

Neighbourhood Development Plan

At the end of March Exhibitions were held at both Winscombe Community Association and Sandford Village Hall. These proved to be very successful and feedback obtained during these events and from Vision statements supplied by the Community have enabled us to start the next phase of the Plan.

Over the next two to three months we will be working on producing the questionnaire that will form our evidence base for the Plan. We are legally obliged to do this. The questionnaire is likely to be wide ranging and will be different to that undertaken in 2010 (to form the Local Plan) in that the Plan that follows will have to be taken into account when the Council considers any planning application for development in our parish. It will be legally enforceable.

It is critical that every member of the Parish completes the questionnaire (or at least part of it) as it has to be demonstrated that the Plan is consistent with Community views. Please remember that once formulated, from the responses received, the Plan itself has to be accepted by a majority in a Parish wide referendum.



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Hopefully, this Newsletter will enable you to:

- find out what your PC is doing and thinking of doing;
- tell us what needs doing;
- find information about the parish;
- make contact with North Somerset Council



We like to hear of your concerns and of any issues that you wish to bring to our notice. You can do so using any of the following:

- calling at the Parish Office, Community Centre Building, (opening times: Monday and Thursday: 10 am to noon);
- telephoning, (01934 844257);
- Emailing, (winscombecp@lineone.net);
- writing to **Lynne Rampton**, our Parish Clerk.

Winscombe Library Volunteers.



It has been a year since Winscombe Library extended its opening hours, thanks to the help of a small group of dedicated volunteers.

As well as helping the library to open on an extra afternoon, the volunteers have also helped by running a Bookstart Rhymetime for pre-school children, running computer help sessions, delivering books to housebound people and by helping out when the library took part in Winscombe's late night opening at Christmas and last summer.

We have more opportunities for volunteers coming up. We need more Library Service Volunteers, who help with some of the day-to-day tasks necessary to keep the library running efficiently, and we are now looking to recruit volunteers to help with the Summer Reading Challenge.

If you are a parent or grandparent of a child aged from 4-11 years old you may be familiar with the Summer Reading Challenge, where children have to read six books over the summer. Volunteers are needed to help administer this, as we have over 5,000 participants throughout North Somerset each year.

If you are interested in any of these volunteering opportunities and have a few hours a week to spare, please pick up a leaflet from Winscombe Library, or contact the volunteering team on Library.Volunteers@n-somerset.gov.uk or phone 01275 884315 or 01934 426657

Parish Council Meetings

Winscombe Community Centre 7.30pm (except where indicated)

13 th July	Planning Committee
27 th July	Full Parish Council
3 rd Aug.	War Memorial Ground Advisory Committee - Winc. Cricket Club
10 th Aug.	Planning Committee
7 th Sept.	Planning Committee
14 th Sept.	Cemetery and Allotments - Ilex Lane - 2.00pm
21 st Sept.	Environment Working Group
28 th Sept.	Full Parish Council - Sandford Village Hall



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All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Here and over the page are described the Committees/Groups made up mainly of parish councillors which advise the Parish Council.

Chairman's Committee.

This Committee meets to deal with matters that require an urgent decision and/or for which it would not be appropriate to call a special meeting of the Council. The Committee will meet on an ad hoc basis.



1. Award Land Working Group. The Award Land provides parishioners with an area for quiet recreation and this Group ensures that the trees, other vegetation, footpaths and structures are kept in a suitable order.

2. Cemetery and Allotments Group

The parish **allotments** are oversubscribed. They are a delightful, essential and a valued facility. Our **cemetery** contains both burial and cremation plots. It provides necessary and essential solace - a quiet and beautiful place where young and old can sit and reflect.

3. Employment, Finance and Policies Committee.

The responsibilities of this committee are considerable and it regularly reviews and in many instances controls:

- Council Standing Orders and current Council Policies
- financial arrangements, including the production of an annual precept and matters relating to the terms of employment and payment of staff.
- insurance-adequacy for property, employees, volunteers and other activities,
- income and expenditure and financial regulations,
- the necessary loans for capital work and awarding small grants
- the assessment of staff performance.



4. Environment Group

This group attempts to enhance the parish environment by:

- improving and providing: seasonal planting, street furniture, and encouraging parishioners and visitors to keep our villages litter free
- informing North Somerset Council, in these difficult financial times, of any problems with roads, pavements, car parks, road signs, mobility crossings, bus shelters and the proper functioning of gullies, culverts and other public drainage systems
- publishing and distributing guides, maps and other relevant pamphlets
- ensuring the maintenance of public areas including: parish street lighting, public footpaths and bins [or both litter and (ugh!) dog faeces].

5. The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Group will produce a plan for the parish and in so doing will define the planning policy priorities identified by the community. It shall take account of the National Planning Policy Framework, NSC's Core Strategy together with EU and Human Rights Legislation. The intention is to complete the task sometime during the next two years.

6. The Planning Committee makes recommendations to North Somerset Council with regard to the construction of buildings near or within the parish boundary.

7. Our skate park, community shelter and two play areas are overseen by the Skate Park and Play Area Working Group. These highly popular and much used facilities need careful attention to ensure that they conform with safety regulations and yet inspire our youngsters to enjoy full usage. These aims are successfully achieved.

8. Occasional Working Group - you are now reading **The Occasional**, a parish council newsletter, published quarterly and delivered either by hand or by email to the homes of most parishioners. It is produced by this Group.

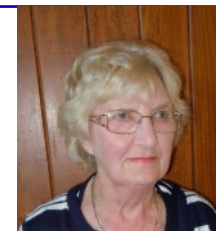
9. War Memorial Recreation Ground Advisory Committee. Few parish's can provide the facilities that exist at the Memorial Ground. While the cricket, soccer and rugby clubs play a major part in the running of their respective clubs, the Parish Council is responsible for much else.

Councillors can be emailed using a generalised email system - add the surname of the councillor you wish to contact as in the following and so get through to that person if she/he is on email: surname@winscombeandsandfordpc.org.uk e.g. to contact Gerald Lloyd email 'lloyd@winscombeandsandfordpc.org.uk'

Parish Councillors and their Committees



Chris Ballard 1,2,3,5,6.



Margaret Ballard 2,6,7,9.



Cresten Boase 3,5,6.



Mark Boddy 4,6.



Janet Corry 3,4,8.



Archie Forbes 3,6,7,9.



Kevin Joyce 2,6,7,9.



Iain Kilpatrick 6,9.



Gerald Lloyd 3,6,8,9.



Chris Lomas 6



Geoff Luckett 2,4,5,6.



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Paul Watkins 2,3,5,6,8.



John Westlake 1,2,3,6.



Mike Williamson 2,3,6..