



### **Brief notes from the parish council November 2017-12-01**

**Public session:** Points were raised about the possible inclusion of land to the north of the playing field as a site for future housing. The landowner has contacted MDC. At present 17 houses are pencilled in for land adjacent to Frog Lane and Fosse Rd. This site is not as advantageous as the field by the allotments now on offer.

**Millennium wood:** Simon Clarke is keen to organise a group to plan the management of the woodland now owned by the parish. This must investigate health and safety issues and insurance before starting work. The volunteers will, in time, address the problems of footpaths, coppicing, wildlife habitats and how to ensure and encourage greater use of this community asset.

**Planning:** The application for another barn for livestock and forage at Warren Farm was recommended for approval with the suggestion that a covenant should limit future development of more buildings. Sycamore Place's plans for a front extension to the house was recommended for approval.

**Defibrillator:** The parish council is still requiring costing for the cabinet and housing, wiring and lighting before the unit is installed in the village hall porch. The clerk will enquire about the costs incurred by Wanstrow p.c. who have a defibrillator by their hall.

**Pavilion.** Wainwright's quarries trustees have made a very generous offer to pay for a new durable roof for the pavilion. They have already helped with restoring the covered porch area at the front and securing storage space at the back. Experts will be employed to remove the asbestos panels and replace them with a Kingspan style insulated zinc roof. The probable cost will be close to £14K.

**Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Scheme:** The funding application has been sent. This will be fully supported by our county councillor, Philip Ham. There are several committees at SCC who will have final say on the success of this plan

**Silting of the stream:** A delegation from the parish council has been given a tour of the quarry water management systems. Ben Dormer explained the links between pumps, pipes and ponds that control water released into the stream. Water quality is improving and is monitored closely and recorded by Steven Massey on the Facebook page - Stoke St Michael Stream.

**Mill Lane:** Highways are prepared to erect signs to warn drivers of the foolhardiness of trying to drive down the lane. Yet more delivery drivers have been stuck at either end. We do not yet know the wording of these new notices.

**The playground** is to have two new gates. New seats and chains for the swings will be in place soon. The slide will also need remedial work in the near future. Landing areas would benefit from more playbark.

**Cheques for authorisation:** Cheques were signed for - Primrose garden maintenance, the auditor, Phil Colborne and Shane Brett for work inside the pavilion, GB sports for new swing seats etc, parish lighting, new polycarbonate for the parish board, village website management, the burial ground clerk, Lychgate cleaning, parish clerk's salary and expenses. A donation was made to The Community Transport organisation of £50.

**Parish council vacancy:** A vacancy has arisen for another parish councillor. The official notice is to put up on the parish board by the Lychgate. Application details will also be included on the parish website - [stokestmichael.org.uk](http://stokestmichael.org.uk)

**The next meeting is on January 11 at 7.30 in the village hall.**

**The Carol Service for St. Michaels and All Angels Church** will be at 3pm on Sunday 17th December, a lovely opportunity to sing all your favourite yuletide songs.

**The Crib Service** will be on **Christmas Eve** at 4pm, with Midnight Holy Communion at 11.30pm.

**The Knatchbull Arms** has several entertainments in store for the village this Christmas. Festivities kick off with a seasonal quiz on 11th December. On Mon 18th there will be a bingo session and on 28<sup>th</sup> Natt Davies will bring live music to the pub from 8.30pm.

On Christmas Day the Knatchbull is open from 11am till 3pm, and on Boxing Day 12 noon till 8pm. Opening times between Xmas and New Year everyday from 12 noon till 11pm.

