEW**

Belatedly, I have received SCC correspondence relating to proposals for structural change. The planned working group meetings, held at Wadham, will now run over into April. Written response has now been received to the questions raised at the initial meeting with school heads and Chairs of governors. It is anticipated that a two-tier system will allow for the redistribution of resources to ensure sustainability, and prevent closures, although there may be changes to admission numbers. The condition of the premises at Greenfyld, and the annual rent, remains of concern, and the cost of any proposed changes to the current structure has been raised. The earliest date for a change to a two-tier system will be 2019.

## **LIBRARY SERVICE**

SCC is aiming to keep as many library buildings open as possible and is consulting on two options – either to seek community involvement or to retain existing library services. SCC officers have reiterated that no decisions will be taken until the consultation exercise is concluded and all results are analysed. A number of Ilminster residents have raised concerns in relation to the specific proposals. In response I have received this from SCC –

“The Ilminster Library building was purchased by SCC outright in 1957 for £400 and the deeds show that there is no covenant or limitation on the building apart from its listed status. We hope to find a solution which will enable library services to continue to be provided, however under one of the options this may require community/Town Council support through finance and/or volunteers – it very much depends on the consultation outcome and we are at an early stage at the moment. We have not, at this early stage, quantified the costs of disposing of the Ilminster library building and so cannot answer questions accurately. We do believe, however, that as the owners of the building SCC would be able to sell the building and avoid the costs you outline – although, as noted, our preferred option would be to maintain the building as an operational library (either as now or through a partnership with the community).”

To give your views visit [www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation), click on ‘Have your Say’. Or visit the website below to see what has been proposed by SCC <http://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?Id=632>

I attended a meeting with representatives of the Town Council and the SCC officer, where the options were discussed along with possible future local community/Town council involvement. There are plans to hold a public meeting in the near future to explore further.

## **FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES**

The current contract with Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust comes to an end in Mar. 2019. Public Health Nursing services will then be delivered directly by SCC as part of the Family Support Service. Proposals included increased use of technology and providing a network of local community venues for the delivery of Health Visitor services. The public consultation received 850 responses.

The intention is for 8 Family Centres to continue offering early childhood services including education and nursery places. The planned integration of Getset and Health Visitor/School Nursing service is in addition to support for focusing spend on services rather than buildings. Nurseries currently operating from children’s centre buildings will continue; in some areas expanded and enhanced.

## **FUNDED CHILDCARE**

The government has extended the entitlement for three and four-year olds to 30 hours a week (for up to 38 weeks a year). In Somerset, families can 'stretch' this entitlement to a max. of 1140 hours a year. This is known as the ‘extended entitlement’. To apply for this go to [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) or call 0300 123 4097.

Information about the extended entitlement, including eligibility criteria, can be found on [Somerset Choices](#) about the providers offering the extended entitlement.

## **SOCIAL ENTERPRISE**

SCC is active in supporting social enterprises through funding for the Somerset Social Enterprise Fund and the Enhance Social Enterprise Programme. SEs sell goods and services in the open market, reinvesting profits into the business, or the local economy; this allows them to tackle social problems, improve people’s life chances, support communities and help the environment. SEs, can deliver flexible services that end users need, rather than adopting a one size fits all approach. They deliver outcomes which reduce the financial burden for SCC, by delivering comparable services (often need focused) with the same aims and outcomes. This is beneficial as central government funding cuts continues.

Across Somerset support for potential and existing social enterprises is provided by:

The Social Enterprise Network Somerset (SENS) - a social enterprise in its own right as a Community Interest Company, operating across the whole county. The dedicated website <http://www.socentsomerset.org.uk> is managed by the Community Council for Somerset.

It is a membership organisation, providing a range of support activities, including training. It works with a range of partners and is keen to hear from new and established social enterprises and charities interested in becoming more enterprising. For further details contact Social Enterprise Manager Jane Birch [jane@somersestrcc.org.uk](mailto:jane@somersestrcc.org.uk)

### **Somerset Community Foundation (SCF)**

SCF manages and supports several funds providing the following financial support:

**Reach fund** – grants, normally up to £15,000, for organisations wanting to attract social investment, which need additional support to become ‘investment-ready’

**Social investment programme** (Somerset Social Enterprise Fund) – loan and grant finance to support developing social enterprise business models, mainly targeted at smaller organisations and start-ups with investments between £25,000 and £100,000.

**Foundation grants** – small grants for project costs and organisational development, average £2,000, to support early stage start-up of small enterprises.

**Solutions for an Ageing Society** – grants, typically up to £5,000, to individuals with a social enterprise-based idea to help older people (in partnership with UnLtd).

