

## CLERK'S REPORT – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### 6. Parish Council Matters

**Staffing – Recruitment of Assistant/Trainee Clerk** – We have received two very good applications for the post of Assistant/Trainee Clerk & RFO. It is expected to interview them shortly, possibly before this meeting.

### 7. Financial Matters

**You are required to formally approve the Pay Increases and Backpay for the Clerk and Parish Sweeper.** Please see RFO Report for figures.

### 8. General Parish Matters

**Request for Defibrillator in Midford** – Midford residents have requested a defibrillator. Cllr. Mark Knowlton to report.

**Midford Parish Council Notice Board** – The Midford Parish Council noticeboard has been removed because the wall on which it was located has been demolished. The Clerk has not yet re-sited it on the opposite side of the road, on posts, next to the Grit Bin.

**Allotments – Uncultivated Plots** – The Clerk has written to the tenant with the uncultivated plot, but as yet there has been no reply.

**Police liaison and Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr. Jonathan Woodings to report.

**Website and IT Upgrades** – The Clerk is progressing the acquiring of a .Gov.UK Domain for the website and e-mails with support from Swan management Services (David Bewick). There is a £100 grant available, so the total cost of doing so should be minimal. Use of a SouthStokePC.gov.uk is recommended best practice as it is far more secure and professional.

**Noticeboard for Sulis Down** – Vistry have agreed to procure and install this to the agreed location in the Play Area.

**Litter bins – Sulis Down and Parish Litter and Sweeping – Sulis Down** It is not thought possible to progress these matters at this point in time, both being the responsibility of the appointed Management Company

### Footpaths and Open Spaces

**Footpaths** – Cllr. Anne Ward to give any report.

### 10. Highway Matters

- A36 Limpley Stoke – closure for carriageway repairs and stabilisation

**Serious issues on Tucking Mill Lane** – Residents continue to report on the serious issues being encountered. Monkton Combe Parish Council, together with Ward Cllr. Fiona Gourley are pursuing these vigorously with both B&NES Highways and National Highways. There is little if anything this Parish Council can add to those efforts.

- Midford Road/Village – Midford Residents have requested Radar Speed Signage. Cllr. Mark Knowlton to report.

### 13. Correspondence Received

**Rainwater flooding The Lodge BA2 7DL** – It has not been possible for B&NES Highways or the Parish Clerk to diagnose the problem. We will continue to monitor in the hope that a solution might emerge.

### 14. Dates for Future Meetings – To confirm dates for next meetings:-

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 – 7:00 p.m. - Parish Council Meeting – Budget & Precept

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – 7:00 p.m. - Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 – 7:30 p.m. – Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 7:00 p.m. – Annual Parish Council Meeting