



Brief notes from the parish council 22nd Feb 2018

Public session: There were discussions around the Cookswood application to change the conditions for types of housing and the running costs of the pavilion and soccer pitch. These topics will be investigated further.

The minutes for the planning meeting on 1/2/18 were adopted. The planning applications, with the advisory notes, for the two proposed properties behind The Old Post Office have been forwarded to MDC planning committee. There were concerns that the parish council's comments are not always appearing on the MDC website. It is important for the village to be up to date with the p.c.'s appraisal of each application. Letters from residents are on screen regarding this development.

New parish councillor. The p.c. welcomed Kim Gibson as our new parish councillor.

The proposed budget for the new year has been sent through to Mendip District Council. This is in the region of £23,000.

The Frog Lane car park is a problem with considerable litter left most days. It is used by dog walkers, haulage drivers and as a rendezvous for some youngsters. The PCSO is aware of anti social behaviour and the use of legal highs. The parish council is looking at ways of controlling access.

The football pavilion requires new windows in the changing rooms.

Quotes for such a project were discussed and the choice of glass versus acrylic is to be followed up. Costs will be close to £600.

The millennium woodland: it is hoped that grants can be secured for hedge laying on the boundaries of the wood. Amanda Taylor is looking at the complex forms required by government funding agencies.

The Defibrillator: the group organising the bid have raised enough for the main unit. The parish council will pay installation costs for it to be sited in the entrance to the village hall. Fund raising continues to cover the cost of the cabinet housing the defibrillator itself.

The village stream: water quality appears to be better although it is acknowledged that the recent heavy rains may have clouded the water.

Mill Lane: the problems with access remain. Traffic is still attempting to use this road. Traffic is still getting stuck, is damaging walls and is

destroying the verge. Somerset Highway's notices are inadequate both by the church and on Partman's Hill. The parish council will consider erecting their own notices, making it plain that this lane is not wide enough for any vehicles in any direction.

Correspondence: parishioners have contacted the clerk regarding the state of the footpaths and Red Lane in particular. Fallen branches and the excessive mud are making paths impossible to use. Somerset County council and landowners have a degree of responsibility for surfaces underfoot and hedgerows either side.

There are concerns about the vigorous flow of the stream undercutting the bank in the centre of the village. It may be the Environment Agency will advise us on this and the of the two conduits under the road.

Litter sweep day: This is Sunday 25th March, at 10am. Volunteers will help clear roadsides and paths during the morning sweep. Meet at the Memorial Hall. Sarah Stewart (sarahstewart1488@hotmail.co.uk) is organising this again, and it is hoped that as before, lots of people will join in.

Finance: Cheques were authorised for - the parish website, The Community Council for Somerset's annual fees, the Stoke St Michael events group insurance and the cost of the two new gates for the children's playground. The cost of the grass cutting for the parish, including the community field, was discussed. The quotation from Primrose Garden Maintenance was chosen.

St. Michael and All Angels Church Services: The service for Mothering Sunday will be held on 29th March at 7pm. Maundy Thursday service will be at 7pm on 29th March and the Easter Day Service will be celebrated on 1st April at 6pm.

Stoke Memorial Hall will host Lenten Lunch from 12 noon to 2pm on both 16th March and again on 23rd March.

There will be a hot cross bun event on 31st March at the Memorial Hall from 10am to 12.30pm.

The Knatchbull Arms: delicious pizza from the van in the Car Park every week on Thursday or Friday's from 5 till 8. Fish n chip van every Tuesday from 5 till 8. DJ tunes on Friday 2nd March from 8pm. Sunday lunch from 1.30 till 3.30 is still ongoing. Please check Knatchbull facebook page for details. **Ooh la la!** Thursday 8th March French tasting evening: snails, frog legs, onion soup and baked camembert. **C'est magnifique!**



Brief notes from the parish council 12 April 2018

Public session. There was detailed discussion of the plan to erect a small industrial unit on land adjacent to Warren Farm. This is to replace the barn built only a year ago.

The question of charging the football club to use the pavilion is ongoing. Stoke Rovers presented their accounts to show how funds are spent year on year.

A resident opposite the village hall is concerned by the noise continuing into the early hours of the morning, when parties are booked in the hall. The hall committee are to be asked to alert neighbours of such bookings in advance.

Local councillors reports: Mendip Council now has commercial interests in two business projects out of county. MDC are considering negotiating the raising of funds through a ticket levy at the Glastonbury festival to compensate for the upheaval that the event brings with it.

