



The Occasional

Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council Newsletter Number 33 March 2020



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;
- telephoning: 01934 844 257;
- emailing: clerk@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk;
- writing to Lynne Rampton, the Parish Clerk.

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

Land adjacent to the Woodborough Road Public Conveniences

As a result of a request from the Parish Council Environment Working Group, five students of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme from Churchill Academy and Sixth Form had devised a project, including detailed plans and costs, to improve this currently neglected area.

Together with the students our Parish Orderly, who intends to work with them (along with parental supervision), explained the project to the Parish Council. It was noted that the scheme contained a degree of flexibility especially regarding the location of seats, materials and planting.

The intention was that the area would be made open to the public but maintain the present view from the repositioned Mabbett Seat along part of Woodborough Road.

It was expected that the project would be complete by Spring 2020, in time for summer planting. Parish Councillors were highly impressed with the level of detail that the students had included in their design, along with estimated costs and agreed to support the project to a figure of £2,500.

Hill Road Bus Shelter -vandalism

The Parish Council considered contributing towards the cost for the replacement of the window panels that had been vandalised in the Hill Road Bus Shelter. With replacement costs for five windows to two shelters likely to cost in excess of £1,000, confirmation was awaited from NSC as to their future plans for the shelters.



Death of a long-serving Councillor

Sadly we must report the death of Councillor John Westlake. Some of John's recollections, as reported before, give some detail of the experiences John underwent as a result of his over fifty years of contribution to the parish.



He remembered that while on the last train out of Winscombe in 1963 he was persuaded to join the, then, Winscombe Parish Council.

He recalled helping to set up a flood relief fund in 1968, Winscombe and Sandford having just suffered severe flooding, with a female drowning just off Nye Road, the flooding of the bowling green and water deep along The Lynch.

In the early 70's the parish had few pavements and few street lights. The Council planned to introduce them, including those at Sidcot Lane, Greenhill Road and Station Road. Initially funded by Somerset County Council, the construction, after a year, was stopped by the new Avon County Council, much to everyone's dismay. Many years of Parish Council effort were required before they were put into position. He remembered that during this time the parish lost its Police House/Station, now a dentistry, and its resident village police officer - a sad loss.

John was Chairman of the Parish Council from 1984-1998. While in post, a parish office, a community centre, the continued development to our fine recreation ground, the construction of our allotments and the Parish Council cemetery all took place.

However, what what he considered was his major achievement was the development of 'The Award Land'. The land is now a Regionally Important Geological Site and a most pleasant area to walk or ride over to view and enjoy the surrounding countryside.

Our Parish has much to be grateful for his contribution. John will be much missed.

Call for 'Green Homes'

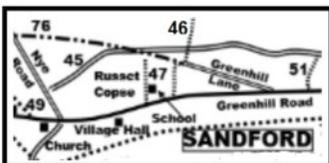
Are you the proud occupant of a home with 'green' credentials, and which is exceptionally well insulated, or has a living roof, a ground or air source heat pump or anything else you consider contributes to its energy efficiency? Do you generate your own electricity with solar panels or a wind turbine? Maybe you even live in a Passive Home or drive an electric car? Are you keen to spread the word about the benefits of such technology and prepared to open your doors to your fellow citizens?

We are planning to hold a 'Green Open Homes' event on the weekend of the 13th and 14th of June 2020 and are looking for active participants to open their homes. And of course we will need lots of visitors! The event will be for the whole of North Somerset, but if we have enough interest, we may subdivide it into more local sections.

If interested, please contact:

Karin.Haverson@n-somerset.gov.uk

North Somerset Councillor.



Sandford Footpath.

Following a notification that the top rail on a stile on definitive footpath 46, which passes North from the end of Greenhill Lane (see sketch), the stile has been replaced with a metal gate, as shown. Woodspring Rambler volunteers



have spent some time on the footpath to clear it from overgrowth. We owe our thanks to them all.

Annual Parish Assembly. April 6th 7.30 pm Community Centre

This meeting is for anyone wishing to **listen to or present** five-minute descriptions of a parish organisation or a general viewpoint. There will be a variety of presentations, including something more lengthy from a member of NSC describing the plans for the Banwell Bypass. If you would like to contribute, contact the Parish Clerk. All this will be followed by the ever popular wine and cheese and an opportunity to chat to anyone present.



