**Clerks Report – March 2021**

| **Matters arising / Action points from last meeting:** | **On –going Issues:** |
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| CIL Committee Meeting * Meeting took place on 22nd February and update on projects provided. Football Club projects included as possible projects that may be supported in the future.
* Cycle path project on agenda for update on progress.

Right of Way between the railway and Lethbridge Park* Following discussion at last meeting, telephoned and emailed SCC Officer about the problem.
* Asked that work is carried out to improve the footpath including removal of vegetation along the wall.
* Also asked the steps that the PC would need to go through to improve this and other footpaths in the parish as possible CIL projects.
* Yet to receive a response.

Go-op Train Initiative* Email sent confirming the Parish Councils support for the initiative.

Mill Lane* Hedgerow recently cut however a road sweeper did not follow up after such a large cut and now the lane is flooding through the drains being blocked especially outside numbers 5 & 6 Mill Lane, the drain outside number 1 also blocks on a regular basis.
* Reported to SCC and requested a road sweeper and gully sucker are used to clear the drains / debris.
* Reported a further two times to SCC as no action taken.

Dog Fouling – Darby Way* Member of the public has been in contact raising concerns about dog fouling in Darby Way. Particularly outside homes / on paths.

Library* Suspected water leak – Wessex Water have provided advice – Clerk investigating.
* Library will re-open for Click and Collect / Computer use on 15th March 2021.

Somerset Day – Fly the Flag* Email received from SCC outlining a campaign to ‘Fly the Flag for Somerset’ for Somerset Day 2021 over the weekend of 8th and 9th May through to Somerset Day on 11th May.
* Flags can be ordered online.

Parish Lengthsman Litter Pick on A358* Arrangement whereby Lengthsman collects litter and then leaves bin bags next to a SWT litter bin to collect during next collection.
* Lengthsman did this and left them next to the Underpass bin which wasn’t well received, advised to use the bin next to the toilets instead.
* SWT Operative has so far not taken the rubbish away that was collected.

Footpaths along Stream* Email received from a member of the public about subsidence on the footpath either side of the stream and encroachment of grass.
* Member of public has reported the issue to SWT.

Cothelstone Road – Mud / poor drainage around Post Box* Member of the public contacted Cllr Pattemore about mud by the post box.
* Since the road was re-surfaced water and mud collect there and now the mud is making it difficult for people to use the post box.
* Issue reported to SCC.
 | 20mph Speed Limit* On agenda for update.

Almshouse Steps Proposal* Investigations regarding ownership of the steps are being made.
* Not owned by SWT, awaiting a response from SCC.
* Chased response again on 11th November and again on 8th January 2021.

Bins * Request made to install a new litter bin next to new bus shelter in Hither Mead.
* Chair met with Richard Hopkins on 18th November. Movement of bin by Bus Shelter at Taunton Road end of Hither Mead agreed. Discussions need to take place with owner of property alongside the New Bus Shelter about the proposed bin when lockdown lifted.

Dead Tree on Footway between Barton Hey and Fouracre Mead* Reported to SW&T Council and requested its removal.
* Reference number: SWT113922910.
* Discussed proposal with Hattie Winter / Depot during walk around of Parish.
* Helen Phillips at SWT is now following up this request on behalf of the Parish Council.
* Darren Hill at DLO is currently looking into the placement of some new trees in Bishops Lydeard (Jan 21)
* Cllr Martin investigating replacement of trees with local nursery.

Hither Mead Bus Shelter* One sheet of glass in bus shelter smashed.
* Parish Lengthsman has cleared up glass and made shelter safe.
* Parish Council has the details of the person responsible for the damage.
* The bus shelter company who installed the bus shelter – Shelter Solutions provided an initial quote to repair of £613+VAT, if the Parish Council was to wait until Shelter Solutions are in the area to do the work the cost would reduce to £295+VAT.
* Shelter Solutions instructed to replace the panel when they are next working in the area. Date awaited.

Hither Mead Bus Shelter Proposal* Response awaited from SCC to gain permission to sight the bus shelter on SCC land.
* Chased response on 11th November and again on 8th January 2021 and again on 8th March 2021.

Landslip at Delta Rise / Derby Way* Report from structural engineer received and SWT now in the process of selecting competent contractors to tender for the works required.
* Responded to request a fence is installed on top of the wall once the repair works are carried out. SWT responded to confirm a fence will be given consideration.
* Email correspondence forwarded to Hattie Winter to follow up. Address with gardens onto wall passed to Hattie to investigate if they are council owned and work to tidy the gardens can be implemented.
* Work expected to start in wall in new 2020/21 financial year.
* Contractors want bore holes to understand what the ground is like under the wall before they proceed. To avoid any potential wall collapse.

Lydeard Mead Fencing* Sections of knee high fencing missing.
* Reported to SWT for replacement (Jan 21).

Quantock View Parking Proposal and Dropped Kerb and No Dog Signs* On agenda for discussion / update.

Tree Felling – School Playing Fields* Email received from Cllr Morency outlining request received from residents in the block of flats in Quantock View requesting that trees in the school playing field are pruned in height.
* Emailed the school to request their feedback on the request.
* School conducting a survey / report of trees.
* Message left and email sent to school requesting an update. No response received.

Trees along Stream Bank and on Hither Mead Bridge* Further email received from resident about the condition of the trees along the stream bank and on Hither Mead bridge.
* Localities Lead has requested Mark Holloway at SW+T Council to take forward, response awaited.
* Condition of trees reviewed during walk around with Hattie Winter / Depot – Hattie to follow up with Trees section at Depot.
* Mark Holloway has confirmed that tree management works will take place during the winter. The urgent works will take place before Christmas.
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| **Communications Received:** |
| SCC – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment* Somerset’s new Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Somerset: Our County 2019/20 is now published at <http://www.somersetintelligence.org.uk/jsna/>

Proposals for Unitary Local Government in Somerset* Central Government have announced the launch of the Consultation period for unitary proposals.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/proposals-for-unitary-local-government-in-cumbria-north-yorkshire-and-somerset> * One Somerset Briefing Sessions next week – information circulated
* Stronger Somerset letter received and circulated.

5 day notice – Dangerous Oak, West Lodge* 5 day notice received and circulated. Dangerous oak at West Lodge that requires felling.

Donations* Letters of thanks received from Taunton CAB, Mind Somerset and Love Musgrove for the donations made.
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