

Litter Pick

Following requests from residents, the Parish Council have agreed to hold regular litter picks every two months starting on 27th April. We are looking for volunteers to help us keep our village clean, tidy and looking beautiful. If you would like to help, please join us at the garage at 10am. Please bring along some robust gloves. All other equipment will be provided.

Thank You

We would like to thank the gardening club for agreeing to help us by taking care the planter in Yeovil Road, and also to the allotment holders for agreeing to look after the planter in St Michaels View.

Verbal Abuse

It has been noted that some of our councillors have recently been on the receiving end of some verbal abuse. We would like to point out that abuse will not be tolerated and to remind residents that all councillors are unpaid volunteers who give up a lot of their time and are very passionate about looking after our village and its residents.

If there are matters that need to be raised with the parish council, there is an open session at the start of every parish council meeting where are more than happy to hear your views. If you are unable to come along to a parish council meeting, then please contact our Clerk with your concerns or views.

Annual Parish Meeting

Come along to the Annual Parish meeting on Thursday, 25th April at 7pm in the village hall. This meeting is for the village organisations to give a report of their activities over the past year and for residents to bring any ideas/issues that they wish the parish council to look at over the coming year. The meeting will be held be Christine Saint, Chairman of the Parish Council, and the Clerk. All residents and village organisations are welcome.

Volunteering

It looks like the parish council will be taking on some of Somerset Council's services in the very near future, so funds are going to be very tight. We would like to keep the village looking as good as we possibly can so if there is anyone who would be willing to volunteer their time to help with small maintenance jobs around the village it would be much appreciated. If you are willing to do this, please contact either the Clerk or any of our councillors.

Pavilion

Before we can arrange a village party to celebrate the opening of the new pavilion, we need to tidy up the outside area as we need it to look smart for the open day. If anyone is willing to give up their time to help us with this, do please get in touch. Also, if you have any unwanted tea sets, plates, trays and cutlery we would welcome them with open arms.

We would also like your ideas on what you would like to use the new pavilion for and what you would like to use the recreation ground for.

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. 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 17th April**

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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