

Dunster Panel

Tuesday 16 October 2018

7.00 pm

Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton

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- 1. “HAVE YOUR SAY” – COMMUNITY ISSUES - an opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues that affect their community or quality of life.**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 July 2018 and Matters Arising**
- 4. Police Report**
To receive an update.
- 5. Highways Report**
To receive an update from the Highways representative from Somerset County Council.
- 6. Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service**
To receive an update.
- 7. Silk Mills Park and Ride**
- 8. West Somerset Council Report**
To receive an update from Chris Hall, Assistant Director Operational Delivery, West Somerset Council/Taunton Deane Borough Council.
- 9. Dates of Future Meetings**
 - 28 January 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton
 - 2 April 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton

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Minutes

1. Election of Chairman

To appoint a Chairman for the 2018-2019 year. Fay was nominated by Cllr Brenda Maitland-Walker seconded by Cllr Dewdney. Fay was unanimously elected and the meeting passed to her.

2. “HAVE YOUR SAY” – COMMUNITY ISSUES - an opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues that affect their community or quality of life.

Concerns were raised that Old Cleeve were suffering from bonfires. WSC have stated that there are no grounds to enforce a ban. OCPC assume Environmental Health will immediately respond to any reports. It is considered that a bylaw is needed to enable enforcement.

Response post meeting - WSC have no out of hours enforcement provision for environmental health issues.

Awaiting signage on A39 reduction of speed limit to 40mph, awaiting update from SCC on legal works required.

Clark has been reporting a noticeable lack of response from WSC and SCC. Please can something be done to improve this?

Bins and weeds on Blue Anchor sea front. Issues relating to emptying at weekends, causing overflowing. Spacing of the bins needs to be looked at too.

Response post meeting – WSC will install 2 additional bins and IdVerde will empty these at no extra charge, the location of all of the bins will be looked at too.

Drain outside Channing and Thomas in Minehead has been blocked for a number of years to be passed to SCC.

Planning – increase in the number of boundary fences that appear to be changed, close boarded. Fence should not be over 1m in height if adjoining a highway.

Concerns over maintenance of the fences, graffiti and flyposting, replacing hedges. Also causes visibility issues for emerging traffic.

Planning consultation of 135 proposed properties at Cleeve Hill. Mr Phil Gannon wished to view the application on paper rather than electronically due to the size and scale of it being a major application. Was told that the application in paper was at Taunton not into Williton. Took 4 days for the plans to be brought across to Williton. The comments that were submitted have not been recorded on the application some 2 weeks later. The comments are noted by the planning officer to be held but not published and the officer has said he will get them online.

A general frustration around responses from planning, with members of the panel concerned that the joined up approach with Taunton was not effective.

S106 agreements – “They are meant to be agreements”. Legal services (SHAPE) were dealing with this. Has taken 3 weeks of voicemail messages to try and get through with no response. Bruce Lang managed to get through to them within a matter of hours. The charge for this service was told to the applicant as being £1000 and still no response. Phil Gannon. Was being dealt with, very well by Sue Keal locally, Ann Higgins at Shape is where the issue went quiet. (Banner Cross Carhampton. Mr R. Sherrin.)

A request was made by the Police that Environmental Health feedback any information on fly tipping investigations or prosecutions where the Police have had some involvement.

Concern was raised around parking FPN's and failure to pay, one specific person identified and this is known to SCC who are trying to deal with this.

3. Apologies for Absence

SCC - David Peake
DSFRS

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 April 2018 and Matters Arising

Agreed the minutes and no matters arising.

5. Police Report

A verbal update was provided.

Are calls increasing for the Williton area now the enquiries office has been closed? No particular increase has been identified. The PCSO's are in the community and as such approachable preventing the need for reports via the phone system.

6. Highways Report

To receive an update from the Highways representative from Somerset County Council. Provided through Chris Hall.

Committee members reported that Blue Anchor drains are blocked along the seafront.

Also that the Roadwater drainage scheme is considered ineffective as rainwater runs past.

Concerns were raised around the increased number of roadside advertising hoardings causing visibility issues. It was requested that this would form an agenda point for a future meeting.

A reminder on ragwort removal was given and the need to report it should it be found. – “This will only be removed where there is a risk to grazing animals, it should be reported to 0300 123 2224 countyroads-westsom@somerset.gov.uk”

7. Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

No update received.

8. West Somerset Council Report

A verbal update was provided by Chris Hall, Assistant Director Operational Delivery, West Somerset Council/Taunton Deane Borough Council.

Launch of the second round of the West Somerset – Somerset West Lottery Local Community Fund

Today (Monday 30 July 2018) Grant applications up to £1,000 are invited from community and voluntary organisation providing projects in West Somerset. For further information about the fund, please visit the Somerset Community Foundation site: <http://www.somersetcf.org.uk/somersetwestlottery>. The closing date will be Friday 14 September 2018.

Funds raised for local good causes

We have nearly reached £50,000 for local good causes in our first year of the Somerset West Lottery. A huge thank you to all the efforts of our local good causes and all their supporters.

Winner of the Taunton Flower Show tickets

The winner was Dawn Lingard from Taunton, who was delighted to win the tickets as she loves going to the flower show.

Hestercombe Draw

This would have taken place on 28 July 2018 and the winner will be announced at the beginning of August.

An update of the transformation programme was also provided giving clarity on the improved customer contact that is proposed.

Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew provided an update on the creation of a new council.

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Items for the next agenda – SCC discussion on visibility issues caused by temporary advertising signage.

Planned Works in Dunster Panel Area

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	Parish/Town	Location	Description	Start	Finish	Duration
Completed						
SCC	Old Cleeve	A39 Minehead Road, Washford	Carriageway patching.			Completed
SCC	Old Cleeve	A39 Minehead Road, west of Bilbrook	Carriageway resurfacing.			Completed
SCC	Carhampton	A39 Minehead Road, Blue Anchor Turn to Butchers Arms	Carriageway resurfacing.			Completed
SCC	Watchet	B3190 Brendon Road & South Road	Carriageway resurfacing.			Completed
SCC	West Somerset	All	2018 rural highway verge cutting programme. "A" & "B" Class roads first cut.			Completed
Ongoing						
SCC	West Somerset	All	2018 rural highway verge cutting programme. "C" & "D" Class roads.	4 June	10 Aug	10 weeks
SCC	West Somerset	Various	2018 surface dressing programme	July	Aug	6 weeks
Future						
SCC	West Somerset	All	2018 rural highway verge cutting programme. "A" & "B" Class roads second cut.	13 Aug	31 Aug	3 weeks
SCC	Old Cleeve	Lower Bilbrook Lane, Bilbrook	Drainage improvement works. Scheme cancelled.	-	-	-
Other						
			Ragwort on highway verges. This will only be pulled on a reactive basis where there is a risk to grazing animals. Please report any locations to 0300 123 2224 or countyroads-westsom@somerset.gov.uk			