

WEST HARPTREE PARISH COUNCIL

Provisional Minutes to be approved at the next Parish Council meeting.

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th September 2021 starting at 7.45 p.m. following Public Participation.

PRESENT: Mr R Ireland (Chairman), Mr P Hutton (Vice-Chairman) and Mr G Joyce.

APOLOGIES: Mr J Mitchell, Mr P Wood, Mrs R Wakeley and Mr D Wood. Mr C Gay did not attend.

3 members of the public attended.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th May 2021 were agreed as an accurate record. The minutes were proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed for adoption.

Min. 3873 – Matters Arising from the Minutes – None.

**Min. 3874 – Urgent Business as agreed by the Chair
Extended Leave of Absence**

Mrs R Wakeley had advised that she would be unable to attend meetings in the near future. The Clerk and Chairman had accepted these confidential personal reasons. All other Councillors were in favour of this decision.

Min. 3875 – Correspondence

Please see Appendix 1.

Min. 3876 - Community Infrastructure Levy

The first of 4 projects, this financial year using CIL funding had been completed.

The Church Clock had been refurbished and should run efficiently for many years to come.

The matter of fencing off the public footpath in the Recreation Ground to allow dogs to be banned from the children's play area had hit an obstacle. The matter was ongoing.

Initials

A Parishioner had kindly offered to provide a surplus field gate to replace the access gate in the Recreation Ground.

A quotation had been proposed, seconded and accepted to refurbish the Bus Shelter roof. The work would be carried out as soon as time/weather permitted.

The 20mph speed limit scheme was well under way, a plan showing the proposal was shared with members of the public. The scheme would be implemented before the end of this financial year.

The meeting was suspended and reconvened to allow members of the public to put forward their viewpoint.

Min. 3877 – Memorial Hall

Due partly to a National Lottery grant, the Hall had undergone a complete transformation making it more attractive to potential Clients. Parish Councillors had been invited to view the ‘new’ Hall and were impressed with the upgrade. A letter of thanks had been sent to the Hall Committee. A further National Lottery grant had been applied for which, if successful, would go towards improving the upstairs area.

Min. 3878 - Highways

20mph Speed Limit – Please see Min. 3876.

Village Tidy Up – It was agreed to restart the Village tidy up/Litter picking morning in the Spring.

Councillor Report, Harptree Hill

A 12 month road closure order was in place on Harptree Hill. The Contractors had made a good job of the resurfacing and drainage works over the last 2 weeks and may be back to carry out further work by the Wellsway. Although disruptive to motorists, the road was kept open as much as possible.

A letter of thanks would be sent to B&NES.

Min. 3879 - Recreation Ground

Fencing - Please see Min. 3876.

Initials

Play Equipment – It was proposed and seconded with all other Councillors in favour of accepting a quotation to carry out maintenance as advised in the annual play inspection report.

Min. 3880 – Bus Shelter

Please see Min 3876.

Min. 3881 – Local Plan Partial Consultation

The proposals were published on 27th August for public consultation, responses would be required by 8th October. The documents included:

1. Local Plan Partial Update
2. Energy Efficiency Retrofitting and Sustainable Construction SPD
(SPD = *Supplementary Planning Document*)
3. Transport & Development SPD
4. Houses in Multiple Occupation SPD

As the documents were very complex, it would require a number of Councillors/Other interested Parishioners to review them and draft a response.

Min. 3882 – Chew Valley Climate and Nature Emergency

Councillor Report

There were currently 3 large planning applications for Solar Farms in the Chew Valley, one of which had been refused 10 years ago. The Working Group would not like to see Grade I agricultural land being sacrificed for such a scheme. There was also potential to explore a Valley wide Scheme on ground owned by Bristol Water.

The working party were looking into grants for home insulation. A scheme supported by WECA to provide solar panels on buildings for homes and businesses at a discounted rate was open for applications. To get a no obligation quotation, applications must be received by 28th September 2021 deadline.

Min. 3884 – Ward Councillor's Report

Please see Appendix 2.

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Min. 3885 – Planning Matters

Planning Committee

It was proposed and seconded with all other Councillors in favour of removing planning from the full public meeting and delegate it to a sub-committee. It would negate the need to request an extension to the comment return date, which could potentially hold up an application. The Standing Orders would be updated accordingly.

The meeting was suspended and reconvened to allow a member of the public to comment on the proposal.

Applications pending consideration

- a. Planning application 21/0269/FUL, 1 Nine Elms Cottages, Widcombe – Erection of outbuilding and removal of existing sheds and storage container (resubmission). Comment.
- b. Planning application 21/3216/FUL, Crown Inn, The Street – Erection of flat roof single storey extension to the south west elevation to enlarge existing toilet facilities. Support.
- c. Planning application 21/03769/REM, 21 Ridge Crescent – Removal of condition 2 (garage) of application 12/00623/FUL (Erection of two storey side extension incorporating a garage and erection of front porch following demolition of existing garage). No Objection.

