

Haselbury Plucknett Monthly Parish Council Meeting
Monday 9th November 2020, 7:00pm (Virtual meeting held due to Corona Virus restrictions)

The 100 Club Draw took place; the winners are:

November Draw
1st Prize – S Giles
2nd Prize – M Hobday
3rd Prize – B Goss

Present - Cllrs, C Simmonds (Chairman), M Bryant, M Rendall, B Atherton, J Prunty, H Williams, J Farrant, D Whitmarsh, P Reed and L Gibbons (Parish Clerk) and D Cllr O Patrick

Members of the public present: Three

Open session: A question was asked about the absence of tree screening at Rushywood Farm, that was a planning condition. It was noted that some planting has taken place, and more is likely to follow. We will monitor this.

1. **Apologies for absence:** None
2. **Record of business of last Month 12/10/2020:** Approved and will be signed as a true and proper record.
3. **Matters Arising:** HW reported that he has collected and repaired the fallen birdbox from the park. It will be put back up shortly.
4. **Declaration of Interest:** None
5. **D Cllr Report:** As circulated.
Unfortunately, SSDC have judged that there is insufficient evidence to pursue the fly tipping incident in Claycastle. MR asked OP to look into the turning circle at East Close. Cars keep parking there, causing major issues (recently for an ambulance). Yarlington have declined to help, saying it is not their land. OP agreed to investigate. SSDC has reported that it now has a six-year housing land supply available. This is fantastic news for the Council and means that the tilted balance towards the presumption in favour of sustainable development will no longer apply in respect of the lack of a five-year land supply. However, going forward the Council will continue to try and maintain this positive position. Over the coming year officers involved in the Accelerating Housing Delivery Programme will be working with developers and agents operating locally to help facilitate the delivery of new homes in Yeovil and our Market Towns, this will be a positive step towards helping to ensure that they continue to meet the government's Housing Delivery Test going forward.

C Cllr's M Keating Report: As circulated

All help and information is now available in a single place on the SCC website <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-latest-advice/>
6. **Planning:**
 - a) **Planning Applications:** None
 - b) **Planning Applications received after publication of Agenda:** None
 - c) **Planning applications considered prior to this meeting:** None
 - d) **Decisions received:** None
7. **Finance:**
 - a) **Invoices for payment:** All payments were approved:

KM Dike Nurseries	Ground Maintenance	£269.00
SSDC	Ranger Sept	£519.48
L Gibbons	Clerk Salary/expenses	£241.50

b) Bank reconciliation: Was agreed.

c) Budget 21/22 LG has circulated a draft budget for Cllr to consider. Cllrs were asked to consider any spending priorities for the next financial year, in time for our December meeting, so that we can agree the 21/22 precept.

8. The Park: a) Safety checks: BA has circulated the safety checklist. There is nothing new to report.

BA proposed that we should buy two new, child friendly, bins. We agreed to spend £700 on this. He has circulated details and it was agreed that he will approach HP First School to ask if the children can choose which design we go for.

b) improvements/repair work: BA is compiling a comprehensive list of work to be carried out in the spring, when we are allowed to work in a group.

9. Road and Footpaths: a) A30 Tunnel: OP has spent considerable time going over all the papers (they go back 30 years), and it is a complex case with an interesting history. He is drafting a proposal to move forward with this, unfortunately likely to include legal action, which he will prepare to discuss at our December meeting.

b) Roads and Highways Working Group: The Refuge bollards opposite the school are badly rotted and one is now missing. LG was asked to report this for urgent repair to SCC. JF will provide photographic evidence.

Concerns were raised about the increase in HGV's passing through Haselbury. This is due to a temporary diversion of traffic over 18tonnes to the A3066 at the Misterton crossroads due to urgent weight restriction over a culvert at the Globe Inn. Works at this location were undertaken in 2000 and have a 100yr guarantee. MK has been asked to apply pressure to get this issue sorted out as quickly as possible. He will update us when he has any further information. LG was asked to write to him again and directly to SCC to pass on our concerns at the dangerous situation that this is causing, and the damage being done to individual properties.

c) Footpath Working Group Feedback: PR has received confirmation from M Cooper that any work undertaken on footpaths should be carried out alone to meet with Covid rules.

10. a) Village Ranger: He is continuing to work on clearing and tidying footpaths. CS will ask him to clear the tree that is partially blocking the footpath near the Gypsy site, and to carry out a general tidy up of the area, whilst he is there.

b) SID: No matters to report.

c) Tree Planting: We received a response from the County Council ecologist advising that the Parish/local group put together a management plan, including planting and long-term maintenance prescriptions and management arrangements. Some form of agreement for us to be held to account for monitoring/managing would also be required. In the first place, a basic plan showing what trees and where we plan to plant them would be required to make an initial assessment regarding suitability re highway visibility, landscape and ecology constraints. JP will speak to AS about this.

d)100 Club 2021: As it will not be possible to sell tickets, door to door, for next year's 100 club, the PC has decided to postpone until this can safely be resumed.

11. Consultation document on the future of Crewkerne and Ilminster schools: Ms Higginbotham attended our meeting to report on this situation. It seems likely that HP First school will expand to become a primary school. If this goes ahead it is fantastic news as children flourish when they attend school within their own community. The PC reaffirmed that it is fully supportive of the school.

Members of the public are being invited to have their say on plans to transform how education is delivered in the Crewkerne and Ilminster area from 12 November. Somerset County Council has announced details of a public consultation on proposals to move from the current three-tier school system to a two-tier model of primary and secondary schools. The consultation will run for four weeks between Thursday 12 November and Thursday 10 December. It provides an opportunity for those who wish to have their say on the Council's plans.

Due to the restrictions on public events due to coronavirus, a series of virtual Teams Live consultation events are being organised to take place as follows:

1. Tuesday 17 November – 5.30pm-7.30pm
2. Wednesday 18 November – 7.45pm-9.45pm (Misterton First School specific)
3. Tuesday 24 November – 7.45pm-9.45pm

4. Thursday 26 November – 4.15pm-6.15pm

Anyone is welcome to attend. Event registration details will be published on Thursday 12 November at www.somerset.gov.uk/crewkerne-and-ilminster-strategic-school-review

12. Correspondence: We have an apology from MK following the judgment from the Monitor. This has been circulated.

13. Matters to report: None

14. Notices Parish News: For January - 100 club winners, MB to write a piece regarding the availability of funds from the 100 club and its suspension, until we are able to collect funds again.

15. Items for next meeting:

16. Next Meeting Date: 14/12/2020