

## Clerks Report – September 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"> <li>This was deferred at the last meeting but does need a decision. I confirm no further responses have been received by Clerk.</li> </ul> <p><u>Public access rights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The external auditor has confirmed that most of the complaints raised by the 2 members of the public meet the criteria for detailed consideration. Should the objectors wish to proceed to formal consideration the cost of this process will be £2,485 per day plus VAT for which the council will be liable. The objectors may wish to have their complaints considered by a cheaper and less formal process.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Bleed Control Kits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul> <p><u>Delta Rise / Darby Way Landslip</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Works to wall require traffic management.</li> <li>Works originally planned for February 2023 but delayed because it was indicated that a full road closure would be in place during the works.</li> <li>Rescheduled date for works still awaited.</li> </ul> <p><u>Flood Attenuation Basins – Hither Mead Estate</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Response still awaited about concerns of the state of these.</li> </ul> <p><u>Safe Footway from Taunton Road into the Village</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still awaiting a response from Livewest and Somerset Council on this issue.</li> </ul> <p><u>Right of Way between the railway and Lethbridge Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We offered to contribute £600 towards improving pedestrian access to this route due to the area which is muddy and prone to flooding. Response awaited.</li> </ul> <p><u>Roundabout / Underpass Adoption</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Made contact with the Major Infrastructure Team at SCC and requested an update on the adoption of the A358 roundabout / underpass. Still awaited.</li> </ul> <p><u>Tree Planting at Station Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email correspondence with SCC shared with Cllr Rigby to negotiate the terms of the licence. No update on this as yet..</li> </ul> <p><u>Woodland Walk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The remaining outstanding issue is why a lease is being offered rather than ownership.</li> </ul> <p>No action taken on this by volunteer Clerk but the item remains on the agenda for discussion.</p> <p><u>Parish Path Liaison Officer Role</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assumed that this is now in process.</li> </ul>
<p style="background-color: #d9ead3;"><b>Communications Received:</b></p> <p><u>Road Closures:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numerous road closures have been received but all seem to relate to areas outside our parish. No further action taken due to our limited Clerk resource. There does not seem to have been one about the recent traffic lights/one way system on Station Road.</li> </ul> <p><u>Library problems</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been problems with a leak by the front window and a defective light. Both have now been fixed by Somerset Council</li> </ul> <p><u>Public toilets water leak?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk contacted by Wessex Water about high water consumption at the toilets suggestive of constant flushing or similar problem. I checked but could find nothing adrift. Garage confirmed all seemed fine to them. I got back to Wessex Water who said there no longer seemed to be a problem.</li> </ul> <p><u>Residents issues.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents issues.raised with the Clerk include:</li> <li>Concerns about speed limits on the A358 following an accident involving a family member</li> <li>The temporary appearance of some form of noise monitoring equipment on The Bartons which was not arranged by the Parish Council. Somerset Council deny all knowledge.</li> <li>The state of the dog bin on Hither Mead by the stream that has been reported directly to the Somerset Council officer who seems to oversee dog and litter bins.</li> <li>A request for help with a pidgeon with a broken wing. Suggested that the resident contact RSPCA.</li> </ul>	