For further detail on SCF, and available funds go to [www.somersestcf.org.uk/](http://www.somersestcf.org.uk/)

**Enhance Social Enterprise Programme** - providing social enterprises at all stages of their journey with 12-hours of tailored business support. The following offer a variety of support: -

Dartington School for Social Entrepreneurs - offers learning programmes, and expert led help including themed workshops, one-to-one coaching and individual start up grants.

Cosmic - digital business support programme to stimulate growth via digital transformation, including sessions around building capacity, IP, digital fund raising and digital leadership.

Iridescent - provides specialist support on legal structures and governance advice.

RIO - assists organisations through workshops and individual training to identify intended social impact, measure progress and balance a commitment to values with a results focus.

SCC in partnership with the Somerset Community Foundations offers support for public sector commissioning and procurement, bid writing etc.

For more details contact Richard Snell (HotSW Prog. Manager) [richard.snell@devon.gov.uk](mailto:richard.snell@devon.gov.uk) or Nathaniel Lucas at [NMLucas@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:NMLucas@somerset.gov.uk) or Tel: 07976 690 942

### **SSDC – FULL COUNCIL**

The net revenue budget for 2018/19 is set at £16,483m, which will mean a council tax increase of £5, increasing the Band D rate by 3.18% to £162.48

Implementation of the transformation programme will be SSDC's main focus for the coming year, as it adopts new ways of working and delivering services, using technology as an enabler, in order to make the necessary savings (targeted at £2.483m), where there is currently a budget gap of £2.7m. In the next five years it is likely that the budget gap will increase as central government funding streams continue to reduce.

Other priority projects include ‘the facilitation of appropriate local development to that local housing and infrastructure needs are met’, and ‘support for small and medium sized businesses, including internet access’.

### **ELECTORAL COMMISSION BOUNDARY REPORT**

Views on the proposed boundary changes, and the recommendation for Ilminster to become a 3-member District Council Ward should be submitted by 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The full recommendations are available on the Commission's website at [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk) (go to South Somerset and insert your postcode).

Ilminster town council have unanimously agreed to submit an objection to the proposed boundary changes.

### **SSDC- FIVE YEAR LAND SUPPLY**

In response to an enquiry from a member of the public, SSDC's Planning Policy Department have confirmed that there is not yet a 5-year supply. It is currently at 4.2 years.

### **SSDC - PLANNING APPEALS**

The appeal relating to the land adjacent to the village hall in Broadway has been dismissed.

### **SSDC - AREA WEST GRANT**

After some discussion, a grant of £10,000 was awarded to the Warehouse Theatre to contribute towards the purchase of the Old Bakery to allow for necessary expansion, recognising their own fund-raising efforts. Concern was expressed that Ilminster Town Council had not supported this financially, which would normally be expected.

### **CITIZENS ADVICE AREA WEST**

The service is available in Ilminster every week at the health centre and two days a week at Forefront in Chard. The CAB is currently supporting residents moving to Universal Credit.

A new dedicated employment service is to be set up next year. A Skype link to a legal service in Bristol is also planned. There is a rising number of young people using the service, often preferring to access advice by live chat, websites or email.

### **HIGHWAYS**

#### **PLANNED ROADWORKS**

No further notification of upcoming roadworks has been received this month.

#### **ILMINSTER FLOODING UPDATE**

The team responsible for investigating this has now published their initial findings on their website. They are currently looking at programmes of work for this coming year. A study for Ilminster is one of the options being promoted as the next step to addressing the flooding problem. One local resident has been in direct contact with the Flood Risk Management team to discuss queries around highway drainage and maintenance.

#### **HIGHWAYS – Small Improvement Scheme PROJECTS**

**Donyatt** – PC representatives and I had a productive meeting with SCC officers this month. Subject to agreement, the scheme should now enter into the next stage.

**Winsham** – no further progress as the scheme is not yet due to be considered.

#### **HIGHWAYS – A358 CONSULTATION**

I have attended a number of meetings, and have been in receipt of correspondence expressing concerns, particularly from Ashill, Broadway and Horton residents, who are concerned about access arrangements. I have passed on their concerns, so that they will be reflected in SCC's formal consultation response submitted to Highways England at the end of this month. More information is available via <http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a358-taunton-to-southfields>

Fears remain over the lack of consideration of the impact on Southfields roundabout, and the absence of any improvements to it. Highways England is urged to consider moving the future investment for this junction forward as part of the A358 scheme.

#### **HORTON RECREATION GROUND**

Meetings to look at the way forward, including fund raising efforts, are ongoing.

#### **ILMINSTER WINTERHAY LANE PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

Following enquiries from the town council in relation to concerns in this area, specific requests for this to be monitored can be made at:

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/parking/report-a-badly-parked-vehicle/>

#### **HIGHWAYS – SPEEDING, PUDDLEBRIDGE HORTON**

Following enquiries from the parish council the following response has been received.