Notification of decision

- a. Planning application 21/01975/FUL, Sunnyside, Whistley Lane – Replacement Windows. PERMIT.
- b. Planning application 21/00764/FUL, 1 Nine Elms Cottages, Widcombe – Erection of double garage and workshop to replace existing storage container and sheds. WITHDRAWN.
- c. Planning application 21/00050/FUL, Orchard Cottage, Ridge Lane – Erection of a two storey $\frac{3}{4}$ bedroom dwelling, car port for 2 cars and additional parking for 4 cars following demolition of existing cottage. PERMIT.

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- d. Planning application 21/02532/FUL, 18 Dilly Meadows – Internal alterations and amendments to the roof of the existing garage, to facilitate use as a home office, complete with storage room and shower/WC room. PERMIT.
- e. Planning application 21/02503/FUL, White Rose Cottage, Ridge Lane – Erection of porch over existing kitchen door. Using delegated powers, it was agreed not to comment on this application. PERMIT.
- f. Planning application 21/03192/FUL – Harptree Surgery, Bristol Road – Erection of a portable office (portacabin) as a temporary structure (3 years) to increase room capacity at a GP Surgery in West Harptree. Due to social distancing, there is insufficient room (temporarily) within the Surgery to house all members of the team. Whilst the portable office is in place, internal works within Harptree Surgery will increase the number of consultation rooms and make for a permanent solution, allowing for the removal of the portable office. PERMIT.
- g. **Planning application 21/01982/NMA**, East Barn, Bristol Road – Non-Material Amendment to application 19/05414/FUL (Change of use of existing office accommodation (Use Class B1) into a single dwelling (Use Class C3)). APPROVE.

Min. 3886 - Finance

To acknowledge receipt of Wayleave payment £36.37

Min. 3887 – Meetings attended – None.

Min. 3888 – Items for the Information of the Clerk

Community Speed Watch – It was reported that the CSW Team were fully trained and kitted out. They would carry out their first assignment shortly.

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Min. 3889 - Future Meetings

The date of the next meeting: Monday 11th October 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman

Date Signed

Appendix 1**Min. 3858 – Correspondence**

The following items had been received and circulated prior to the meeting.

May

1. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/00802/FUL, Hinton Blewett and 21/02082/COND, Compton Martin.
2. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 19.
3. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 5th May 2021.
4. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/00137/COND, East Harptree.
5. British Heart Foundation, Your Centre – Defibrillator registration.
6. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/02095/FUL and 21/02096/LBA, Hinton Blewett.
7. A S Roofing – Quotation, Bus Shelter repairs.
8. B&NES, Development Management – 21/00764/FUL, Decision notification, 1 Nine Elms Cottages. WITHDRAWN.
9. ALCA – ACRE Guidelines on re-opening Village Halls and Community Buildings, Updated.
10. Smith of Derby – Order confirmation.
11. Rural Services Network – Rural Funding Digest, My 2021 Edition.
12. B&NES – LPPU and SPDs Parish Webinar recording.
13. Scribe Accountants – Webinar, When you are re-opening your venues.
14. Kompan – Playground fitness for children.
15. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/00602/FUL, East Harptree.
16. ALCA – Council meetings from this day forward.
17. ALCA – Return to physical meetings.
18. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/01195/VAR, East Harptree.
19. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 20.
20. Census 21 – Thank you.
21. B&NES, Livewell – Brant new web-based resource.
22. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 12th May 2021.
23. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 2100137/COND, East Harptree, 21/00904/FUL, Compton Martin and 20/01570/VAR, Coley.
24. ALCA – New Government funding to invest in skills, local business, community and place.
25. ALCA – Open Spaces Society’s call to local councils to grant a green.
26. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/00050/FUL, Orchard Cottage, West Harptree.
27. ALCA – Star Councils Award.
28. The Mendip Society Newsletter.
29. Came & Company Newsletter.
30. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/01072/FUL, East Harptree.
31. PGSA – Update.
32. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 21.
33. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 18th May 2021.
34. ALCA – Community Renewal Fund.
35. Dom Hooper – Bus Shelter.
36. B&NES – Parish Engagement Webinar : Sustainable Construction and Retro fitting Buildings, SPD.
37. B&NES, Planning Notifications – Notification of decision, 21/02326/NMA, 22 Ridge Crescent. REFUSED.
38. ALCA – Communications training.
39. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/01569/FUL and 21/01723/LBA, East Harptree and 21/019175/FUL, Sunnyside, West Harptree.
40. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 22.
41. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 25th May 2021.
42. ALCA – May In Short.