Cookswood Retreat: The parish council still opposes the new application by Cookswood. The move towards housing units and away from holiday cabins, though apparently encouraged by the case officer, is challenged.

Planning: The parish council recommended approval of the plan to demolish an old extension to a cottage at East End and then rebuild as new. The p.c. recommended refusal of the application to redevelop the barn next to Warren Farm as an industrial unit. Though it does not fall foul of planning guidelines, it is not an appropriate use of this rural space.

Pavilion: Wainwright's trustees have asked about the colour scheme for the new roof to be erected this summer. The overwhelming view was that it should be anthracite grey.

Cemetery fees have been reviewed by the p.c.c.

Millennium wood: Public liability insurance is now in place. The application for a grant for hedge laying is largely complete.

Defibrillator: Apart from improving the porch lighting for the village hall, the box and equipment is ready to install.

The village stream: It is not clear how much the conduits under the road could be eroded by the stream's flow. The present volume of water may be slowly affecting the structures.

Cheques for authorisation: Cheques were signed for the parish website, the burial clerk's salary, the cleaning of the Lychgate, the parish clerk's salary and administration costs, the burial ground's green waste bin, the mole catcher, grass cutting, Somerset Playing Association annual fee, pavilion insurance, and EDF street lighting.

Date of the next meeting and Annual Parish meeting 10 May

Plant and Cake Sale to be held at the Church on Saturday May 12th 2018, from 10a.m. to 12.30p.m.



Leigh on Mendip Open Gardens and Heritage Trail - Sunday 20 May 11am to 4.30pm. Visit our village Open Gardens and discover the heritage buildings and their associated families. Refreshments – delicious cream teas at the Old Vicarage and light lunches. Plants for sale. Car transport available for those with limited mobility. Tickets £5 on the day for entry to all gardens from Memorial Hall BA3 5QH. Details: Graham 01373 812889. Proceeds to Friends of Leigh Church supporting the repair, conservation and community use of St Giles church. (FOLC Reg. charity no. 1174913)

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Brief notes from the parish council May 10th 2018

Annual meeting: There were reports from the Youth club, the Soccer club, the Baby and toddler group, the Village hall, Allotments and the Events group. These have all had an active and fruitful year. They have been successful in raising funds and the parish is very well served by the volunteers that run such a worthwhile range of events.

Chairman's report: Keith Holder recorded his thanks to all those involved in the 13 meetings over the year. There were 17 planning applications presented and a wide range of aspects of village life aired. The parish has a new website, purchased the Millennium wood, continues to work on the traffic problem in Mill Lane and pedestrian safety in the middle of the village. It is very grateful to Wainwright's and their trustees for generous support in the renovation of the pavilion and repairs on the playground. The parish council were fully involved in the consultations for the Mendip Local Plan II

Public session: The access through Red Lane was brought up again as it is still restricted for walkers by fallen branches, banks collapsing and being sodden underfoot. As the landowners, Wainwright's will look at the ground works required. There was lengthy discussion on the state of the village stream. Concerns were raised about increased flow that may lead to damage to private property, damage to the bank, to road bridges and conduits, to poor water quality and silting downstream. The parish council is involved with Somerset Highways, The Flood Risk Management group, the Environment Agency and John Wainwright's quarry. Advice is being sought and some inspections have taken place already. It is hoped that expert monitoring and further study will help prevent any drastic problems such as seen at Withybrook some years ago.

Goldsborough Farm: The application to lift the short-term holiday letting occupation conditions on two cottages was discussed and the plan to allow full time occupation was recommended for approval.

New Quarry tips: The meeting was informed that the application to proceed with three new tips has been approved. The parish was reminded that any concerns can always be taken directly John Wainwright's offices. The building of tips has been ongoing over the long life of the quarry and the new development should appear as "nothing out of the ordinary."

Matters arising from the April p.c. minutes: A door damper has been bought and will be fitted on the main hall door to make sure it doesn't bang shut.

Pavilion and community field: The windows for the pavilion have been ordered. The soccer team has no more home games so workmen can start of the new roof in the near future. The debate on the hire and use of the community field and its facilities remains on the table. Safety bark for the play area is to be ordered. The concrete base to the small climbing figures will be reduced to minimise the risks, if youngsters land awkwardly.

Millennium wood: There will be a working party to write up a management plan for the year ahead. This will consider hedging, the perimeter path, the need to mow this strip and further aspects such as wild flowers, nest boxes and gateways.

