

DUNSTER AREA PANEL MEETING

MONDAY 30 OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.00PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, WILLITON

NOTES OF THE MEETING

Attendees: Cllr Faye Barringer-Capp (Chair) Carhampton Parish Council
Cllr Philip Larmay, Carhampton Parish Council
Cllr C Oliver, Dunster Parish Council
Cllr R Buckingham, Elworthy Parish Council
Cllr Geoffrey Williams, Old Cleeve Parish Council
Cllr Margaret Smith, Old Cleeve Parish Council
PS535 Stuart Williams, Avon and Somerset Police
Cllr Martin Dewdney, West Somerset Council
Cllr Brenda Maitland-Walker, West Somerset Council
Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew, West Somerset Council
Cllr P Pilkington, West Somerset Council
Cllr Christine Lawrence, Somerset County Council
Bruce Lang, Assistant Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer,
West Somerset Council
Eileen Ford, West Somerset Council

1) “Have Your Say” Community Issues

PS535 Stuart Williams requested that he be allowed to speak during the “Have Your Say” section of the meeting and this was agreed. Sgt Williams updated the Panel Members on an exceptionally rare occurrence which had taken place over the weekend. A robbery had taken place at Williton Co-op. Sgt Williams said his was an isolated incident and no further information could be provided at this time. Sgt Williams suggested that if anyone had any concerns regarding this incident his team could always be contacted.

Other significant incidences which had recently taken place included:-

- A diesel spillage on the A358 which caused major disruption to the area whilst SCC Highways dealt with incident.
- A successful drugs warrant at a property in Watchet
- Burglary from a shed in Roughmoor
- Anti-social behaviour

Sgt Williams requested the Panel to inform their constituents that all crime needed to be reported, however, small. Cllr Trollope-Bellew reiterated this.

Cllr Lawrence raised the issue of distraction burglaries in the Minehead area. Sgt Williams informed the meeting that these were again isolated, random events but unfortunately no arrests had been made. The suggestion was to have good security your home to make your property less attractive. Sgt Williams and his team would be willing to provide security advice if necessary.

For further information regarding crime Sgt Williams suggested looking at the crime figures on their website.

Cllr Williams of Old Cleeve Parish Council updated the meeting to say that the gabions on the sea front had finally been removed.

Another concern for Old Cleeve Parish Council was the number of recent road closures. In particular, the road closures for the BT work undertaken at Roadwater. Residents have had numerous road closures which involved a lengthy diversion.

Old Cleeve Parish Council confirmed that they had formally submitted an application to the Highways Department for reducing the speed limit to 40 at Bilbrook Bends. A positive outcome was expected and any additional support for this proposal would be appreciated.

Cllr Smith of Old Cleeve Parish Council raised the issue of overflowing litter bins in Blue Anchor over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Concern was raised that a litter bin had recently been damaged and had yet to be replaced. Bruce Lang agreed to look into whether there had been a problem with emptying the bins that weekend and to chase when the damaged bin would be replaced.

Cllr Smith also raised the issue that some of the parking signs in Blue Anchor were incorrect. In some places the information provided was 30 years out-of-date. Another concern raised was the parking of caravans and Cllr Smith wished to know what enforcement could be taken to remove them. Cllr Dewdney agreed to raise this with Parking Department and agreed to e-mail a response.

Concern was raised regarding a diversion sign which had been thrown in the hedgerow for over two months following a road closure. David Peake agreed to arrange for this to be picked up.

Cllr Laramay, Carhampton Parish Council, raised concerns regarding plastic fence panels which had been installed round the chalets in Blue Anchor. Cllr Laramay was concerned that in the wind the fence panels would move and could cause an obstruction to the highway. David Peake confirmed that this fencing was soon to be removed.

Cllr Lawrence, SCC, raised concern regarding the need for a wigwag saying "Slow Children" in Washford due to lack to pavement to the local school, particularly when children were walking to and from school. A feasibility study was currently in process regarding this.

2) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Ian Liddell-Grainger and Steve Eggar.

3) Minutes of Meeting Held on 24 July 2017 and Matters Arising

There were no amendments and the minutes were approved.

An update was given on the collection of ragwort. It was confirmed that all ragwort in the area had been collected.

Bruce Lang updated the meeting to say that the Fish and Chip Van in Blue Anchor did have a licence to operate.

Bruce also confirmed that the Blue Anchor slipway would remain closed until all of the safety issues had been resolved.

Cllr Maitland-Walker raised concerns regarding subsidence in Blue Anchor and Bruce agreed to provide an update on this.

4) Police Report

Sgt Williams provided his update during "Have Your Say"- Item One.

