

**Electrical waste amnesty!** Bring along for disposal your old or unwanted kettles, toasters, TVs, computers and hairdryers etc. to Winscombe Community Centre on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September between 9 am and 12 noon. For more information come to the event or ring NSC waste department.

**Rubbish bins and net covers.** Did you know that you can buy nets which stretch over the top of your Green Boxes and so stop the wind blowing bits of recycling all over our Parish? The nets can be purchased from the Parish Office, £2.40 each.  
If required, you can pick up free additional Green Boxes. Green Waste sacks are also available for £1.50 each.

**Flooding.** After last year's dreadful problems with removing excess rain water, your Environment Committee would like you to send to your Parish Office any information and knowledge that you have of problem drains, ditches, ponds, gullies etc. to add to the information already collected there. This could be knowledge of old water courses now built over or filled in for whatever reason, or of overgrown ponds. In addition, we need information about the old Coal Yard which was near Millennium Green.



The Committee will then collate this information, so obtaining a better picture of the water courses in our Parish in order to pin-point areas of concern which need NSC to work on now, rather than waiting for a problem to occur. The parish office already has information and maps of some of the potential problem areas but these need expansion. Either supply the information directly to the parish office or use our website: details given earlier. Don't forget to report any blocked drains immediately to the Parish Office.

### Email version of your newsletter

Have you signed up yet to get on line for **the free and fantastic, full-colour, additional information, full-of photographs, click to access other sites, email version of this newsletter.** (Surely you can't resist!!!!!!)

To sign you up, the Parish Council needs your permission. To do so use the panel on the corner of the front page of the parish council website

**All information will be kept strictly confidential.**



### Parish Council Meetings 2013

23rd September 28th October 25th November  
Monthly Meetings Sandford Village Hall 7.30pm.



**The Occasional  
Parish Council  
Newsletter Number 7  
September 2013**



Hopefully this Newsletter will enable you:  
to find out what your Parish Council is doing and thinking of doing;  
to tell us what needs doing;  
to find information about the parish;  
to make contact with North Somerset District 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, BS25 1JA,  
(open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00am - 12.00pm);  
telephoning, (01934 844257);  
Emailing, (winscombepc@lineone.net);  
or writing to **Lynne Rampton**, our Parish Clerk.

**Winscombe and Sandford Community Resilience, or Parish Emergency Planning**, begins team training at the end of September. The scheme is run by the Emergency Management Unit of North Somerset Council -  
[www.communityresilience-ns.org.uk](http://www.communityresilience-ns.org.uk)

Your Parish Council is sponsoring the meetings, with Cllrs Boase and Bridges co-ordinating the scheme's start-up. Eventually it will be run by teams of parish volunteers.

In an emergency, be it a flood, power blackout, major fire, epidemic or any other emergency, our local volunteer teams, using a local plan, will take action, working with the professional emergency services as and when they arrive. The first volunteer exercise, Operation Candlelight, on July 18th, was well attended and a great success. We are lucky to have such a wide range of resourceful talents to draw on. In an emergency the whole community may be involved. Why not help the Parish to be prepared by registering your interest? Contact our Parish Clerk, details above, if you wish to join or know more.

The Winscombe & Sandford Community **Speedwatch Team** has been running on and off for the last eight years. We have always had enthusiastic volunteers but they come and go. Today, we are experiencing a shortfall of these having only Bill Cordell, the coordinator, with one volunteer in Winscombe and another in Sandford. We are much dependent on parishioners so if you feel you could spare a few hours a month for this vital project please contact Bill on 01934 842611. Your help will be very much appreciated and, who knows, you may be saving lives.



**Parish Precept.** Most people are familiar with local taxation in the form of Council Tax or Rates, as they used to be known, but would not necessarily be so aware of 'The Precept'. This is a charge levied by each Town & Parish Council that is included in, and collected from,



each household in the overall Council Tax Bill issued by the County or Unitary Authority each year. The amount you pay that is passed onto the Parish Council is shown separately on the front of your Council Tax Bill.

In November the Finance Committee examines the budget requests of all working committees for the following year. This is then reviewed in early January when current expenditure for the remaining financial year is better known, along with any requests for financial assistance from local groups. The Finance Committee is then able to recommend a precept figure for the following financial year which, in turn, has to be agreed by the full Parish Council no later than its January meeting.



The amount collected from each household depends upon the valuation band of the property. For example, if the home in which you live has been placed into a Band D category in this parish, you will pay an annual amount of £61.46 to the Parish Council during 2013/14.



Winscombe Skatepark

You may be aware that the Parish Council owns and maintains a number of areas of land around the parish. Open to the public and free of charge, these include the War Memorial Recreation Ground, the cemetery and allotments at Ilex Lane, the Award Land, a skate park, play areas in the Recreation Ground and at Winnowing End in Sandford and, for the first time this year, maintains the public toilet. We also own, maintain and supply energy to over 100 parish street lights that have been installed in areas that would not have been lit by NSC.