Defibrillator: the parish council is waiting for a commercial electrician to install the unit in the porch of the village hall. The unit is in the Knatchbull and can be used in an emergency. A training course will be arranged for those keen to be local support specialists.

IN EMERGENCY CALL 01749 840354 TO ACCESS THE DEFIBRILATOR

Pedestrian safety scheme: We are waiting for an update on funding from Philip Ham, our County councillor.

Mill Lane: New signs are in place to warn drivers of the stupidity of trying to drive through.

Bus Stop: The p.c. is still collating quotes to repair the damaged panel. It may be a DIY solution?

Finance: Cheques were authorised for Somerset Assoc. of Local Councils, Play Bark, Road signs, Door slam damper.

Correspondence; There will be discussion on Data Protection updates at the next meeting.

The Youth Club is short of volunteers to allow it to run. At present sessions are often cancelled due to the lack of the required numbers of adults. Can you become part of a team to help? It need not be every week that you join in. Senior sessions are most at risk and they are on Wednesdays from 7.00-9.00 in the village hall. There is a qualified youth leader present. Please contact John at johnjohnston46@googlemail.com or Kirsty at kookie78uk@yahoo.co.uk

Next meeting June 21st 7.30 village hall.



Stoke Rovers

AGM Friday 15th June

Knatchbull Arms 7.00pm

**Stoke Rovers Presentation, Buffet and Disco Friday 15th June
Knatchbull Arms - All Welcome**

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STOKE ST MICHAEL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2018

County council report: the Stoke St Michael pedestrian safety scheme is still under consideration though not first in line for funding at present. The rising drug problem in the county is given cause for concern and is a local issue. Is the Frog lane car park being used as a drug dealing rendezvous? The idea of uniting the Somerset, and possibly BaNES districts, is still being considered in the £300m cost cutting exercise that is biting day by day.

Mendip council reports: Car parking charges are to rise, though Sunday market dispensations in Frome are excluded from increases. The Cookswood Retreat estate is now advertising detached homes, in a gated community, at prices in excess of £1,000,000 These cannot be used as a primary residence. The lane through Stoke Bottom is to be made good by Penny's who have used this route in to the quarry retreat development.

Minutes from 10/5/18 Red Lane is being restored by John Wainwright's engineers. There is still concern over the streamside path by the Butcher's smallholding where the bank has collapsed. Somerset's footpath specialists could offer help to rebuild the edges.

Planning: Phippen's Farm has plans in the pipeline that have yet to be presented.

The Playing field: Work on the pavilion roof is delayed, as the order for steel was not fulfilled on time. It should now happen in late July. The cost of renting the pavilion will be worked out once a review is completed that shows the cost of electricity over a year. The tennis court would make an ideal multi use games area (MUGA) for the parish and school. It may be that grants are available for such a community project? It is likely to cost over £20K. New play bark is in place. The bases to the little climbing frame figures have been reduced to sit below ground level. Thanks to Sebastian Wolf and John McEntee and all the children who helped get this done at half term.

Millennium Woodland A quote has been accepted to cut the meadow grass on the lower part on the wood and for a path around the perimeter. This is a first phase to bring the area into wider community use. Coppicing, trimming the understory of low branches, increasing wild flowers, bird boxes and hedging are all on the list of things to do.

Defibrillator: The cabinet is in place but the main unit and the electricity supply are yet to be installed. **THE UNIT IS IN THE KNATCHBULL ARMS AND IS ONLY A PHONE CALL AWAY. IN EMERGENCY CALL 01749 840354**

Mill lane traffic: The new warning signs appear to be working. No incidents are reported this last month.

Traffic speeds along Coalpit Lane and Church St and on Tower Hill. This is the main north south thoroughfare and the way to the school and the Moonshill estate. Cars travel far too fast in and out of the village. Once again there are pleas for a police presence, radar monitoring and much improved signage. The PTA will be asked to join in the campaign to slow the traffic

The village stream: The working party has done a lot of research with the Environmental Agency and the quarry on water quality, silting, pumping and flow. Monitoring must take place over the year to establish a baseline for these aspects for the health of our stream. The serious error in May resulted in the settling ponds draining mud and silt directly to the stream over a prolonged period and gave rise to the suggestion that pumping should only take place when pumps are supervised directly. The erosion of the bank close to Mendip Farm, has been alleviated by the quarry. They have put in basic gabions to limit more damage on the roadside. Erosion by the boundary wall for Crosslynds is problematic and the stream may have to be diverted away from the wall and the meander straightened. Ownership of this land must be established as it may be parish land or belong to The Mill. Erosion to the conduits under the road is apparently not dangerous and Somerset minor works team will carry out further inspections..

