

CLERK'S REPORT – 23rd January 2024

Confidential Matters – Agenda Item 3

The Parish Council resolves to exclude the Public and Press for Agenda Items 13 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest, and the items are confidential.

Parish Matters and Works – Agenda Item 6

Equipment and Facilities – Checks by Councillors to report

- **Village Playground** – Any Report
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Any Report
- **Lockup** – Any Report
- **Miss Davis Garden** – Any Report
- **Village Hall** – The WECA funding opportunity is not appropriate.
- **Parish Council Noticeboard** – A36 Petrol Station – The Clerk put a notice saying the board is no longer in use and screwed the Noticeboard shut. This was done on 10th December. There have been no comments or complaints.

Highways and Footpaths – Agenda Item 8

Brassknocker Hill Speed Limits and Weight Restrictions – Charles Carr to report.

Mill Lane - Tarmac drive extension protruding into road – The matter has been re-reported on FixMyStreet.

Mount Pleasant Footpath – BA16/1 Gate onto Shaft Road – Cllr. Mike Wareham to report.

Tucking Mill Toads – The TMT group have reported that an application to close Tucking Mill Lane for the 6 week migratory season has been unsuccessful. Signage provided by B&NES Highways will shortly be installed at either end of the lane alerting drivers to toads. The TMT group ask all residents/parents/staff to avoid Tucking Mill Lane during the evening i.e. from dusk to midnight for the migratory period. This period is approximately from Monday 12th February to Sunday 24th March. This measure will go part way to protecting the toads and will be considerably safer for volunteers in the lane if the traffic is reduced.

Correspondence Received – Agenda Item 10

Police Funding Survey from Police and Crime Commissioner Mark Shelford. PCC Mark Shelford has launched a survey asking if local people support his proposal to increase the precept – the policing part of the council tax – by at least £10 a year for the average band D household. The PCC is responsible for setting the amount of money residents contribute to local policing through the precept. The Government determines the maximum amount by which PCCs can increase the precept each year. Our current financial planning assumes the precept will be increased by £10 next year. Even with this assumed increase savings still need to be made. The size of the savings needed will likely result in about 250 staff roles being cut across the next few years. These cuts will have an impact on front line services such as visible policing and the ability to investigate crime. We know that, with cost-of-living crisis continuing, this is a big ask from residents. Therefore, we want to hear what local people think about this via our survey and we are asking for your support to share the survey amongst your contacts, colleagues, and channels.

The survey and information about the precept can be found here: <https://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/working-for-you/precept/>

Invitation to a local parish councils climate and nature emergency networking meeting Friday 2nd February from 7pm-9pm

B&NES Parish and Town Nature Action Plans: Guidance for Parish and Town Councils, and West of England Rural Fund

Hedgehog Awareness - I Need Your Help! – Request to consider getting Hedgehog Road Warning Signs for your neighbourhood (prices start from £26.99).

D - Day 80th Anniversary 6th June 2024 – Consideration of what the parish may wish to do.

Other Matters to Report – Agenda Item 11

Bus 94 Service Update – Report on latest correspondence on the future of the 94 Bus 94 Service.

Dates for Future Meetings – Agenda Item 12

To confirm dates for the coming year.

Tuesday 26th March 2024

Tuesday 16th April 2024 – Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 14th May 2024 – Annual Parish Council Meeting

EA/2022/0254; Monkton Combe Parish Council vs Information Commissioner (ICO Case Reference: IC-160435-H5M4).– Agenda Item 13

The Clerk will provide a Confidential Report on the current position.