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The Parish Council would like to thank the Montacute Bonfire Committee for their extremely generous donation of £1,902.62 towards the new pavilion. The support we are receiving from the everyone is fantastic. Thank you once again.

The planning application for the new pavilion is still ongoing and we are waiting in anticipation to hear from SSDC Planning Department.

We are also in the process of arranging a meeting with the National Trust but at the time of this articles submission the date has not yet been finalised.

The Parish Council has been notified of the results of the recent Boundary Review Consultation and the Boundary Commission has decided that our District Ward of St Michael will be amalgamated with Northstone and Ivelchester. Therefore, at the District Councillor elections on 2nd May, parishioners will be asked to vote for 3 candidates for the new Northstone/Ivelchester/St Michael Ward. This also has some further implications for our parish, because of the Area working system operated by SSDC it has been agreed that any grant and planning applications which are referred to Area Committee for determination will be now referred to the Area East Committee rather than Area North Committee. Currently the Area East Committee meet in Wincanton on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

It was agreed at the last parish council meeting that from March the parish council will now be holding their meetings in the village hall. This is mainly to support the village hall so that they can meet criteria should they wish to apply for grants etc.

POLICE REPORTS

The Beat Team for Montacute has changed. The village is no longer policed by the Hamdon Beat but now comes under the Wincanton Rural West Beat and our PCSOs are Thelma Mead and Emma Reeves. To view your local policing team, go to the police.uk website and put in your postcode under Find Your Neighbourhood

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 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 18th March 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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