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THE LYCHGATE



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.

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