

We are sorry to announce that Kaye Harper has resigned from the Parish Council. Kaye joined the Parish Council in 2019 and has been a valued member of the team. We would like to thank Kaye for all her hard work, especially with the allotments; it has been very much appreciated.

We would like to welcome Jonathan Davies onto the Parish Council. Jonathan attended our September meeting where he expressed an interest in joining us as a councillor and was subsequently co-opted at our meeting on 19th October.

We still have 2 vacancies on the council so if you are interested in joining the Parish Council and helping us to support and protect our village facilities and activities please contact Sarah Moore, our Parish Clerk either by email at clerk_montacutepc@hotmail.co.uk or by telephone on 822455 for more information.



PUBLIC NOTICE PARISH OF MONTACUTE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 87 of the Local Government Act 1972 that two vacancies have occurred on the Montacute Parish Council. Unless a request for an election to be held is submitted in writing to the Proper Officer of the South Somerset District Council, at the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 2HT by no later than 12th November 2020 by ten electors for the Parish of Montacute, the Parish Council will proceed to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Parish Council Meeting 16th November at 7pm

The Parish Council are now holding their meetings via the virtual meeting platform Zoom. The basic package is free to use and can be accessed at <https://zoom.us/>. If you would like to attend our virtual parish council meeting please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk_montacutepc@hotmail.co.uk for the ID link by the Friday before the meeting. If you do not have access to the internet but would still like to listen in on the meeting please telephone the Parish Clerk on 01935 822455 for the telephone conferencing number so that you can dial in.

If you would like to participate in the public session, please email/phone through the subject/question you wish to raise with the council when you asked for the ID link/telephone number.

If you are accessing the meeting via the **internet**:

- Click on the link or copy the link into your browser given to you in the email
- Download the Zoom app, if not already done so
- Test your speakers and microphone on your device (you will be prompted to do this)
- You will then be put in a 'Waiting Room' until you are invited to join.
- Once connected, you must click on the video camera icon at the bottom left-hand side of the screen to enable the video. This is so that councillors can see who is attending the meeting.

If you are accessing the meeting by **telephone**:

- Dial the number given to you by the Clerk.

- Once connected you will be prompted to type in the meeting ID plus #, then #, then the password plus #. You will be placed in a 'Waiting Room' until invited to join.

All microphones will be automatically muted from the start of the meeting. If you wish to participate in the public session your microphone will be unmuted when you are invited to speak.

Council meetings will continue in this form until such time as we are informed that public meetings/gatherings may take place in person.

Village Planters

A huge thank you to the Village Magazine team for sponsoring our planter project and also to Roy Littlefield who has kindly made six planters for us. We were all delighted when we heard the wonderful news! We can now have a planter at either end of the village in front of the hamstone village markers in Yeovil Road and St Michaels View and, four planters inside the fence line of the allotments which can be filled with seasonal plants to brighten up the village.

Covid-19 Guidelines Update

The Government have now announced that from 14th October there will be a 3 Tier System of COVID-19 rules in England - Medium, High and Very High. This is intended to help manage and reduce the spread according to local conditions. We in Somerset are in the Medium tier (lowest) i.e. we continue to follow basic national rules for the present: masks in public places, social distancing etc., sanitising/washing hands, and the Rule of 6 indoors and outdoors. There are some exemptions to the Rule of 6 for 'COVID-19 Secure' community facilities where more than one group of 6 can meet indoors, providing the separate groups are socially distanced and do not go over and mix with each other. Let us all continue to follow the rules to prevent any spread and to protect both ourselves and each other.

The Department of Health & Social Care have issued a free NHS Covid-19 'Track and Trace' app for iphones and android mobile phones and we would encourage anyone who has one of these phones to download this app. It is the fastest way of knowing when you are at risk from Coronavirus. You can find out when you have been near other app users who have tested positive for coronavirus; it lets you know the level of risk in your postcode district; you can check into venues such as pubs, cafes and restaurants by using a simple QR reader; check symptoms; helps you order a test if you need to and; helps you keep track of your self-isolation countdown and access relevant advice.

It is critical that you follow all of the Government guidelines to keep both yourself and others safe. The virus is airborne. Guidelines are changing all the time about what we can and cannot do, and so you can find the most up-to-date information at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/>

Keep looking out for one another. Remember to be kind and we will get through it somehow - together. Keep washing those hands, wear face coverings and practicing social distancing! Stay Safe. Remember - Hands, Face, Space!

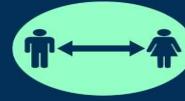
**We must
keep on protecting
each other.**



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES

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.

Road Closure

**Somerset County Council
District of South Somerset
Parish of Stoke sub Hamdon
Temporary Closure of Ham Hill**

TAKE NOTICE that in pursuance of Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, the County Council of Somerset have made an Order **PROHIBITING ALL TRAFFIC** from proceeding along Ham Hill for a distance of approximately 40 metres. This order will enable Wales & West Utilities to carry out new gas connection works. The Order becomes effective on 29 October 2020 and will remain in force for eighteen months. The works are expected to commence on **2nd November 2020 and last until 5th November 2020 between the hours of (00:00 - 23:59) for a total of 4 days**. Please visit one.network for further information on the alternative route. For information about the works being carried out please contact Wales & West Utilities Ltd on 02920 278602

Patrick Flaherty, Chief Executive. Dated: 29 October 2020

The Parish Council's day-to-day business will carry on as usual where possible. If you have any issues/questions, please contact the Parish Clerk on the contact details below.

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