The Bus shelter. Reglazing the shelter will have to be a DIY affair to the cut cost of a relatively simple job. A single pane will be £180 + VAT

Village Events committee: This very successful group have secured considerable funding for a summer festival on the community playing field on August 18th (£3K) and a Centenary Commemoration for Armistice Day (£4.7K) over the weekend of 10/11 Nov. Another Fun Run, up-round-and-down is planned for September 30th and the Christmas Fayre and a litter pick will be in the diary soon. There is a car wash on 30th July all morning in the pub car park.

Cheques for authorisation: Cheques were signed for village website maintenance, grass cutting, EDF electricity, Sweeping the Lychgate area, The burial clerk's salary, the parish clerk's salary and expenses, the two new playground gates, and parish wide insurance.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 19th July at 7.30 in the village hall.

Village youth club: The junior and senior clubs are on Wednesday from 5.30 onwards. They are well attended!

Can you help with work behind the scenes – book keeping, fundraising, risk assessment, organising trips out etc, or in running single sessions with distinct themes? Maybe cooking, make up, art, live music, or promoting your hobbies and interest for new fans. We are short of adults to help supervise and without a correct ratio of adults to the young people, we cannot keep the club open on a regular basis. Please contact us on 01749 841300 or at stokestmichaelyouthclub@gmail.com or via the Youth club Facebook.

A lengthier report is on the website.

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Brief notes from the parish council July 19th 2018

Planning: the application to build office space, garaging, indoor kennels, and a hobbies room at Pond Cottage, East End was recommended for approval.

Pavilion: the work to restore the pavilion is well underway. New windows are in and painting the inside is nearly complete. The roof will be replaced this month. Exterior painting is planned once the new roof is on. The refurbished pavilion will be for hire for £15 a session.

Play area inspection: the annual inspection has highlighted action required for some equipment. Before long the parish council should add more safety bark, replace the foot pegs on the springy rabbit, infill the edging to the latex safety surfaces for the swings and slide, tighten the spring base to the hedgehog, and frog, widen the tread width on the steps up the slide and restrict the gaps on the top bars at the high point of these steps so head entrapment is impossible.

Improvements to recreation space on the community field: All the play spaces on the field are thought to be coming to the end of the usable life. It is planned to look at whole field scheme for the old tennis court, the play area and the outfield around the soccer pitch. A Multi Use Games Area on the tennis court, a whole new playground and a fitness trail are envisaged. This requires substantial planning and funding. A meeting in the village hall is set for Sept 13th.

Duck Race: the annual duck race will be on Sunday 2nd Sept

Millennium wood: The perimeter path and lower meadow area have been cut.

Defibrillator: the first training session has been held for first responders though the key unit is not yet in place.

Mill Lane: Two waste lorries have been stuck down there in spite of the warning signs. Complaints were made to Mendip District Council.

Bus shelter: the missing pane of Perspex is still to be replaced.

The stream: We are still waiting for reports from the Environment Agency and SCC highways. John Wainwright's quarries are looking a technology to ensure no other foul water pumping incident occurs. The parish council's solicitors and the owners of The Mill are investigating the ownership of the land along the stream from the Lychgate to the sluice gate.

Cheques for authorisation: cheques were signed for EDF energy, Hire of the village hall, Primrose Garden Maintenance for grass cutting, Website maintenance, SALC, mowing the woodland path and meadow area.

Date of the next meeting 6th Sept 7.30 Village Hall.

STOKEFEST will be on **August 18th at 1.30pm** at the Stoke St. Michael playing field. Following the fabulous Big Lottery Funding grant for £3230 to the Stoke St. Michael Community Events Group, STOKEFEST 2018 will host an afternoon to remember. Dog classes start at 2pm, live music, drumming workshop and much, much more. Leaflet coming soon. Please put it in your diary.

MENDIP ROCKS! is back for another earth shattering summer season of education, fun and excitement in 2018.

On **4th August** the team will be at "It's A Blast at Westbury Quarry" from 10am to 4pm. This will be a unique chance to see inside a closed quarry, now a haven for wildlife as well as a site used for safety testing of explosives for humanitarian work. There will be a raffle on entry for one lucky winner to push the button to blow up a scrap car, in a safe and managed way, with expert Nigel Taylor – before midday.

