


d. Any other planning matters for information - None.

- 19/20/192 **VE DAY CELEBRATIONS - 8-10 MAY 2020** - There is to be another VE Day meeting next Tuesday at 7.30 in the School Hall. Cllr Salter had obtained a selection of sample medals and one of these was chosen for Catcott. The Clerk and Cllr Salter to liaise regarding obtaining the necessary information on the number to order. Inscription to be decided upon once the cost is confirmed.
- 19/20/193 **RLT3 APPLICATION FROM WOOLAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL** - it was agreed to support this.
- 19/20/194 **FUTURE GRASS MAINTENANCE AREAS** - These are to be:- the Play Area, the War Memorial, the grass verge along to Popular Lane where the Catcott sign is.
- 19/20/195 **SCHOOL CAR PARK SIGNS** - This was discussed following a concern raised by a member of the public. It was agreed that the signs served a useful purpose and that the Council should take no action.
- 19/20/196 **USE OF THE SCHOOL HALL BY THE PARISH COUNCIL** - a letter from the Headmaster will be considered at the next meeting of the Council.
- 19/20/197 **FINANCE**
- a. Accounts check - the Clerk had updated the accounts.
- b. Cheques for signature - the following were approved for signature - Chq.500 J A Marshall (Clerk's pay & expenses) £362.21; Chq.501 SDC (Grass cutting) £192.64.
- c. Any other financial matters - Nic Wall has contacted the Clerk regarding the £500 grant for the kerbing round the War Memorial. The Clerk has told him that the work has been carried out but no invoice has yet been received and she would let him know as soon as it was.
- 19/20/198 **RIGHTS OF WAY, FOOTPATHS - INCLUDING - ANY VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE OVER FROM MR THOMAS** - Nobody had been found to take over this responsibility. The old system of walking the paths annually might be revised as an alternative way forward.
- 19/20/199 **PLAYING FIELD REPORT** - no update.
- 19/20/200 **PARISH PLOT** - no update.
- 19/20/201 **ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE** - the Clerk reported that she needed to look into this in detail and warned that it might require some additional expenditure.
- 19/20/202 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, CIRCULATION, DISTRIBUTION** - 999 ambulance call handling; Cllr Bell said that when the weather improves he hopes to be able to survey the local finger posts prior to improvement work.
- 19/20/203 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** - There are two small bridges on the Catcott to Burtle road and there is no warning sign at either end. Large vehicles have trouble turning round. There is only one warning sign at the Catcott bridge itself. The Clerk said she would contact Highways about this.
- 19/20/204 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 19/20/205 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The meeting finished at 8.25pm

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- 19/20/180 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the chair), Pople, Bell and Robins.
- 19/20/181 **ALSO PRESENT:** 3 members of the public, DCllr Kingham and CCllr Huxtable.
- 19/20/182 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - were received and accepted from Cllr Salter. Cllr Robins had sent apologies for the previous meeting but they had not been received in time.
- 19/20/183 **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk to the Council.
- 19/20/184 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - Cllr Pople declared an interest in the Playing Field being the Council's representative on the committee. DCllr Kingham declared an interest in planning being on the SDC Planning Committee.
- 19/20/185 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were approved and signed.
- 19/20/186 **UPDATES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND NOT LISTED** - none.
- 19/20/187 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - DCllr Kingham reported that SDC will soon be setting its budget. There is some re-branding going on with a new logo. Some of those present felt that a new logo was an unnecessary waste of money.
- 19/20/188 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - CCllr Huxtable said he has got nowhere with Little Leaze Lane. He will now submit it as a small improvements scheme as he is permitted to put two schemes forward. SCC Council Tax will be set next Wednesday. Adult Social Services are still a main difficulty with the County unable to pay the care workers what they deserve to be paid. Talks are again under way regarding a unitary authority for the area. This would involve a huge saving in senior staff salaries but there would be other costs such as another re-branding. He told the meeting that he covers 14 parishes and the district councillor covers five.
- 19/20/189 **HIGHWAYS**
- Little Leaze Lane road surface - covered in the County Councillor's report.
  - A39 Potholes - the worst will be repaired. The section not yet resurfaced is scheduled to be done in May.
  - White lines at junctions - will be re-painted but the weather needs to be dry.
  - Scotts Lane closure - 19<sup>th</sup> February for five days although it probably won't take that long.
  - Any other updates - Chilton Road closure - due to continue until 20th March.
  - Problems arising and any other highway matters - Clerk to report Langeland Lane potholes and the road surfaces along Manor Road and Lippetts Way.
- 19/20/190 **PRESENT** - CCllr Huxtable left the meeting.
- 19/20/191 **PLANNING**
- 14/19/00006 - Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling, formation of turning and revised vehicular access (part retrospective) at Barn to East of Holywell Road, Edington - AMENDED plans - Council looked at the original plans as granted permission and the new plans. After discussion it was agreed that all the original conditions should still stand including with regard to all entrances into the field.
  - 14/19/00008 - Retrospective application for change of use of existing building to holiday let accommodation and retention of double garage/workshop at 2 Scotts Lane - no update at 11/02/2020.
  - 14/20/00001 - Agricultural storage building at Mendip View Farm, 12 Lippetts Way - It was agreed to support this application.

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## County Councillors Report

FEBRUARY 2020

**The Somerset Fund:** Grassroots community groups are being encouraged to apply for grants of up to £1,500 from The Somerset Fund with the deadline for the current funding round as Friday 14 February. The Somerset Fund will support local people of all ages and a wide range of causes, including giving the best start in life to the most disadvantaged children, growing the life skills of young people, improving the mental health of people of all ages, increasing opportunities for better physical health, supporting people with disabilities and life-limiting illnesses and combating loneliness and isolation.

