

## CLERK'S REPORT – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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

**Resignation of Cllr. H. Kershaw** – to confirm resignation, notify B&NES and to advertise the vacancy.

**Councillor e-mail accounts** - To agree to extend e-mail accounts of those councillors experiencing space problems, from 500MB to 2 GB at a cost of £9.95 per year per mailbox.

**Street Lighting Maintenance** – The clerk has sent the purchase order for the agreed maintenance works next year and this has been acknowledged and accepted by Volker Highways.

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**Allotments** – All allotments are let, and there is no waiting list. Other items remain outstanding, such as the hedge line, but all are further delayed from any progress due to Lockdown 3.

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

**Southstoke Lane and Village Road Safety Measures** – Ward Cllr. Neil Butters has been able to confirm that this is still being progressed, however it seems very unlikely that the scheme will be implemented in the current financial year.

**Implementation of Broadband provision in Southstoke and Midford by Truespeed** – This appears to be complete within South Stoke village itself and progress continues around Midford.

**Village Hall** - The Village Hall continues to receive support grants, and hopefully it might be possible to re-open after June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Police liaison and Neighbourhood Watch** – The clerk has taken delivery of sixteen Neighbourhood Watch signs at a cost of £104 from the Avon & Somerset Police Neighbourhood Watch Administrator. However the personal cheque has yet to be banked. The location of the signs have been agreed and most permissions obtained. It should now be possible and feasible for them to be erected.

**Signage on Old Midford Road junction with Packhorse Lane** – The clerk has written in detail to Mrs Parfitt and the other residents of Old Midford Road to explain the limits of what the Parish Council is able to do. The letter detailed a number of measures that could be employed to alleviate the problem, and explained that any signage would need to be supported by appropriate evidence and funding.

**Litter Bins – Provision and Location of a Litter Bin at Churchyard Wall** – The agreed model of litter bin has been purchased and installed. It is now fully in use with appropriate measures so that the village sweeper can empty it safely. The volume of waste being deposited in the village litter bins continues to be very high due to the 'Stay Local' directive of the Covid-19 regulations.

**South Stoke Defibrillator** – Anne Ward has agreed to take over responsibility for Site Checks and Maintenance from the clerk. Now regulations permit the clerk will arrange a handover in due course.

**Grit Bins** – A volunteer is needed to act as Snow Warden as it is not really feasible for the clerk to re-fill the Parish Council grit bin from Keynsham.

### **Other items to Report – Agenda Item 12**

**Bath Transport Delivery Action Plan** – Cllr. Patrick Dawson has responded to the initial consultation in as much detail as it permitted. A fuller response will be made in the second phase of consultation later in the year.

### **Dates for Future Meetings – Agenda Item 13**

To confirm the following dates for future meetings:-

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday May 17th 2021

Annual Parish Council Meeting: May 24th 2021

With all meetings to be held as normal in the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. if Covid-19 guidance and restrictions permit – Otherwise Online via ZOOM