

The Parish Council held its annual meeting on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May. Christine Saint was elected as Chair, and Alisdair McFarlane was elected Vice Chair. Cllr Saint gave her report on the year, highlighting the uncertainty following Somerset Council's devolution of services and how it will affect us as a parish. Cllr Saint thanked our Speedwatch team for all their work and mentioned that we were hoping to extend the 20mph speed limit along St Michaels View and to the edge of the village.

The biggest achievement of the council this year was to finally have the new pavilion on the recreation ground. The project started back in 2014 and this would not have been achievable without the donations, grant, and support of the village organisations, residents, the National Trust and Somerset Council. A big thank you to everyone.

The Parish Council hosted the annual Christmas tree lighting which was well supported by the parish.

Cllr Saint expressed her thanks to Becky Maddison for carrying out the weekly checks on the parish defibrillator, to Bernard Bevan Davies for charging the SID batteries and to councillors and the clerk for their support and hard work.

### Litter Pick and Coffee Morning

Our last litter pick and coffee morning was very successful and thank you to everyone who came along. We previously mentioned that we would be holding these every couple of months. However, the council decided to bring the litter pick forward to Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June so that the village would look tidy before the start of the Open Gardens the following weekend. Please come and join us for the litter pick at 10am at the garage and afterwards for a coffee; the more the merrier. If you would like to help, please bring along some robust gloves; all other equipment will be provided.

### Parish Lengthsman

Due to the cuts that Somerset Council have to make, they are no longer offering the Parish Lengthsman Scheme so the Parish Council are not sure whether we will be able to retain the services of our lengthsman. This will mean that a lot of the

maintenance jobs which are automatically carried out around the village will no longer be done. We are trying to make alternative arrangements along with other parishes so that he can stay as our lengthsman, but in the event that this is not possible, we will be looking for volunteers to help with parish work.

### Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

If you are witness to any incident, it is important for you to report it directly to the police by telephoning the numbers listed below. Any reports given will be dealt with in confidence and your details will not be divulged. Also, you will receive an incident/crime number. Unfortunately, the Parish Council cannot report incidents to the police on your behalf as it would be considered as hearsay (third-party reporting).

**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 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 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 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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