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BRIEF NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL JUNE 15TH 2017

Somerset and Mendip council matters: This is a quiet spell for local council after elections. Streamlining of services has gone well and recognised as such in peer review studies.

Planning: Applications by The Sycamores and Phippen's Farm have finally been approved. An appeal has been lodged regarding the refusal of permission for the holiday accommodation at Withybrook Cottage.

Pedestrian and road safety: A survey of road use is likely to be carried out by the Vectos traffic engineers. This is at no cost to the parish. Funding for a chosen scheme is still to be sought, but support is evident.

Millennium wood: Keith Holder, the parish chairman, has signed recent papers from SCC solicitors. We are moving towards ownership.

Playing field: The new skate ramp is in place. A sum of £4500 had been raised by youngsters in the village and there was generous grant support from the police federation and £600 from the parish council. A new dog waste bin is to be sited along the footpath towards Field Close. This will replace the old metal bin by the playground swings.

The Pavilion renovation plans have been supported by the parish council to the tune of £2000. There will be a soccer team this season. They will play in a lower league as a new entrant. Funding is being sought to completely update the pavilion. FA rules require separate changing spaces for teams and the referee and new toilets.

The village website: A new village and parish council website is ready to go on line at the start of July. Many thanks to Amanda Taylor and her team for the impressive design and development work.

Cookswood: Rick Massey, the owner of the development, is to be invited to the next parish meeting on July 20th to give an update on the site.

The burial ground: The rules and regulations were presented to the meeting regarding standard costs and memorial design restrictions.

Moonhill green. A request was made for a tree surgeon to work on the large trees that now impede traffic. This will be on the July agenda.

Finance: Cheques were authorised for grass cutting, the new skate ramp, the burial clerk's salary, the parish clerk's salary and expenses, sweeping the Lychgate daily, and the Vectos road safety scheme.

Date of the next meeting 20th July.

Vacancy for Clerk to the School's Governing Body

The Governing Body of the Croscombe and Stoke St Michael School's Federation are seeking a new Clerk to the Governors.

The role is c. 10-20 hours per month (usually term time only) and is mainly home based although attendance at Governors' meetings is essential (Monday evenings once a month). We are looking for someone who is organised, demonstrates initiative and is a good communicator. The main areas of responsibility are organising and preparing for Governors' meetings and writing minutes. Induction training for new clerks is provided by Somerset LA, as is termly update training.

Salary: £8.50 - £10.00 per hour, dependent on experience.

The Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. DBS clearance will be required for this post.

Please apply by application form and covering letter. Application forms, together with a job description and person specification are available from either of the school offices or by emailing sch.124@educ.somerset.gov.uk. Alternatively, please speak to any of the Governors.

Closing Date: 3 July 2017 Start Date: 1 September 2017

Stoke St Michael School FETE Saturday 9th July 2 - 5 pm

Followed by Stoke's Got Talent. Open Mic. Fancy Dress Parade.

Village Film club Friday 30th June LION

doors open 7.00 film at 7.30

Knatchbull Arms: Neil and Jon welcome customers:

Pool table, Free Wi-Fi Monday Bingo, Music, bar snacks

Neil's Menu coming soon