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Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council



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Hopefully this newsletter will enable you to:

- find out what your Parish Council is doing and planning to do;
- tell us what needs to be done;
- 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 may wish to bring to our notice. You can do so using any of the following:

- telephoning - 01934 844257,
- emailing - clerk@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk;
- writing to Lynne Rampton, our Parish Clerk - Winscombe Community Centre, 11 Sandford Road, Winscombe. BS25 1JA
- visiting our website on - www.winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As the coronavirus epidemic has prevented hand-delivery of a September 2020 edition of The Occasional, this email is the only edition of The Occasional that is to be distributed, and then only to those who have agreed to be sent a copy in this format. It was decided to concentrate the edition mainly on suggestions for assisting ways of dealing with problems that could exist as a result of the coronavirus epidemic.

Parish Council Office.

Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council has recommended that for the time being office staff should work from home. This recommendation will be reviewed at the zoom main parish council meeting on Monday 28th of September.

Throughout the whole of the lock down period, parish officers have been dealing with members of the public by phone (the office number is still being diverted to the parish clerk's home phone number) and by email as usual. If there is an issue that cannot be resolved remotely, which is very rare, the clerk will arrange to meet with a member of the public but so far this has taken place in the open-air and has normally dealt with cemetery or allotment issues.

Please also check out our website, as this is updated as more information becomes available.

access website via

www.winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk



Illustration - Councillor Gus Paterson

Owing to pressure from his other commitments, Parish Councillor Gus Paterson has had to resign from being a parish councillor. His presence was much valued not in the least because of his position as Vice Chairman of the Council.

Parish Council Meetings.

In-person parish council meetings are impractical. An alternative and fairly human process of contacting one another is through telecommuting and it has been decided that the full parish council meetings, and other meetings, may take place via 'ZOOM'. In this way parish and district officers, councillors and public participants can all meet virtually and make both a visual and vocal contribution. The 'ZOOM' procedure has worked very successfully. No person-to-person meetings are to take place.

North Somerset Council

North Somerset Council has launched a new service to co-ordinate a community response and make sure vulnerable residents are supported throughout the coronavirus outbreak.

Access northsomersetlife.wordpress.com/2020/04/03/help-local-residents-access-support or ring 01934 427437

You can also contact your local North Somerset District Councillors

Ann Harley - 01934 842069

or ann.harley@n-somerset.gov.uk

Karin Haverson - 01934 843766

or karin.haverson@n-somerset.gov.uk

Notes from a Parish Litter-Picker



Illustration - some of the litter picked up in Winscombe.

After the 'Great British Clean Up' here are a few further hints that might help to keep Winscombe tidy in future.

As a volunteer litter-picker, my faith in my fellow citizens is sometimes sorely tested. Apart from the obvious rubbish from inconsiderate smokers and anti-social louts throwing junk from cars, I've encountered bags of dog mess tossed into hedgerows, dirty nappies, soiled underwear - and even worse! See illustration!

But the most amount of garbage I retrieve by far is domestic. I hear people blame our hard-working council collectors but the real problem is from carelessly or over-filled green boxes. Despite polite reminders, folks fail to flatten bulky items like milk containers or cardboard boxes and then pile small loose objects and papers on top, ready to be blown away or rummaged by wildlife. Just a small amount of thought each week would greatly

vehicles interact.

We need to comply with social distancing and reduce the potential for any contamination, whether it be from surfaces or directly.

Prior to the trip

Social distancing is an essential requirement and so it has been necessary to assess how many people might be carried on each bus. It has been assumed that the minimum distance between passengers and driver should be at least one metre with mitigating circumstances.

We have two minibuses, one with 10 seats and the other with 12 seats.

It is assumed that at all times passengers and the driver will be wearing a mask. on the 10 seater. ***5 people*** on the 12 seater and ***for 6 people.***

We are to put a screen behind the driver's seat in each vehicle.

The seats which cannot be used will be marked with red tape and shown to be out of use. Please remember that people in the same 'bubble' cannot sit together as otherwise it will disrupt the seating in the rest of the vehicle and they will not be sitting a metre away from others.

All surfaces and handles and will be wiped down by the driver with the antiseptic wipes provided.

Windows can also be opened where appropriate.

