



## Brief notes from the parish council 11 May 2017

- 1. The 2017 annual meeting** was held prior to the full council meeting. Aspects from the year were covered that included the Village Design Statement, traffic calming measures, the Millennium Wood, the new website plans, the burial ground and the Mendip local plan. Accounts for the village hall, youth club and allotments were discussed.
- 2. Keith Holder was re-elected as chairman** and Anna Mearns elected to act as vice chair. The council now has a full compliment of members.
- 3. The public session** allowed parishioners to air concerns about the positioning of the speed indicator devices on Coalpit Lane and Mendip Road. Neither site at present would record the speed of vehicles as they enter the village limits. The Stoke Rovers soccer team is to be reformed. A new squad are keen to enter the 2017/18 season. Plans are afoot to refurbish the pavilion. Quotes are sought for work that would satisfy the local league's rules on adequate changing provision. The parish council will be one of the bodies that will be approached for grant support in time for the autumn.
- 4. Somerset and District council reports.** Councillor Townsend said it was a quiet spell at the council. Mendip District Council has gained national recognition for the £1 million savings they have made.
- 5. Pedestrian safety scheme** in the village. The sub committee has looked at surveying traffic at high use times. They are considering an incremental installation as a trial run for permanent adaptation. Still on the table are changes to lighting, signage, funding sources and approval of technical aspects inherent in such rural traffic management schemes.
- 6. Mill Lane** is likely to remain on Sat Nav routes as Germany controls the satellite systems. Best results would be obtained by a Traffic Regulation order to close the lane to all traffic. However it is hoped SCC Highways could change signage. The clerk will write again regarding this.
- 7. Planning.** The Sycamores' plans to extend to the side and front elevation were recommended for approval. Phippens Farm's plans to create two dwellings from one were also recommended for approval.
- 8. Millennium Wood:** There is still a delay in taking full ownership of the woodland. Councillor Townsend will pursue this on our behalf at the council offices.
- 9. The parish is finally able to order a new skate ramp** for the community field's skateboard area. A quarter pipe costing £5100 will be installed by Evolution ramps, a firm from Dorset, later this summer.

**10. The village asset register** of all resources is now updated. **11. There will be a new parish website** this summer. The trial site looks very impressive. Thanks are due to Amanda Taylor for setting this up. It will link viewers with p.c. minutes, agendas, an events calendar, the Lychgate and all aspects of parish business. A domain name to be decided. **12. Finance.** Cheques were authorised for hall rental, grass mowing, signs for the play areas, village litter pick event insurance and Aon insurance. **13. Correspondance:** Discussions covered the designation of the playing field as an air ambulance landing site, the need for a new dog waste bin on the community field, the HGV traffic to and from Cookswood quarry, the probable link to Conservation Volunteers in Bristol to help with landscape and woodland work and the proposed village fun run on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October** starting with a short colour run where participants will be showered in a rainbow of colours, followed by a run UP, DOWN AND AROUND. Those taking part will have one hour to complete as many laps as they dare around a 1km loop. Join in the runs or come along and cheer on the runners. Refreshments will be provided in the Memorial Hall. Anyone wanting to have a stall or any more information about the event can contact Sarah Stewart on 840275. The junior event will avoid roads the senior course based on laps around lanes close to the village. **15. Date of next meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 pm in the village Memorial Hall. **16. Litter Pick.** A belated well done to all those who took part in the Stoke St. Michael Litter Pick. Many thanks to Jacqui at Green Gait Gardening for refreshments and Emma and Dylan for treats. Let's continue to keep Stoke tidy. **17. Stoke St Michael Village Cinema.** The next film to be shown will be A UNITED KINGDOM at 7.30 pm on Friday 19th May. This 2016 British romantic drama tells the inspiring true story of Seretse Khama, the King of Bechuanaland (modern Botswana), and Ruth Williams, the London office worker he married in 1948. **18. The Youth Club** needs to form a new committee to continue to run the 2 youth clubs in the village. We will need a new Treasurer, new secretary, an events planner and someone with experience applying for grants and fund raising. We also need volunteers who can commit to at least 1 evening per month so we can spread the load across our existing volunteers. The Juniors Youth Club (ages 7-11) runs from 6pm to 7.30pm on Monday's and the Seniors (ages over 11) Wednesday nights 7pm-9pm and both clubs get over 15 young people each week. **We are also hosting an 80's Disco party at the hall with live music,** fancy dress and a Chilli and Curry to raise funds - tickets are £8 each. If you can help, want tickets or would like to make a donation please contact Stuart on 01749 841750 or check out our Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/stokestmichael.youthclub>

The parish council was saddened to hear the June Maggs has died. She and her husband Barry, were involved in all aspects of village life. She was always hardworking, helpful and good humoured. She will be sorely missed by old and young alike.