

Clerks Report – October 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"> The decision to offer it “as is” to West Somerset Railway is being followed up by Cllr Lewin-Harris. <p><u>Public access rights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full information has been belatedly circulated to Councillors and an amended AGAR return placed on the website and noticeboard. The indication is that this process will take a while to resolve and the full Council will need to respond when asked to do so. <p><u>Public toilets water leak</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk met with Wessex Water at the toilets. The leak is a “trickle” but action needs to be taken. They will check the stopcock and meter but if those are OK the Council will be served a formal notice requiring we take action. Clerk needs to take meter readings a week apart to measure the leak volume so that can be deducted from our bill. <p><u>Request from “streamside” residents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk is liaising with 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. Clerk also chasing some other issues on behalf of residents. <p><u>Electric vehicle charging points</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk has had discussions with the Lethbridge and Church House Dental practice. 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 will add it to the insurance. Clerk cannot locate correspondence relating to unsuitable lighting columns but will raise with Highways. 	<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"> Made contact with the Major Infrastructure Team at SCC and requested an update on the adoption of the A358 roundabout / underpass. Still awaited. <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"> Am seeking confirmation that someone is now in post.
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"> Information circulated to Councillors. 	