Banwell Garden Centre

This garden centre is now open to customers. You can still telephone in your orders for plants, compost and garden materials. The Centre will deliver locally (free, if orders are over £25) - telephone 01934 822246

SPAR Sandford with Thatchers Cider

Working with Thatchers Cider, the Sandford convenience store is offering a telephone order and delivery service for local people. Telephone Thatchers Cider on telephone number 01934 321280.

Hinkley Point Connection - update

The summer update of this project may be found on this website
Access here - hinkleyconnection.co.uk/project-update-5

Parish Council Meetings.

These are the meetings that would have taken place but for the pandemic. Some, as shown, will take place via zoom. Others could take place via zoom. However, at present, no person-to-person meetings will take place until further notice.
September:

Cemetery and Allotment Working Group 14th;
Planning Committee 21st; Zoom
Full Parish Council 28th. Zoom

October:

Environment Working Group 5th;
Planning Committee 19th; Zoom
Full Parish Council 26th. Zoom

November:

War Memorial Ground Advisory Committee 2nd;
Employment, Finance and Policies Committee 9th; Zoom
Full Parish Council 23rd;
Environment Working Group 30th.



To see a fascinating video about Winscombe,
produced by Heather Pitch

Access via

www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxTVBZIYrO8

Illustration - Church of St James, Winscombe

Parish Business Office in Sandford Road

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Illustration - Parish Office, Winscombe Community Centre

List of some Parish Council activities and links to some North Somerset Council Services

Allotments

Our thirty-one allotments in Sandford Road are so popular that there is a short waiting list. Please ring the clerk to add your name to the list.

Award Land

Access off Quarry Road - with attractive walks with places to sit and view the countryside - maintained and preserved by the Parish Council.

Belgian Avenue

Supporting Sidcot School's presentation and care for Belgian Avenue - a line of trees adjacent to Fountain Lane in Sidcot

Bus Shelters

Some but not all of the bus shelters in the parish are the responsibility of the Parish Council. Report damage to the Parish Clerk. It

Cemetery

Well maintained, peaceful position, just off the Strawberry Line near Ilex Lane.

Fourteen benches

Placed throughout the parish to sit, think and even commemorate

Public Lavatory in Woodborough Road

The Parish Council now cleans and maintains this lavatory. It has recently been renovated.

Publications.

The Parish Guide is available from the parish office as is the Heritage Walks booklet. The map of winscombe footpaths can be accessed with four recommended walks from the parish Website. Access via www.winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk/VirDir/CoreContents/News/Display.aspx?id=18347

Recreation Ground

The sport ground and changing rooms are for cricket, soccer, rugby football, hockey, skateboarding and roller blading. Grass cutting and general maintenance by the parish council. Maintained and drained by the Parish Council

Remembrance day

Representation and wreath presentation

Reporting Problems to North Somerset Council

Including: pot holes, pavement damage, street cleansing, dog mess, litter, dead animals gain access through www.n-somerset.gov.uk/

Scarecrows

We occasionally run a 'scarecrow extravaganza' view some examples of the several hundred scarecrows and a you tube presentation by accessing this website [www.winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk/Scarecrow Gallery 24318.aspx](http://www.winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk/Scarecrow%20Gallery%2024318.aspx)

Skate Park

At the recreation ground, maintained and upgraded by the Parish Council.

Small Grants

to various organisations. To organisations for worthwhile activities - contact our parish clerk, Lynne Rampton, for details

Spring and summer flower displays -

Flowers and plants in tubs maintained by volunteer parishioners. Please give a hand

Strawberry line

We contribute towards its maintenance.

Street Bins

Ever more **street bins** into which you can now put dog faeces.

Further Links

You can link to your Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council website and to a list of councillors, their photographs and email addresses. Access via www.winscomeandsandford-pc.gov.uk

Enrolment/comments/advice would be welcome

To add your name to the list of those who will receive this extended email version of the Occasional or to provide comments/criticism/advice about its colour, contents, style, etc. email councillor Gerald Lloyd, the editor, via Lloyd@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk

Email's new format.

Regular readers will notice that the format has changed radically. This is so that the email conforms to new Government regulation that come into operation in September. The email is now more accessible to people of a wider ability range. Also, the copyright of images is not infringed.

Editor