

## ARTICLE FOR MAGAZINE April 2019

### NOTICE OF LOCAL ELECTIONS

The local elections take place on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May for District and Parish Councils. Please see the Notices of Election on the parish noticeboard in the village. If you are interested in becoming either a District or Parish Councillor, you can obtain a nomination form from either the Parish Clerk or South Somerset District Council.

The nomination form must be hand delivered to the Returning Officer at the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT by Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April no later than 4pm.

As mentioned in last month's magazine due to the change in the Ward boundaries, Montacute's District Ward of St Michael has been amalgamated with Northstone and Ivelchester. Therefore, at the District Councillor elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, parishioners will be asked to vote for 3 candidates for the new Northstone/Ivelchester/St Michael (NIST) Ward.

Some members of the parish council recently had a very productive meeting with the National Trust where the National Trust agreed to extend the lease on the recreation ground for another 21 years from September 2020 so that the community have a space for recreational purposes.

The question was raised at the Allotment Holders meeting at the beginning of March whether allotment fees should be increased. Allotment holders felt that they would be happy with an increase of £5 on a full plot which would raise the cost to £20 per annum. This was put to councillors at the last parish council meeting and it was agreed that this would be implemented in March 2020.

### POLICE REPORTS

**For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: [www.police.uk](http://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 on the third Monday of every month with the exception of August and December. 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 meeting.

The next meeting will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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