

### ILMINSTER DIVISION COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT MAY 2017

#### **SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL – FULL COUNCIL**

The primary purpose of this month's meeting, the first to be held since the local elections earlier this month, was to make the key appointments in relation to Cabinet members and the membership of committees, and those representing outside bodies., key posts are attached separately.

One new move this year has been the removal of the post of Cabinet member for Corporate Involvement and the appointment of Junior Cabinet members.

A number of announcements were made in relation to aims for SCC in the coming months and years, which includes setting up community hubs for the delivery of key services, and pursuing the option of a university for the county.

The issue of the sale of County Farms was raised again at this month's SCC full council meeting by Cllr. Sue Osborne. In response, it was stated that the issue is due to be discussed at the appropriate scrutiny committee this autumn.

#### **CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

Transport Officer Natasha Bates (01823 357199) has now responded to concerns raised by a local resident over the failure of the contracted driver to stop and pick up students due to arriving at the pick-up point before the allocated time, and the lack of seating once on board, due to an incorrect size vehicle being used.

#### **GREENFYLDE SCHOOL – FUTURE EDUCATION PROVISION**

No further updates at the moment; any changes will largely be dependent upon the outcome of the pending Persimmon application for housing development along Canal Way.

#### **SCC CORPORATE PARENT BOARD**

Former Cllr. Jill Shortland has been appointed as an independent Chair.

I can confirm that my suggestion that training for this important group be compulsory for all elected members has now been approved, which will significantly support local councillors in providing support when approached by those involved.

#### **Route 1 Advocacy**

I have now completed my 5-week training course, enabling me to become an Independent Visitor for Children in Care, and am receiving further training to become an advocate.

#### **UNIVERSAL CREDIT**

Due to the announcement of the general election, this training session has been postponed.

#### **SSDC AREA WEST**

At this month's SSDC meeting Cllr. Val Keitch was appointed as the new Chair

#### **PLANNING**

**Broadway** – the appeal against the refusal of planning permission to build of 25 homes at the rear of The Bell has been granted, continuing to reflect the impact of SSDC's lack of a five year and supply. Costs were not awarded.

**Ashill** – an application for a single dwelling on land adjacent to The Square & Compass pub was discussed at committee, at my request, and permission granted.

**Iminster Canal Way** – several local residents have made enquiries in relation to the Persimmon application. It is believed that the earliest this is likely to come before Area West for discussion is July – tbc.

**Cricket St. Thomas Golf Club** - the application for work to modify the golf course, has now been formally submitted to SCC. Due to concerns over the impact of travel movements and other issues, I have requested this be brought before committee prior to determination.

**Riverside, Horton** – the Yarlinton application for development of this site has been withdrawn at present. Concern has been expressed in relation to the 'For Sale' at the site.

### HIGHWAYS

**A358 dualling/A303 upgrade** - At SCC full council members of the public asked a range of questions relating to disappointment over the Highways England proposal and the fact that only one option has been submitted for consideration. The scheduled public exhibition on 8 May 2017, and Highways England's attendance at public events within the election period, was postponed, to be re-scheduled.

Proposal information can be found at [www.highways.gov.uk/Taunton-to-Southfields](http://www.highways.gov.uk/Taunton-to-Southfields)

Scheme information is also available at SSDC Yeovil office and Iminster Meeting House.

The Lead Stakeholder Liaison Officer is Richard Bowen [richard.bowen@mottmac.com](mailto:richard.bowen@mottmac.com)

Tel. 023 8062 8505.

**DONYATT –SID readings** – 11-29 April - Ave. speed 33mph, 85 percentile, 37mph. Total vehicle movements 39,601 with 71 at over 50 mph.

**CHAFFCOMBE** – the poor state of Summer Lane has been raised. Work is planned to rectify.

### Planned works

**CHAFFCOMBE** – Kingston Well Lane – drainage imp. Works. Temp road closure 15/1/2018 – 19/1/2018 - 5 days

**CUDWORTH** - Cudworth Street & Knights Lane - carriageway resurfacing. Temp. road closure. 14/2/2018 – 15/2/2018 - 2 days

**CHARD - Furnham Road (A358)** – closed for essential maintenance, affecting the stretch of road between the B&Q traffic lights and Thorndun Park Drive and will be split into two phases: Preparatory works began 22 May, lasting 3 weeks (7.30am to 6pm excl. weekends). Furnham Road will remain open with temporary traffic lights in certain locations. Carriageway resurfacing begins on 15 June, and is expected to take 5 nights.

**WINSHAM** – concern raised over the planned diversion route for road work closures resulted in a new more acceptable diversion route.