5) Highways Report

**Planned Works in Dunster Panel Area
October 2017**

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	Parish/Town	Location	Description	Start	Finish	Duration
Completed						
SCC	Stogumber	Vellow Road	Drainage work.		Completed	
SCC	Nettlecombe	Slade Lane	Drainage work.		Completed	
SCC	Nettlecombe	Beggern Huish to Clitsome Farm	Drainage work.		Completed	
SCC	Luxborough	B3224Roundhouse	Drainage works Phase 2.		Completed	
SCC	Brompton Ralph	B3188 Pitsford Hill	Drainage improvement works.		Completed	
SCC	Old Cleeve	Blue Anchor Road, Chapel Cleeve	Drainage improvement works		Completed	
SCC	Stogumber	Rexton Lane	Carriageway resurfacing.		Completed	
Ongoing						
SCC	Clatworthy	Forches Cross	Carriageway resurfacing. Temp road closure.	20 Oct	3 Nov	2 weeks
Future						
SCC	Williton	A39 Washford Cross to Bowhayes Cross	Carriageway resurfacing. Temporary road closures between 19:00 and 07:00.	20 Nov	22 Nov	2 nights

SCC	Old Cleeve	A39 Washford to Washford Cross	Carriageway resurfacing. Temporary road closures between 19:00 and 07:00.	22 Nov	25 Nov	3 nights
SCC	Watchet	B3191 Swain Street	Carriageway resurfacing. Temporary road closures between 18:30 and 23:30.	27 Nov	28 Nov	2 eves
SCC	Old Cleeve	A39 Minehead Road, Dragon Cross, Bilbrook	Drainage improvement works. Temporary road closures between 09:30 and 15:30.	TBC	TBC	4 weeks
Other						
SCC	West Somerset	Mart Road Depot	Salt bag collection morning 09:00 to 13:00 Saturday 25/11/17.			

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6) Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

No representation or report was received from the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service.

7) West Somerset Council Report

Bruce provided the following update.

West Somerset Opportunity Area Plan

To mark the first anniversary of the programme, following a year of collaboration between local educators, employers and voluntary and community organisations, WSOAP set out the key areas for improvement and this was published on 9 October 2017. West Somerset is one of the first six Opportunity Areas, along with Blackpool, Derby, North Yorkshire Coast, Norwich and Oldham.

Priorities for West Somerset include:

- i) Every child has a great start in life – Children in West Somerset will begin school with a strong start, with the proportion achieving a good level of development rising to above the current national average
- ii) Educational Excellence in the Classroom – Every pupil in West Somerset will make strong progress in the school and ensure that the attainment of disadvantaged pupils in particular is in the top half of the performance in England.
- iii) Transition to Adulthood – Every young person in West Somerset will be inspired to achieve the best possible education outcomes after the age of sixteen. We will prioritise the access of disadvantaged young people into higher education and high level technical routes at the same rate as in the top half of England.

The plan can be accessed from:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/650231/Social_Mobility_Delivery_Plan_West_Somerset.pdf

Educational Secretary's press release:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/plans-launched-to-drive-social-mobility-in-opportunity-areas>

Somerset West Lottery

September 2017 - Somerset West Lottery payments to local good causes for £3,728.40 have just been approved. This is an increase of £612.90 to local good causes on the August payment.

Trident Youth & Community Centre and Taunton Town Football Club continue to top the ticket sales and will receive payments of over £100 each this month. Watchet Bowling Club, Compass Disability Services and Home Start West Somerset are well on their way to 200 ticket sales.

There are 83 local good causes registered and we have welcomed a further 7 local good causes this month with a further 4 good causes pending approval.

Each week, the winning numbers are published on the Somerset West Lottery home page: <https://www.somersetwestlottery.co.uk/>

i) Press Release – Christmas Hamper

It was aimed to get a press release out shortly about the new bolt-on 'Christmas Hamper'. This prize has kindly been sponsored by Mr Pring at Warren Bay Holiday Village <http://www.warrenbayholidayvillage.co.uk/> In order for players to take part in the bolt-on draw on Saturday 2 December 2017 for this prize, they will need to be registered to play by Friday 10 November 2017 as it can take up to 14 days for the banks to clear some payments, such as direct debits.

ii) Somerset West Local Community Funds (LCFs)

We are working on the application process for these two new funds, at present, which are raised from 10p from every ticket sold and players who elect to buy a ticket for LCF as their good cause. We are planning to launch the LCFs, once we have reached £4,000. If present sales continue, we should be launching the LCFs in December 2017.

iii) September Payment for Local Community Funds

Taunton Deane Local Community Fund will receive £1,506.60 and West Somerset Local Community Fund will receive £833.80.

iv) Helpline

As always, if you or any of your contacts have any queries regarding the Somerset West Lottery, please contact the helpline: 0300 30 20 666 or email: support@somersetwestlottery.co.uk The team are always there to help.

CASA Project

The Police would be moving into Killick House. The work is hoped to be completed in January 2018.

Hinkley Point C

Several Councillors had recently been on a site visit to see the progress being undertaken on Hinkley Point C. If Parish Councillors wished to arrange a visit they could e-mail – hinkley.energy@edf-energy.com or telephone 0800 090 9650. Photographic ID would be required.

8) Dates of Future Meetings

Due to a clash with Old Cleeve Parish Council on Monday 22 January 2108 a new date is be found and e-mailed to all attendees.