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THE LYCHGATE



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.

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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**