Events include art workshops, discovering geological sites, learning with the experts and lots more. Full details on website below.

Mendip Rocks! 2018 Festival is organised by the Somerset Earth Science Centre in partnership with the Mendip Hills AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and The Mendip Society. With kind support from The Geological Society, Natural England, and John Wainwrights and Mendip Quarry Producers.

<http://www.mendiphillsaonb.org.uk/events/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MendipRocks/>

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Brief notes from the parish council September 6th 2018

Planning

The Parish Council considered three planning applications.

The application at St. Michaels Close was not supported on the grounds of massing and design.

The re-submitted applications for the land behind Central Stores were considered but the Parish Council concluded there were not any substantial changes to the original applications. The Parish Council re-affirmed the original decisions to support the conversion of the old building to a single dwelling and not support the separate outline planning application for a single dwelling.

Playing Field

The hire charge for the football pitch and pavilion was confirmed as £15 per match. It was noted that further minor works were still necessary in the Pavilion.

The Parish Council discussed the Annual Inspection report on the equipment in the Playing Field and noted that substantial investment was required in the longer term. In addition, there has been interest registered in the re-vamping of the tennis courts. The potential for grant applications was noted and the need for wide resident involvement would be key to the success of receipt of grants. The Parish Council is hoping that a working party can be created to work on the design and grant applications.

There will be a new **PCSO** assigned to the village, Sheila Thompson, due to start on 19th September. We look forward to seeing her here.

Nominations were taken for the Memorial Hall Management charity trust.

Several cheques were signed for Lychgate cleaning, inspecting the playing fields, garden maintenance, renovations and new glass.

Macmillan Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 22nd September in the Memorial Hall, 10-1. All welcome.

The Scarecrow Hunt will be around the village this Sunday 30th September, 1-5pm, organised by the school PTA. Refreshments available from Knatchbull Arms car park during the afternoon, followed by a music night in the pub. There will be prizes for best scarecrow as well as a treat for every child taking part. Scarecrows must be Disney themed. If you would like to take part please email PTA Chair Sarah Jenkins: sarah77jenkins@yahoo.co.uk or call the school office on: 01749 840 470. Scarecrows £4 each, trail £1`per child. On the same day the Stoke St. Michael Committee Events Group (SSMCEG) are organising 2018 Up, Down and Around (2018 UDA). There will also be a colour run on the playing field beforehand.

Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 7th October with a church service at 4pm. This will be followed by Harvest Supper and a produce auction at 5.30. Tickets available from Janet Gilham, £6.50 adults and £3.50 children. Tel: 01749 840 671.

YOUTH CLUB - URGENT

Looking for Volunteers: Does anybody have any spare time to volunteer for Stoke St. Michael's Youth Club - either in front or behind the scenes? This is held every Wednesday during term time from 5.30 – 9pm.

For example, could you support us with applying for grants, bookkeeping, risk assessments, communications, fundraising, creating and organising a term timetable, or do you have an interest, hobby or skill that you could share with us, for example, support a cooking session, a circus skills evening or a sports evening, maybe you have a love of gardening or art, or perhaps a passion for music?

Please contact the Youth Club via Facebook – Stoke St. Michael Youth Club – or telephone Rachel on 01749 840 737.

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Brief notes from the parish council October 18th 2018

Planning: Two applications were considered at the meeting. The conversion of a derelict barn into a dwelling house at Tanyard Farm was supported. The retrospective planning application for further temporary caravans for accommodation and office space at Barn Farm, Tadhil were not supported.

The County and District Councillor reported that legislation has improved regulations on animal breeding centres where more than one thousand animals each year are born. A license will be required from now on, renewable every three years.

There is an application for an ornamental brew tank to be placed on a building in Shepton Mallet.

The subject of abandoned vehicles in the village was raised and will be considered in detail at a future date.

Community playing field: the PC as custodian trustee of the field noted the recent advice it had received. This advice centred on the registration with the Charity Commission and the roles and responsibilities which arise from that registration. It was agreed that a management committee, to manage the playing fields on a permanent basis needs to be formed. The first AGM, to which all members of the public are invited to attend, will be held on 22nd November at 7.30 p.m. The governing document of the community playing field charity states that 9 members of the public together with 2 members from each of the Parish Council, Primary School, Football Club and Parochial Church Council will form the committee and these will be formally considered at the meeting. Once the management committee is in place the Parish Council will

relinquish the day-to-day management role. Matters to then be discussed by the management committee will be public liability insurance, field assets, grant support and the appointment of officers. It was noted that Coleford Parish Council has made successful grant applications in the past and could be of assistance to this village's application.

