

Clerks Report – May 2020

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<p><u>BL Library</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although the Library is closed our Librarian Rebecca has been developing lots of content including Lego activities, Book Reviews, Somerset Day and VE Day activities for the Facebook page which have been added and are being well received. 	<p><u>20mph Speed Limit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further update. <p><u>Almshouse Steps Proposal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigations regarding ownership of the steps are being made. Not owned by SWT, awaiting a response from SCC. <p><u>Ash Priors Common and Car Parks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaising with Localities Lead at SWT to ascertain ownership of common and car parks. Hattie is making enquiries but has confirmed that it doesn't belong to SWT Council.
<p style="background-color: #d9ead3;">Correspondence Received:</p> <p><u>SCC – Road Closure – West Street</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order prohibiting all traffic from proceeding along West Street from 117m north west of the junction with Church Street, north-eastwards for a distance of 35 metres. To enable Wessex Water to carry out new connection works. 26th May 2020 for 4 days. <p><u>Your Somerset Magazine – Delivery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence received from SCC confirming that the Your Somerset Magazine will not be delivered to every household in the Parish. Volunteers coordinated by John Holden and John Collier will deliver the magazines. Link to magazine has also been added to the website and facebook page. <p><u>Advisory 20mph Limit implementation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email received and circulated from SCC advising that a programme to implement advisory 20mph speed limits outside schools will be delivered over the next 2 years. BL Primary School has been assessed and prioritised for implementation. Signs expected to be delivered during the Summer Holidays. <p><u>Somerset Waste Partnership – May Briefing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received and circulated. Information also added to the website and facebook page. 	<p><u>Bins</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request made to install a new litter bin next to new bus shelter in Hither Mead. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being chased by Hattie Winter, Localities Lead at SWT Further requested submitted to SWT Ref SWT171026049 Response received that pavement isn't wide enough to place a bin next to shelter. Site meeting to be arranged when possible. Requested movement of Hither Mead bin from junction with Taunton Road to next to Bus Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bin at top of Hither Mead has been removed and a brand new one has been placed next to the bus shelter. Request made to move the bin a small distance from the bus shelter ref: SWT171026878 Cost to move the bin is £65+VAT. Site meeting to be arranged when possible. <p><u>Damaged Hither Mead Road Sign</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported to SWT <p><u>Darby Way Bus Shelter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition of shelter reported to SWT. Response received confirming that bus shelter is owned by both SWT and the PC. Cost of repair will be approx. £150 each. Repair work awaited. <p><u>Dead Tree on Footway between Barton Hey and Fouracre Mead</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported to SW&T Council and requested its removal. Reference number: SWT113922910. Discussed proposal with Hattie Winter / Depot during walk around of Parish. Hattie to follow up. <p><u>Footbridge across Stream (CIL Project)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During meeting with SWT / Depot idea of providing a footbridge across the stream discussed. In contact with officer at SWT to obtain permission to undertake the works. <p><u>Hanging Baskets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project postponed until 2021 and business sponsorship amounts refunded. <p><u>Hither Mead Fencing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TDBC have confirmed that replacement fencing has been booked into the schedule of works. Discussed fencing with Hattie Winter and Depot during walk around of Parish. Work to replace fencing is imminent. <p><u>ID Badges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal to source ID badges for all Parish Councillors and the Clerk.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay obtaining ID badges until after Coronavirus lockdown. • Cllrs to send passport size photos in the meantime. <p><u>Landslip at Delta Rise / Derby Way</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from structural engineer received and TDBC 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. TDBC 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 <p><u>Quantock View Green – No Dogs Signs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDBC response regarding the request confirmed that the proposed no dog sign would be on housing land so the estate officer for the area has been contacted. The expense for erecting the sign would come out of the housing budget so Estate Officer would need to decide if it will be erected or not. • Clerk responded to request cost of sign for PC consideration. • Localities Lead at SW+T Council has followed up. • SW+T have confirmed that they have a budget for the sign, quote being obtained for approval. <p><u>Quantock View Parking Proposal and Dropped Kerb</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On agenda for discussion / update. <p><u>Tree Felling – School Playing Fields</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p><u>Trees along Stream Bank and on Hither Mead Bridge</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p><u>Woodland Walk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further response received from SCC regarding the fence. • Swing gate has been repaired.