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The Statement of Nominations has been received, and the Parish Council have an uncontested election with only 6 councillors standing. The number of councillors required on the council is 11 and we are looking for residents to join us. If you are over 18 years and live in the parish or within 3 miles of the parish, you are eligible to join. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in making a difference to your community.

It is great regret that we have to announce that we have had to cancel the Queen's Jubilee Tea Party on Saturday, 4th June. However, the Parish Council are supporting the Village Hall Committee with a grant of £200 to go towards the food for Barbeque which is being held on the same day.

The Parish Council will hopefully be getting a commemorative bench to go in the Borough, but this is subject to the National Trust's permission.

Apparently, our new fingerpost has already been hit by a delivery van parking outside the church. We would like to get a small planter to go around the base of the fingerpost, but we been informed by the Roads Records department at Somerset County Council that we would need a Section 115e licence which is quite costly. We still haven't received permission from the Highways department, so this is something the Parish Council need to discuss further.

Many thanks to our new Speedwatch team. All our volunteers have now been fully trained and carry out as many sessions as they can. Our team would benefit from a few more volunteers. If you are concerned about the speed of the traffic through the village and would be interested in joining our friendly Speedwatch team, please contact Martin Myram or the Parish Clerk.

We have just had some tree work carried out in the allotments as the trees were growing out into the trackway obstructing the access for allotment holders. The tree team at Streetscene have done a fantastic job tidying up this area.

We would like to thank the W.I. for their offer of a couple of trees for the allotments. It has been suggested that these are planted in the area behind the bus shelter.

We currently have three vacant plots so if anyone is interested, please let us know.

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 and the next meeting will be on **Monday 23rd May 2021 at 7pm** starting off with the Annual Parish Council meeting followed by the Ordinary Parish Council meeting. 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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Join the Parish Council

Help us to support and protect our village facilities and activities.

None of us can change the world, but we can make a difference in our own community. We need people of all ages, from all backgrounds and experiences, who reflect our community. You don't need to be politically minded to be involved in local democracy. By joining the parish council, you can be involved in the process, and you can have your say.

Are you passionate about your community? Do you want to help make a long-lasting change? Do you have innovative ideas for the council? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? If this is you, then we need you!

Make a change and become a councillor.

Being a councillor is a rewarding experience as you be able to make a change in your community to help improve residents' lives. We meet once a month on the third Monday of the month in the village hall with the exception of August and December. A councillor's role can include developing strategies and plans for the area, helping with problems and ideas, representing the community as a whole, working with the village's organisations, decision making and talking to the community about their needs. We make sure a number of services are taken care of in the village such as land maintenance, managing the allotments and open spaces, consulting on planning applications, maintaining the play area, liaising with the village's organisations and giving grants.

If you are over 18 and live in the village or within 3 miles of the village and, want to make sure the village is managed by its residents and not a larger faceless government body then contact the **Parish Clerk** on clerk_montacutepc@hotmail.co.uk. If you want to see what we do please come along to a Parish Council meeting and meet the council.