



# The Occasional

## Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council Newsletter Number 31 September 2019



Hopefully, this Newsletter will enable you to:

- find out what your PC is doing and planning to do;
- tell us what needs doing;
- find information about the parish;
- contact North Somerset Council: 01934 888 888

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

- calling at the Parish Office, Community Centre Building;  
(opening times: Monday and Thursday 10am to noon)
- accessing our website: [www.winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk](http://www.winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk);
- telephoning: 01934 844 257;
- emailing: [clerk@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk);
- writing to Lynne Rampton, the Parish Clerk.



Think of our  
parish shops!  
Use them  
or lose them!

### Election for Parish Councillors

At the last election fifteen councillors were needed. Only fourteen parishioners came forward for election and these were elected unopposed. Since then, one has resigned and two parishioners have been co-opted as councillors. All fifteen councillors are shown below. More details are on the parish website.



### Christmas Late Night Shopping

The Parish Council, on behalf of Winscombe's business community, has applied to North Somerset Council for a Road Closure on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 from 6pm until 9pm for their Christmas Late Night Shopping event. If any of the local clubs wish to volunteer for the marshalling of this event, (The Parish Council will make a donation.) please contact the Parish Council office for further details.

### Parish Council Recycling Event

This event will take place at the Community Centre on 12<sup>th</sup> September. The date (to be confirmed) is 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**Regarding Appeal Ref: APP/D0121A/V/18/3206217.  
Land North of Greenhill Road, Sandford.**

The appeal is made by Progress Land (Sandford) Ltd and Aurora Land and Design against North Somerset Council, ref 17/P/0887/0, is dated 31 March 2017. The development proposed is residential development of up to 93 dwellings and associated infrastructure.

**The following contains extracts, including the main conclusions, from the Planning Inspector's 13 page report regarding this appeal.**

The **main issue** is whether, having regard to the requirements of local and national planning policy for the delivery of housing, and the effect of the proposed development on the character and appearance of the area, the appeal site is an appropriate location for the development proposed.

North Somerset Council **Core Strategy (CS) policy CS13** (Scale of New Housing) requires the delivery of a minimum of 20,985 dwellings within North Somerset over the plan period, 2006 to 2016

**CS policy CS14** (Distribution of new housing) sets out how new housing development will be distributed across the district. The primary focus is on Weston super Mare, with the towns of Clevedon, Nailsea and Portishead taking "most additional development" beyond this. Smaller scale development is provided for in Service Villages.

**CS Policy CS33** gives greater detail in relation to what is expected of development within settlement boundaries. Much greater control is applied to "infill villages", of which Sandford is one, where "appropriate development" will be acceptable within settlement boundaries. The supporting text to CS13 suggests that, in the rural areas of the district, growth will be "small scale" and that "appropriate" takes in considerations of scale and character.

The appeal site is outside Sandford's settlement boundary and plainly conflicts with the locational strategy of the development plan, which does not seek to focus growth at infill villages.

Even if the site was within the development boundary, at up to 85 dwellings one would be hard pressed to consider the appeal proposal as "small scale", given the current size of Sandford and the proportional level of growth that would occur.

Thus, on its face, the appeal proposal fails to accord with CS policies CS14 and CS33, which seek to direct development to the district's most sustainable locations.

**Appropriate Location.** I conclude that Sandford is not an appropriate location for the development proposed. The proposal would conflict with the requirements of CS policies CS14 and CS33, which seek to direct residential development to higher order settlements, ensuring that it is better related to employment, services and public transport access, thus reducing unsustainable travel patterns through reliance on private vehicles.

**Character and appearance.** I conclude, that the appeal proposal would not have an adverse impact upon the character (in as much as it relates to Sandford's rurality) and appearance of the area. It would not conflict with Development Management Policies policy DM10. - continued overpage:

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This seeks, among other things, to ensure that new development is carefully integrated into the natural, built and historic environment, whilst minimising landscape impact.

**Other Matters.** The appellant set out in some detail how they considered that the appeal proposal comply with development plan policies. It is indeed likely that it would accord with a number of 'standard' development management requirements but I have set out above how I consider that it would fail to meet the more fundamental strategic aims of the CS.

**Planning Balance and Conclusion.** Overall I consider that the adverse impacts arising from the proposal's conflict with the adopted development plan would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits that the proposed scheme would deliver. As such, I conclude that the appeal should be dismissed and planning permission refused.

**The appeal is dismissed and planning permission is refused.**

### **Streetlighting**

Winscombe & Sandford Parish Council are responsible for just over 100 streetlights around the Parish. The Parish Council has recently agreed a new streetlight maintenance contract with Weston Rail Services. This is due to the previous contractor withdrawing from the area. Part of the contract involves our new contractor checking the lights every two



months to ensure the lights are working. This contract will allow for faulty lights to be repaired ensuring the roads and footways of the Parish remain lit at night.

If you spot a damaged or faulty Parish Council owned streetlight, report it to the Parish Council Office or if you are unsure of who is responsible please contact North Somerset Council, either through their website or on 01934 888 888.



### **Illegal parking**

Your Parish Council is receiving an increasing number of complaints that some drivers are either parking for far too long in the bay outside the Winscombe Village Bakery or parking just outside the bay. The same applies to the single bay in Woodborough Road outside the RSPCA Charity Shop and in sections of the Lynch just along from Jacaranda. But, it has also been noted that there has been an increase in the number of parking tickets issued for those areas - so beware!

### **Recycle Boxes and Food Waste Containers**

A small supply of green recycle boxes and food waste containers are held at the Parish Council Office in the Community Centre Building, Sandford Road. They are available free while this stock lasts.

In addition, box nets can be purchased at a cost of £2 each.



**The Knitted Bible Exhibition,  
St James's Church  
20<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October**

The Knitted Bible is an exhibition of scenes of knitted figures depicting 34 well known stories from the Bible. This epic project was created by St George's United Reform Church in Hartlepool in 2012. Since then it has been touring the country and is so popular we had to book it 18 months in advance!



The Exhibition will be at St James's from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September until Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 10.00am until 4.00pm. Admission is free. Groups are welcome during the evenings but must book ahead. For more information contact 01934 844650.

**The Threat of Plastic Pollution.**



This is something we are very aware of at Orriss & Low. Every year countless contact lenses end up in the oceans via toilets and sinks and the packaging goes to landfill.

We are delighted to announce that we have launched a recycling scheme for all soft contact lens waste, in partnership with TerraCycle.

TerraCycle turn used soft contact lenses, blister packs and outer foils into innovative products. Also see on [www.protecttheplanet.co.uk](http://www.protecttheplanet.co.uk)

So, if it is not possible to dispose of this waste in your kerbside collections, just hand in at our reception or put straight into our TerraCycle recycling bin.

For all the waste collected, Terracycle will donate to our chosen charity, Childhood Eye Cancer Trust.

This is a public service open to all contact lens wearers everywhere. So spread the word to family and friends and help us clean up the planet.

For more information about TerraCycle or Childhood Eye Cancer Trust follow the links on our website under news.

**Parish Council Meetings. All are normally held (unless shown differently) in Winscombe Community Centre, and usually start at 7.30pm**

Committee/Group	September	October	November
Full Parish Council	2 <sup>nd</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
Cemetery/Allotments	9 <sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Ilex Lane	No meeting	No meeting
Employment/Finance/Policies	No meeting	No meeting	11 <sup>h</sup>
Environment	No meeting	7 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting
Planning	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
War Memorial Ground	No meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> Cricket Club	No meeting

**Enrolment/Comments/Advice**



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