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The Lychgate



STOKE ST MICHAEL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER December 2016

Somerset County Council report: It may be that there is still £8 million still to save from the 2017 budget.

The contract for the Hinkley C reactor is in place and local quarries could be involved in the project. A local impact fund to compensate areas affected by this major building scheme should stretch to our area of the eastern Mendips.

Mendip District Council: Recycling will still be weekly, though less will go to landfill and more will be incinerated.

There is to be a MDC lottery set up. Local good causes can benefit. Details about registering groups will be available soon.

John Wainwright's quarries are setting up a community fund.

Millennium woodland: The solicitor has updated the parish council on the current paperwork regarding the sale of the wood. Objections to the sale and disposal of the area by the County Council are to be lodged by Jan 3rd.

Pedestrian safety: Further detailed plans of the schemes to improve safety in the centre of the village have been received and will be aired at the January meeting.

Speed Gun checks: The parish are looking for helpers to man the speed gun checks on traffic travelling through our village. Contact Tanya Chapman tigg66ertan@gmail.com

Burial ground: The job of cutting back the hedge along Mill Lane has been awarded to Primrose Garden Maintenance and work will start in January.

Asset Register: The parish council are required to write up an asset register of all the structures we hold from bus shelters, bins, to swings and seats etc.

Planning: Possible development of a single story dwelling and garage at Cook's Farm was recommended for refusal as it is outside the recognised planning boundary for Stoke St Michael. The two-storey side extension to No 8 The Mead was recommended for approval. This is in line with similar work on other properties in this area of the village.

Donation: The parish council will donate £50 the Community Transport Scheme.

Cheques were authorised for the daily cleaning of the Lychgate, the parish clerk's salary, and the clerk's expenses.

Next meeting January 5th 7.30 Village hall.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning made £215 on the day (29th October). Well done to all concerned including Wainwrights and the Midway Farm Dairy for their continued support.



Come and celebrate a **Dickensian Christmas** with the village on Saturday 10th December from 4-9pm in the Knatchbull Arms Car Park. Visit Santa's Grotto, enjoy the barbecue, mulled wine and roast chestnuts or just browse the market stalls. Anybody interested in securing a market stall please contact Jolanda Cherritt on 01749 840 354 to book a stall (£5).

Evening will continue with pianist Guy Johnson playing on at the Knatchbull Arms.

Services at St. Michael and All Angels over the Christmas period will be as follows:

Sunday 18th December 3pm Carol Service.

Saturday 24th December 4pm Crib Service.

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December 10am Holy Communion.

