

Clerks Report – November 2023

Matters arising / Action points from last meeting:	On –going Issues:
<p><u>Darby Way Telephone Box</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are problems with our plans to offer it “as is” to West Somerset Railway. <p><u>Public access rights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further contact from the external auditor this month. <p><u>Public toilets water leak</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wessex Water have instructed me to conduct a “stop tap test” which I will endeavour to do this week. <p><u>Request from “streamside” residents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The funding issue is on the agenda. <p><u>Electric vehicle charging points</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is an agenda item to work out the way forward. <p><u>Speed Indicator Device</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is still waiting for an electrician to inspect it. Clerk cannot add it to the insurance as requested until it is working. Clerk has located correspondence relating to the “memorandum of understanding” with Highways and the lighting columns issue needs to be resolved. <p><u>Greenway/Station Farm roadworks and unacceptable diversion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passed to Cllr Rigby to argue that this arrangement will not be repeated. <p><u>PO Box number</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has now been created and details will be circulated shortly. 	<p><u>Hither Mead dog bin</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has been lodged with Somerset Council and action is awaited. <p><u>Bleed Control Kits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The decision was to put this to one side for a period but also to research what Taunton Town Council are doing on the issue. To be followed up. <p><u>Delta Rise / Darby Way Landslip</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescheduled date for works still awaited. <p><u>Flood Attenuation Basins – Hither Mead Estate</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk chasing for a response about concerns of the state of these. <p><u>Safe Footway from Taunton Road into the Village</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk is chasing for a response from Livewest and Somerset Council on this issue. <p><u>Right of Way between the railway and Lethbridge Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We offered to contribute £600 towards improving pedestrian access to this route due to the area which is muddy and prone to flooding. Clerk is chasing this with SC. <p><u>Roundabout / Underpass Adoption</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still awaiting the adoption of the A358 roundabout / underpass. <p><u>Tree Planting at Station Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email correspondence with SCC shared with Cllr Rigby to negotiate the terms of the licence. No update on this as yet.. <p><u>Parish Path Liaison Officer Role</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can confirm that David Winter is now in post as our new PPLO and he will contact us if he needs anything from us. <p><u>Co-op move to Taunton Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has reappeared as a possibility but no confirmation as yet. <p><u>Request from “streamside” residents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk is chasing Somerset Council to see if “cyclists please dismount” signs can be put up at either end of the footpath connecting Hither Mead with the DWH estate.
Communications Received:	
<p><u>Road Closures:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road closures relevant to our parish have been circulated. <p><u>Training from SALC.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of Councillors have been booked onto a range of online “Zoom” courses. <p><u>CAB funding request</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I suggest this is placed on December agenda as I overlooked to put it on this agenda (and it is unclear which budget line will cover this). <p><u>Library issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owing to cutbacks there will be no newspapers in Community Library Partnership libraries unless we pay for them. A c.£2000 pay rise has been awarded to all staff backdated to April and we will be billed accordingly. Neal and I have arranged that the librarian will buy small sundry items (paper, notebooks, etc.) in future and will claim them from us as expenses. <p><u>Christmas lights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding request received and is on the agenda 	