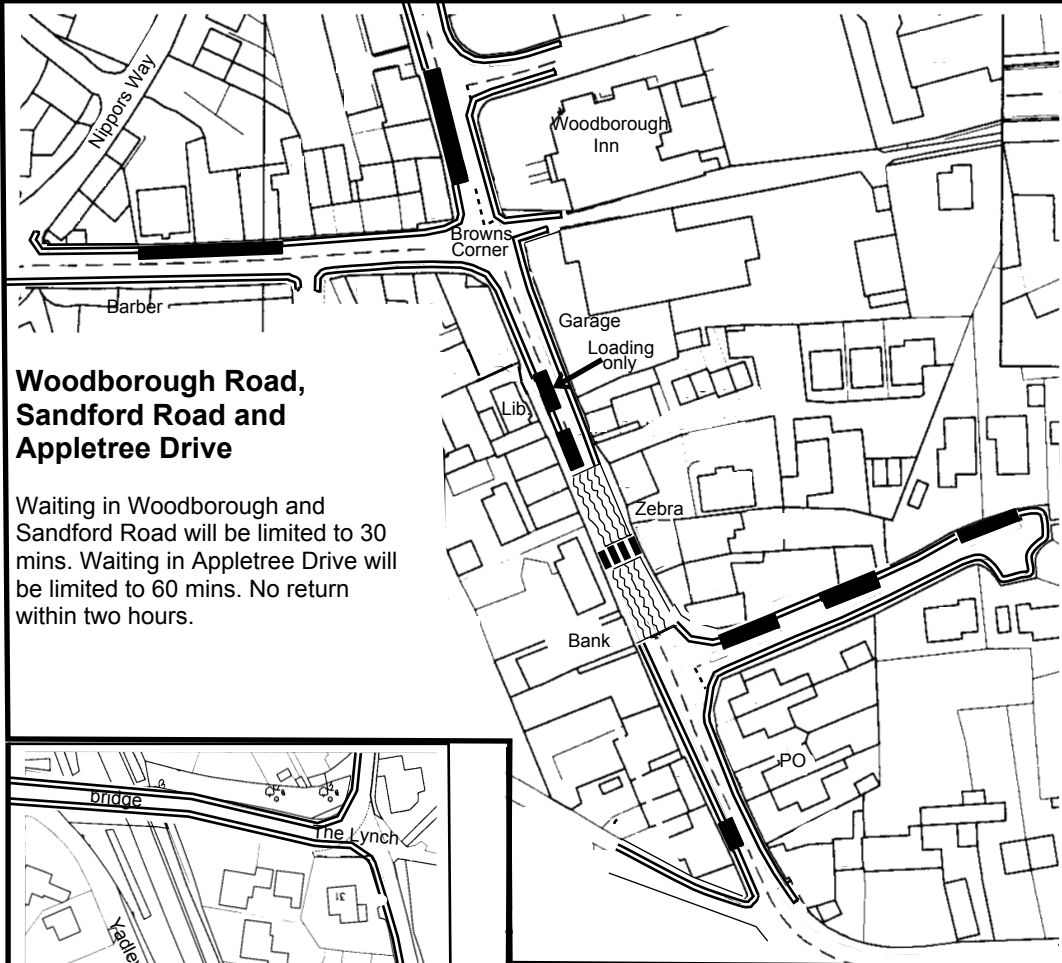
If you would like more information, to examine our accounts, or to learn about our Audit procedures and requirements, please contact the Parish Office.

**Winscombe Library** - a community space to be proud of. It's impressive how a few extra square feet have been put to such good use including a reader's corner, free and improved computers, and roll-back shelving. The Opening attracted a bevy of NSC officials. It wasn't long before library users were beating on the door demanding entry, amongst them Cllr Margaret Ballard from Sandford, who received a demonstration on how to use the new automatic check-out machine. Library staff are forging ahead with plans to involve Friends of Winscombe Library in planning events and volunteer activities. Why not pop in to catch up on what's new and sign up to become a Friend of Winscombe Library?

## Planned changes to road marking and parking bays

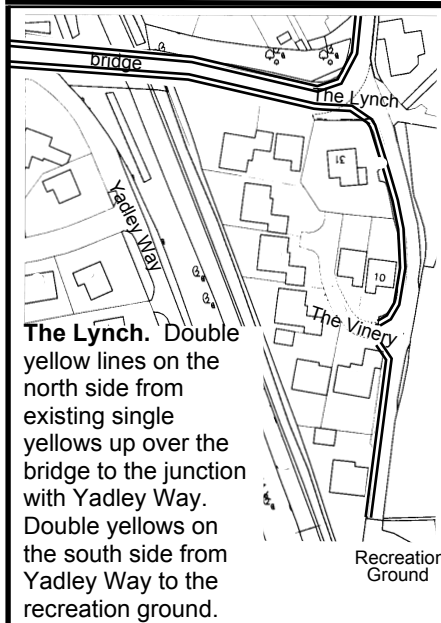
Additional parking bays shown as

Additional double yellow lines shown as



### Woodborough Road, Sandford Road and Appletree Drive

Waiting in Woodborough and Sandford Road will be limited to 30 mins. Waiting in Appletree Drive will be limited to 60 mins. No return within two hours.



**The Lynch.** Double yellow lines on the north side from existing single yellows up over the bridge to the junction with Yadley Way. Double yellows on the south side from Yadley Way to the recreation ground.

**Greenhill Road** - This extends the zig-zags up to parking bay marking to improve visibility to the right when exiting the driveway.

