

Parish Council Briefing

Parish Clerk, John Willcox, rounds up the PC's activity in August

We wanted to cover three things this month.

Firstly, we had an unscheduled Parish Council meeting to deal with a planning application outside of the village (in Selwood parish). However, the application, on greenfield land outside of the housing boundary claimed its location would make it part of the village.

This is the second time this application has been put forward for three detached houses, albeit in a slightly different location to the original application.

The meeting was open to the public and was well attended. Councillor Hares explained exactly what we were allowed to comment on as a Parish Council. Anyone who wished to speak was then given two minutes to make their case. This was followed by each councillor putting their views forward before a vote was held. The Parish Council voted to continue with its objection to the application and the Parish Clerk was asked to write back to the Somerset Planning Officer responsible for this case with our decision and explanation as to why it was made.

The second issue to raise is that we are now being plagued by vandalism and graffiti. Following the defacing of the play equipment in the Memorial Playing Field and the salt bin on Fuzzy Lane, the bus stop at the Heath has been targeted. One of the windows has been smashed on two occasions (as it is double glazed) and graffiti sprayed all over the inside and the bench. This is being investigated by the police and has been reported to Wiltshire Council. Clearly, from the Parish Council's position. We have invested a significant amount of your money into building a beautiful bus stop (which is envied by many other villages). Having a mindless person damage and deface it is upsetting and will now cost more money to repair.

If anyone has information about who is doing it I would ask that they let us know.

Finally, we have just had an extremely useful meeting with Councillor Parks, Warminster Police, Highways England and Wiltshire Road Safety Partnership with regard to the speeding and heavy goods vehicles (HGV's) coming through the village. Firstly I wanted to thank Councillor Ball and Councillor Philips who had led this campaign tirelessly. The upshot of the meeting is that we have a number of clear strategies to support our goals of:

- 40mph speed limit along the length of the A362 through Corsley.
- Supplying Wiltshire Police with the data from our Speed Indicator Device (SID) in order to support their enforcement of the speed limits.
- Reducing the number of HGV's coming through the village.