

## **CLERK'S REPORT – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **Parish Council Matters – Agenda Item 7**

**Parish Council Elections** – I have circulated the election timetable and a Nomination Pack. I have not printed copies of the nomination pack as it is 22 pages long, but can print one for you if you request it. Likewise I can supply a copy of the electoral register if you want one. Alternatively you can just ask me for the Polling District and Electoral Number of the persons nominating and seconding you. Note that the Nomination Papers must be delivered by hand and bear original signatures. The Parish Councillor Vacancies should ideally be filled by this process, so we need to persuade two people to put themselves forward and be nominated. I will go through the implications of Purdah at the meeting, but essentially it just requires a little care with anything you publish, like the Parish Notes.

### **GDPR Compliance and Data Privacy Policy – Agenda Item 7.**

The Data Privacy Policy documents have been previously sent around, and I will send them again. They are only required to be adopted at the meeting, and unless you have a particular interest, I suggest you don't need to spend much time on them. They are produced from the NALC templates, so in a standard form.

### **Asset Register Review for Insurance Values – Agenda Item 7.**

The asset register does not contain any insurance values, and may well have item missing. This has been highlighted by the damage and potential insurance claim for the millennium seat. We should attempt to revise the register so that it can be produced for adoption at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May.

### **General Parish Matters – Agenda Item 8.**

**Southstoke Lane and Village Road Safety** – The Clerk has continued to press for some scheme from B&NES Highways. They continue to be unwilling to consider this, however a second round of statutory 20 m.p.h. limit might come up for consideration and both South Stoke Lane and Midford Village would be strong candidates for such a scheme. The Parish Council will need to continue to put pressure on B&NES Highways to achieve this and it may need some Parish CIL money to fund it.

#### **Midford Road/Village – road safety issues**

- Midford Village - Any further progress to report.
- Castle Bend – Any further progress to report.
- Combe Path Lawn BA22/7-8 Diversion and Crossing – The footpath diversion order has come into force and the path diverted and gate moved. No road safety measures have been implemented but are planned for 2019/20. The new gate emerges at a significant splash point on the road, neither gate on the two footpaths is visible from the other and sight lines appear to be rather short from the BA22/7 gate position for safe crossing. The old gate position has now been closed and a fence line installed across the field contrary to everything the Parish Council requested as part of the scheme. There is a need to address the position of the crossing point and the splash point if highway safety is to be improved.

**Broadband Provision in South Stoke and Midford** – TrueSpeed have been active in the area carrying out works in Combe Hay and surveying South Stoke. It is understood that they are close to recruiting sufficient customers to reach their 30%, but it is not known what area they are applying this 30% to.

**Midford Phone Box** - The Midford residents have met to discuss the relocation of the phone box and any refurbishment will wait until further comment from them.

**Police Liaison – PCSO Meeting Place** The next meeting has been arranged for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 11:30 a.m. in the Packhorse Pub.

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### **Footpaths and Open Spaces – Agenda Item 9**

**Replacement Memorial Bench – Grove Path** – The clerk has been in discussion with Mr. Steve Skinner, and it is hoped that he will attend the meeting to make his proposal to the Parish Council. I will circulate his latest e-mail correspondence, but hope and expect that a fuller proposal will be available for the meeting.

**Millennium Viewpoint – Damage from Vandals** – The clerk is awaiting quotations from builders for the repair. These are essential as they need to be sent to our insurers in order to make the claim before works can be instructed.

**Churchyard** – The new contract for the Agency Agreement has not been taken any further by B&NES Officers.

### **Highway Matters – Maintenance Update and Road Safety Issues - Agenda Item 10**

**Maintenance Update** - It is thought unlikely that there will be anything further to report beyond those matters arising above.

### **Dates for Future Meetings – Agenda Item 15**

Dates for future meetings for the coming year need to be agreed, the following suggestions are made:-

**Annual Parish Meeting: Monday April 15th 2019**

**Annual Parish Council Meeting: May 20th 2019**