'The Department for Transport (DfT) guidance, for setting local speed limits, has clear criteria for where local authorities should install speed limits

SCC Highways records, provided by the Police, indicate that there have been two personal injury collisions recorded over the last five years. Initial readings show that the average speed was recorded at 37.8mph.

The feasibility of a 30mph speed limit in was investigated in 2005 but as this section does not meet criteria to enable the matter to be progressed further.'



### **WINSHAM SID REPORTS**

The recorded median speed was 29mph, compliant with the posted speed limit of 30mph. The 85%ile speed was 34mph, 2mph below the intervention limit speed of 36mph.

Speeds shown are the approach speeds recorded by the device, and do not reflect the 'adjusted' speeds motorists may switch to on being 'reminded' of the speed limit by the device. Where highways have been able to measure 'adjusted' speeds elsewhere there has been an average reduction in speed of approx. 4-5mph.

The intervention limit is the speed, calculated by taking the posted speed limit, adding 10% and then adding a further 3mph, (equating to 25mph in a 20mph zone; 36mph in a 30mph zone and 47mph in a 40mph zone).

The 85%ile speed is the speed at which 85% of all vehicles are travelling either at or below, (the remaining 15% travelling at a higher speed).

### **PARISH COUNCILLOR TRAINING**

Councillor training has now been re-scheduled for Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Winsham Jubilee Hall, to book a place contact Teresa Pinder on [winshampc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:winshampc@hotmail.co.uk)

### **COMMUNITY EVENT**

A What Matters/Who Cares? event has been organised for Mon. March 5<sup>th</sup> at The Shrubbery, 7.30pm – 9.30pm, to explore ways in which local groups and individuals such as schools, farming, businesses, public services etc. can work together to support community issues and activities. Several speakers from local businesses have confirmed attendance and representatives of local community groups are urged to attend.

### **EASTER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN**

I have been asked to alert local residents to the MaKe Performing Arts song, dance and drama this holiday workshops Easter, with a theme of 'Dream the Impossible'

These are for children aged 8-16 and will be held at Broadway Methodist Chapel from Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> April, 10am – 4pm at a fee of £75 for the whole week, or £60 for local children and siblings £37.50. To find out more contact

MaKe Performing Arts on 07765253294 or

[sophy@maddrama.co.uk](mailto:sophy@maddrama.co.uk) [www.makedrama.com](http://www.makedrama.com)

### **CHARD MUSEUM**

Chard resident, Margaret Bondfield, has been named as one the country's 100 women pioneers.

Pre-opening event - there have been a lot of changes to the displays during the winter. To celebrate this the museum will be holding an opening event on Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Mar., from 11am – 1pm. All friends & volunteers are welcome.

The museum will be open to the public from 19<sup>th</sup> Mar., times & prices remain unchanged.

For those interested in volunteering as custodians (even if only as a stand in), there is a training session on Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. from 2pm till 3pm. The training will focus on introducing custodians to the new displays.

AGM – to be held on Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> Mar. at 7pm. The museum will be open to members from 6pm and refreshments provided. There will also be an exhibition of photos from the museum archive.

Subscriptions – Friends subscriptions for the coming year remain at £10 per person.

### **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT**

Just a reminder that there will be a tasting of 15 different Fairtrade wines at Ilminster Bookshop on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30m. No charge but donations welcome.

## ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS

2/2	Women of WW1 – Meeting House
3/2	Charity Quiz – Cricket St. Thomas
5/2	Ashill planning meeting
5/2	Neroche School governors' meeting
6/2	Horton – St. Peter's Church
6/2	Combe St. Nicholas pantomime
7/2	Dowlish Wake SCC County Farms meeting
7/2	Wadham School – Legally Blonde
8/2	100 of Women's vote – Shrubbery
8/2	IMEx meeting
10/2	Warehouse – Evening of Comedy
11/2	Donyatt VH b'fast
11/2	MIND fund raising event Symondsburry
14/2	Ilminster – resident adult social services meeting
14/2	Ash Wednesday service - Broadway
14/2	Ashill resident meeting
15/2	Warehouse fund raising quiz
16/2	Fire service budget meeting
16/2	Samaritans fund raising quiz
17/2	Horton lent lunch
18/2	Ilminster Mayor charity fund raising event – Warehouse Theatre
19/2	Chaffcombe PC meeting
19/2	Horton PC meeting
21/2	SCC full council
21/2	SSDC Area West
22/2	SCC – highways meeting – Donyatt SIS
22/2	SSDC – transformation update
22/2	SSDC – full council
27/2	Young Voices – Greenfylde School
27/2	Ilminster TC meeting
28/2	Ilminster TC meeting re;library

Please note that I am away from 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March.