Visit [www.somersetcf.org.uk/somersetfund](http://www.somersetcf.org.uk/somersetfund) or call 01749 344949.

**Climate Emergency Strategy Events:** Rescheduled public events to discuss the creation of Somerset's first Climate Emergency Strategy have been confirmed and will be run by the Somerset Climate Action Network (SCAN) on behalf of Somerset's four District Councils and the County Council. The strategy will identify ways for Somerset to work towards being carbon neutral by 2030 and adapt to predicted climate change impacts. The events will be held 10am – 4pm as follows:

- 8 February Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR.
- 15 February Mendip DC Offices, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BT.
- 22 February Vicarage Street Methodist Church, Yeovil, BA20 1JB

**Community Connect:** Somerset County Council's Adult Social Care team have implemented a new website [www.somersetcommunityconnect.org.uk](http://www.somersetcommunityconnect.org.uk)  
Some of the key things on the site include:

- A directory of Micro-Providers - the growing network of small-scale, often single-person, care providers who can help with care at home.
- A list of drop-in events being run by a huge range of community and voluntary organisations in your local area
- Information about support for carers
- Help to access equipment through the county's two Independence and Advice Centres
- A directory of registered home care and care home providers

**Fizz Free February:** Fizz Free February meaning it's time to ditch sugary drinks for 29 days. It is part of the wider SUGAR SMART campaign aimed at cutting back on the amount of sugar consumed. Latest data from Public Health England on the nation's diet shows that sugar now makes up 13.5 per cent of four to ten-

year-olds' and 14.1 per cent of teenagers' daily calorie intake respectively, while the official recommendation is to limit sugar to no more than five per cent.

Research has shown that in Somerset one in five children enter primary school overweight or obese; one in three enter secondary school overweight or obese; Visit [https://www.sustainweb.org/news/nov19\\_fizz\\_free\\_february/](https://www.sustainweb.org/news/nov19_fizz_free_february/)

**Talking Cafes:** Adult Social Care now have 17 Talking Cafes and a network of Community Agents and village agents who work closely with SCC's social work teams to ensure that people are able to find solutions that help them live as independently as possible in their own home and community. To date 5,519 people have been supported through the Talking Cafes.

**Free Health Checks:** Nearly 7,000 people benefitted from free health checks last year thanks to the service delivered for Somerset County Council and the NHS. And the checks will continue this year, giving anyone over 40 with the chance to have a free check-up every five years, helping identify those at higher risk of certain health problems, such as heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease or stroke. During the 30-minute check, healthcare professionals assess blood pressure, cholesterol, BMI and lifestyle. With these results the practitioner can advise patients about small changes that they can make which could have a huge impact on their future health. You can find out more about health checks here <https://somersethealthchecks.co.uk/about-nhs-health-checks>

**Bovine TB:** Following a successful bid for funding from Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Somerset Trading Standards has launched a new information pack giving farmers all the information they need to help safeguard their herd from Bovine TB. The packs provide information on the regulations; how to access support and give practical tools for farmers to help increase biosecurity standards with the aim of reducing the impact of the disease.

**Somerset Prepared:** Somerset Prepared is the official multi-agency partnership working closely with communities to deliver advice, support and training to enhance local resilience to emergencies. Their work includes Raising awareness of local risk, providing advice, guidance, support and funding to locally led community resilience initiatives; providing resilience networking and information sharing platforms for community groups through meetings, events and supporting technology; supporting partner agencies in delivery of community resilience initiatives; and coordinating activity between member organisations. For further information visit [www.somersetprepared.org.uk](http://www.somersetprepared.org.uk)

- 19/20/169 **PRESENT** - Cllrs Barnett (in the chair), Pople, Bell and Salter.
- 19/20/170 **ALSO PRESENT:** 3 members of the public.
- 19/20/171 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - none received.
- 19/20/172 **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk to the Council.
- 19/20/173 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATIONS REQUIRED** - none declared.
- 19/20/174 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** - were approved and signed.
- 19/20/175 **VE DAY CELEBRATIONS 8-10th MAY 2020** - There was considerable discussion regarding the possibilities including any joint venture with Edington and/or Chilton Polden Parish Councils. The Vice-Chairman of the CVA was present and outlined some of the ideas they currently had. It was agreed to try to arrange a meeting with representatives from all the following bodies at Catcott School on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January in Catcott School Hall:- Catcott, Edington and Chilton Polden Parish Councils, Catcott School & PTA, Edington & District History Group, Catcott Village Association, Village Hall Committee. Some ideas for consideration were:- medals for primary school age children, Street party, Maypole dance, wheelbarrow race, flower festival, service at the War Memorial (or the Church if weather bad), May Fair, memorabilia display from WWII in general and locally in particular, 40's evening - music - food rations - dress - memorabilia display - photos. It was noted that the Village Hall are arranging celebrations in the form of concerts on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> with a bring your own picnic in the Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> together with a film. In view of the number of groups it was agreed to limit attendance to one or two from each group.
- 19/20/176 **FINANCE** -
- Cheques for signature - Chq.499 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £327.72 approved for signature.
  - Precept for 2020-2021 - The Clerk had provided figures in advance and also provided up to date account sheets which were approved. Following discussion Cllr Salter proposed a precept of £8,500. Seconded by Cllr Pople. Carried. This is the same amount as last year.
- 19/20/177 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** - future grass maintenance areas and VE Day Celebrations 8-10th May 2020, potholes, parking signs at school car park.
- 19/20/178 **URGENT CORRESPONDENCE** - None. C&CD and CPRE literature was put for circulation.
- 19/20/179 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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