### DONYATT SIS FEASIBILITY STUDY

The results of the feasibility study, and suggestions to reduce speeding along the A358 in Donyatt have been met with disappointment locally and a request has been submitted for further local consultation on the option available.

**DILLINGTON FARM TRAFFIC** – speeding along roads in the vicinity has been highlighted  
**RIGHTS OF WAY**

**WINSHAM** – Local residents continue to be concerned over local landowners obstructing rights of way, and SCC's lack of action, which I am pursuing.

**ASHILL** – The following is currently out to consultation - Upgrade of CH 1/23 from a footpath to a Restricted Byway (511M) and add a Restricted Byway to Copse Lane.

**ILMINSTER** – an order has been made to modify the definitive map to upgrade Footpath CH32/20 to a Restricted Byway at Green Lane.

### **SSDC COMMUNITY HEALTH AND LEISURE ANNUAL REPORT**

Funding and officer support has been provided across Area West in the last 12 months, with 3 three key themes:

- Increasing use of outdoor and green spaces for exercise and health related activities
- Decreasing the number of adults and children who are currently inactive
- Reducing the number of overweight and obese adults and children

Walk leader training is available – Broadway now has a weekly Health Walk, and CLICK into Activity is continuing. School Tennis Coaching was delivered at Neroche School.

**Priorities for 2017/18** – increase the number of short health walks in the area; run a flexercise workshop; increase the number of sport50/pop-up community activity sessions; continue to set up community exercise classes where required; continue to run the CLICK into Activity programme.

Anyone interested in taking advantage of the support and facilities offered should contact Linda Pincombe on 01935 462614 or email [Lynda.Pincombe@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:Lynda.Pincombe@southsomerset.gov.uk)

### **Chard, Iminster & Crewkerne Area Health Forum**

At a meeting of this group this month the focus was on Dementia Care.

The Alzheimer's Society offer a side-by-side volunteer service, providing support for 2-3 hours per week, in addition to a range of information leaflets and other options available, including advice on driving. For more information contact 01458 251 541.

A presentation was given on Royal British Legion (RBL) Admiral Nurses, specialist mental health nurses focusing on the carers of people living with dementia, through collaborative working with other professionals and case work with carers.

In Somerset there are 4 nurses providing practical advice and emotional support, in addition to education and training. Criteria for referral is a carer's inability to cope, and to be a RBL beneficiary (i.e. someone who has seen active service or is closely related to someone who has). For more information and to find contact 01823 218443.

A discussion was also held in relation to the future of Chard Hospital, and the continued occupancy of beds by those awaiting housing or social services solutions, preventing discharge. In this context the Chard re-development group is due to meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> June.

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS**

Local parishes have been busy holding their meetings this month, with several having presentations from outside speakers. At Broadway, Wessex Water gave an informative presentation on the impact of the amount of fat/oil and wet wipes finding their way into the drainage system, and clogging it up sufficient to cause flooding.

## Agenda No 6

**CHARD MUSEUM EVENT** – On Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> (6.30 for 7pm start) a private viewing will be held along with a preview of a recent TV programme shot at the museum. All members of local parish councils are invited to attend. Please RSVP directly to me by 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### EVENTS/ACTIVITIES ATTENDED

2/5	Route 1 Independent visitor training
2/5	Broadway PC annual meeting
3/5	Winsham PC meeting
4/5	Greenfylde School reading
4/5	IMEx meeting
4/5	Community Catalysts meeting
4/5	Kingstone AGM
8/5	Donyatt PC annual meeting
8/5	Dowlish Wake Pc annual meeting
8/5	Ashill PC annual meeting
9/5	Route 1 Independent visitor training
9/5	Ilminster TC town assembly
10/5	Winsham Pc annual meeting
15/5	Horton PC annual meeting
15/5	Chaffcombe PC annual meeting
16/5	Route 1 Independent visitor training
16/5	Ilminster TC annual meeting
17/5	SCC – IT meeting
17/5	SSDC Area West
18/5	<b>SSDC full council (not attended- car breakdown)</b>
20/5	Morgan Court Ilminster – 5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary party
20/5	Ilminster Fairtrade event
20/5	Horton St Peter's Church quiz
21/5	Horton partnership Rogation service
23/5	Route 1 Independent visitor training
23/5	Broadway PC
24/5	SCC – full council
24/5	CLIC meeting Ilminster
27/5	Ilminster bowling club charity quiz
28/5	Chaffcombe Flower festival
30/5	Ilminster Literary Festival launch
31/5	Resident meeting with Enham - Ilminster
31/5	Summervale Surgery – meeting with practices manager

As there have been a number of changes to positions held across all parishes, please could all clerks let me have, at the earliest opportunity, names and contact details, including telephone and address, for all PC members.

I have received requests from a number of parishes to provide my own details for parish noticeboards – attached.