Memorial Hall: grants need to be considered for this, and which of the groups using the hall should pay fees.

Bus shelter: invoices must be in the correct PC name in order for VAT relief to be applied.

Millennium Garden Bench: further quotes are being sought for a solid foundation for the bench and repair work to the wooden bridge.

Next PC meeting will be November 29th at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Village allotments: for the new season there will be a spare allotment. Cost £1 per week. Help with initial digging if required. Secure shed and communal tools available, water on site, poly tunnel, BBQ, covered seating on the patio and children's play area. Enquiries to John Johnston after 5th November please. 01749 840888 or johnjohnston46@googlemail.com

Armistice Day Centenary Commemoration Weekend: on Saturday 10th November the Memorial Hall will be the venue for the village to remember one hundred years since the Great War. There will be displays of memorabilia with live music, workbooks available for children and a poppy making workshop from 12 until 5pm.

In the evening from 7.30 to 11pm there will be live music with Alexandra's Washboard Jazz. Bring a plate of food to share. Bar open and free admission to all.

Sunday 11th November at 9.45am there will be a **Service of Remembrance** at St. Michael and All Angels' Church.

10.50 Laying of the wreath at the Memorial Hall, followed by tea and coffee. All welcome.

Stoke St. Michael lost 17 men during the Great War, and it will be a important moment to remember their sacrifice.

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CHRISTMAS ISSUE 2018

Saturday 8th December Seasonal shopping and fun at the Christmas Market, 11am to 3pm, in the Memorial Hall.

December 15th Senior Residents' Christmas Luncheon from 12.30 onwards. Booking forms available in the village shop.

December 17th Christmas Bingo in the Memorial Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm, Jackpot £75.

St Michael and All Angels will have the following services over the Christmas period. All welcome:

Sunday 16th December Carol Service at 6pm.

Monday 24th December Crib Service at 4pm.

Stoke St. Michael Allotments' Association. There are spare allotments this coming year. They cost £1.00 a week. Help is available to clear the ground of older plots. We have communal tools, a secure community shed, water source, BBQ, covered patio, poly tunnel and play area. If interested please ring John on 01749 840888.

Well done to everyone who helped knit and crochet poppies, making £429 for the British Legion. The silent auction made £290 which was split between the Legion and Community Group.

Good news - the Memorial Hall has been accepted by the Shape Mendip Lottery Scheme. Search for War Memorial on:

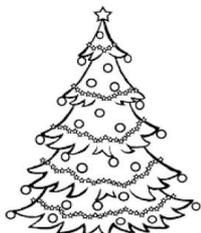
www.shapemendiplottery.co.uk

Stoke St. Michael needs volunteers to help with the Youth Club activities on Wednesday evenings. Supervisors wanted as well as help behind the scenes. Please call 01749 841300 to speak to Kirsty. Full info on poster outside Memorial Hall.

Family New Year's Eve Party in the Memorial Hall. Come and join in the fun! More info on website: stokestmichaelhall.co.uk

FOLC (Friends of Leigh Church)

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



St Giles' Church
Leigh on Mendip, BA3 5QJ

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 December
from 11am to 4pm

Come and see this beautiful 14th Century Church
lit up with Decorated Christmas Trees

Refreshments served all day - light lunches, mulled wine, cakes

Brief notes from the parish council November 2018

The Lychgate is not an official record of parish council meetings. These are posted on the village website, firstly as draft minutes and then later as a correct record of proceedings. John Johnston at present compiles the Lychgate's brief p.c. notes.

Correction to the October newsletter. The parish council is not involved in any debate regarding the costs of hiring the hall. It acts solely the custodian trustee.

1. The p.c. recommended the refusal of an outline planning application on land to the rear of the Old Post Office. Mendip District Council has recently reached a similar decision.
2. The parish council also recommended the refusal of a renewed application for two dwellings to the west of Coalpit Lane.
3. Mendip's Local Plan part II has now endorsed the possible development of land to the East of Frog Lane as the best parcel of land for future housing development.
- 4 The parish council will be looking at probable budget figures for 2019 soon. Village groups that are considering applying to the parish for grant support need to forward requests in the coming month.
5. Concerns were again raised about the number of abandoned vehicles on land in our parish.
6. The date of the next meeting is Jan 10th at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall.

John Johnston 2/12/18