

ARTICLE FOR MAGAZINE October 2022

Last month we saw the passing of our Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, our Book of Condolence was made available to residents to write down their thoughts and pay their respects in St Catherine's Church. The closed book is now kept with the Parish records in accordance with national protocol.

Due to the period of national mourning, our September Parish Council meeting had to be postponed and it was held a week later than normal on 28th September. There was quite a lot to discuss as we had not met since July.

The Parish Council have been very proactive during the summer with the new Transport Strategy Group. The Group, which is made up of councillors and residents, met to discuss the wide range of issues that are affecting our village. These ranged from speeding, parking, infrastructure and maintenance. The Transport Strategy Group decided that in order to gauge all residents' concerns, a survey would be circulated around the village.

Thank you to all the councillors who took the time to deliver the leaflets to each household. The Parish Council would also like to thank all those who responded to the survey, your views are very important to us. We received over 50 responses which are being put into a report. Once this report has been finalised, the Transport Strategy Group and the Parish Council can look at what can be sorted out immediately and what may need further consultation and research.

On the survey, we also asked residents if they would join the Transport Strategy Group and a number of you expressed an interest. The Parish Clerk will be contacting you shortly.

Once again, we are asking for assistance with our Speedwatch team. At the moment the team is a small group of volunteers of seven who are trying to achieve a Speedwatch session once a week as a minimum. However, more volunteers are needed! Please can you help! You can get in touch with any of our councillors or contact our Parish Clerk. It is not an onerous task, and all volunteers have specialist training by Avon and Somerset Police. All that is needed at Speedwatch session is for vehicle speed to be recorded and this is then reported to the Police after each session has been completed.

Attention all dog owners! We have received concerning reports that dogs have been worrying sheep. It is a criminal offence not to keep your dog under control when entering areas with livestock. Farmers can shoot dogs if they believe they are worrying livestock on their land and dog owners can be fined up to £1,000. Please ensure that you keep dogs on leads!

The majority of dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dogs. Unfortunately, there are some that do not, and this is on the increase. Can we remind everyone to clear up after their dogs. There are plenty of dog bins in which to dispose of dog waste appropriately or waste can be taken home and disposed of in the general household waste.

It's nearly that time of year again! Are we the first to mention Christmas? The Christmas tree is on order, and we will be holding the annual Christmas tree lighting event in the Borough on 9th December. More information to follow nearer the time.

CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: www.police.uk. If you are a witness to or the victim of a crime, then it is imperative that you report it to the police immediately whether it is during the day or at night. When reporting an incident please telephone either 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies only.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings are held in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of every month with the exception of August and December. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 19th**

October 2022 at 7pm. Parish Council meetings are open to the press and public, so residents are welcome to come along and listen to what we have to say. There is also a short public session at the beginning of every Ordinary Parish Council meeting.

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