Now that the development at Woodborough Farm (now Woodborough Grange) is proceeding, below is a reminder of the associated 106 agreement.

This 106 agreement is a legal agreement between North Somerset Council and the developer: it is linked to planning permissions and is also known as a Planning Obligation. It will aim to balance the pressure created by the development with improvements to the area so ensuring that where possible the development would make a positive contribution to the local area and community.

This agreement was drafted when it was considered that the development would have a significant impact on the local area which could not be moderated by means of conditions attached to a planning decision.

Education (£1,114,818) - contributions:	
a. To support the creation of new early years places as a contribution to new provision that could be sited at Winscombe Primary School.	£267,940
b. Towards four classrooms and supporting accommodation, required to expand Winscombe Primary School,	£661,878
c. Five years provision of home to school transport to Churchill Sec. School,	£150,000
d. To improve Youth Facilities in the village	£35,000
Community Centre (£300,000) - towards enlarging/refurbishing/rebuilding Hall	£300,000
Library (£21,800) -for contemporary paper and electronic books and related fixtures and fittings or technology to accommodate it, at Winscombe Library.	£21,800
Built sports and Leisure (£108,038)	
a. On-site equipped play area and commuted sum for 15 years maintenance	£30,038
b. Off-site Playing pitches improvements	£30,000
c. Off-site improvement to the Churchill swimming pool changing facilities	£48,000
Highways and Transport (£41,000)	
a. Bus stop improvements to include raised kerbs, hardstanding waiting areas	£4,500
b. New bus shelter	£5,500
c. Real time information at bus stops	£8,000
d. Power connections for RT	£2,000
e. Travel plan incentives	£21,000
Public Open Spaces/Public Rights of Way (£15,200)	
a. Improvements to Woodborough Road Bridge	£6,000
b. Improvements to Community Orchard for benches and tree planting	£2,200
c. Resurfacing strawberry line for 500m	£5,000
d. Improvements to public rights of way crossing	£2,000
e. Travel plan incentives	£21,000
Avon Fire Brigade (£9,000) - for delivery and maintenance of fire hydrants	£9,000
Affordable Houses: 30% on site tenure. (82% social rented.18% shared ownership)	-

Carbon Footprint Reduction

The Parish Council has agreed to reduce its carbon footprint. In addition, we would like to encourage all parishioners to consider trying to reduce their own carbon footprints wherever possible.

One suggestion that you might consider is to seek to switch to 'greener' energy suppliers. Another is to create a wildlife haven in your garden. And, yet another is, if you have not already done so, to use the digital means of accessing this newsletter and so reduce the use of newspaper. An extended version of The Occasional would then be emailed directly to your inbox. If you would like to take advantage of this email option, see below under 'Enrolment'.



Gullies

Working in partnership with NSC, the Parish Environment group has started, with the help of our village orderly, a gully-surveying project. It is hoped this will lead to a reduction in the number of blocked gullies around our parish.

Overhanging Vegetation

It has recently been noted that a number of footways/pavements around the parish are being obstructed by overhanging vegetation from private property.

Will you please ensure that you keep any vegetation on your property cut so that any boundary footways/pavements can be used to their full width.



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

Annual Parish Assembly - 6th April - Community Centre - 7.30 pm

Committee/Group	March	April	May
Full Parish Council	23 rd Sidcot Scl. Art Centre	27 th Sandford Vill. Hal	18 th Annual Meeting Sandford Vill. Hal
Cemetery/Allotments	16 th	No meeting	No meeting
Employment/Finance/Policies	No meeting	No meeting	4 th
Environment	9 th	No meeting	No meeting
Planning	2 nd & 30 th	20 th	11 th
War Memorial Ground	No meeting	No meeting	No meeting

Enrolment/Comments/Advice



To add your name to the list of those willing to receive an extended email version of this newsletter or to provide comments/criticism/advice about its colour, contents, style, etc. email Councillor Gerald Lloyd, the editor, via

lloyd@wincambeandsandford-pc.gov.uk