June

1. ALCA – Finance training.
2. West Harptree Memorial Hall – Invitation to Open Day, 26th June, 1.40 p.m.
3. Rural Services Network – Rural Funding Digest, June 2021 Edition.
4. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/01723/LBA, East Harptree.
5. Utility Aid – Electricity quotation.
6. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 2nd June 2021.
7. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 23.
8. B&NES – Reading Friends.
9. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 24.
10. B&NES - Street Works, 08/06/21 – 14/06/21.
11. B&NES, Development Management – 21/01975/FUL, Decision notification, Sunnyside, West Harptree. PERMIT.
12. David Wood – Proposed 20 mph Speed Limit, West Harptree.
13. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/01975/FUL, Sunnyside, West Harptree, 21/02095/FUL and 21/02096/LBA, Hinton Blewett.
14. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 8th June 2021.
15. South Stoke Parish Council – Street Lighting maintenance.
16. Dawn Dury – Next ALCA meeting.
17. B&NES – Youth Work May Newsletter.
18. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/00050/FUL, Orchard Cottage, West Harptree.
19. GC Contracts Update.
20. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/01569/FUL, East Harptree.
21. B&NES – Parish Engagement Webinar : Sustainable Construction and Retro fitting Buildings, SPD.

22. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/02682/FUL, Coley, 21/01982/NMA, West Harptree, 21,02729/ADCOU, Hinton Blewett.
25. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 15th June 2021.
26. B&NES – Save the date, Parish Council Climate Emergency Network, 29th September 6-8 p.m.
27. B&NES, Development Management – 21/02532/FUL, New application, 18 Dilly Meadows, West Harptree.
28. Kompan – Playground information.
29. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/02532/FUL, 18 Dilly Meadows, West Harptree.
30. Wicksteed Playgrounds – Latest News.
31. Rospa – Playground Inspection Report.
32. Futurform – Outdoor furniture.
33. PKF Littlejohn – Receipt.
34. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/00894/FUL, Sunnyside, West Harptree.
35. ALCA – The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacons, 2nd June 2022.
36. ALCA – The Boundary Commission for England.
37. B&NES – Children’s Centre Curses, September 2021.
38. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 26.
39. YCSW, Youth Connect – AGM 6th July 2021.
40. B&NES - Street Works, 22/06/21 – 28/06/21.
41. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 22nd June 2021.
42. B&NES – Waste Collection problem.
23. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 25.
24. B&NES - Street Works, 15/06/21 – 21/06/21.
43. B&NES – SPD Webinar, Stakeholder Feedback and Presentation.
44. B&NES – Mobile Library timetable.
45. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/02227/COND and 21/02932/COND, East Harptree.
46. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/02834/COND, Compton Martin.
47. Vears – Acknowledgement.
48. Jackie Head – Cross Velley Sustainable Transport Report.
49. Scribe – Free Online training.
50. ALCA – June In Short.
51. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/04595/FUL, Land to the South of Widcombe Lodge, Hinton Blewett.
52. B&NES - Street Works, 29/06/21 – 05/07/21.
53. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 29th June 2021.
54. Broxap – Sunshine Gym.
55. Glasdon – Outdoor Seating.
56. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 27.
57. B&NES – THTTC2630, Harptree Hill Road Closure, THTTC2544, Pagans Hill, Chew Stoke, Road Closure.
58. Dmappeals – Bristol Airport.
59. ALCA – Land Registry Survey.
60. B&NES – Re lock on Recreation Ground bin.
61. ALCA – NALC Newsletter.

July

1. PGSA Webinars.
2. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/02729/ADCOU, Hinton Blewett.
3. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/00802/FUL, Hinton Blewett.
4. Dawn Dury – Keynsham and Salford ECO Festival.
5. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/002532/FUL, 18 Dilly Meadows, West Harptree.
6. B&NES – Chew Valley Area Forum, 26th July, 6 p.m., Zoom.
7. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/02503/FUL, White Rose Cottage, West Harptree and 21/02572/LBA, Coley.
8. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 28.
9. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 6th July 2021.
10. B&NES, Development Management – 21/03216/FUL, The Crown, West Harptree.
11. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/00050/FUL, Orchard Cottage, West Harptree.
12. B&NES – Agenda, Parish Liaison meeting, 14th July.
13. ALCA – Fraud Protection Information.
14. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 29.
15. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/02682/FUL, Coley and 21/02729/ADCOU, Hinton Blewett.
16. L Hearse – Update.
17. B&NES – Locum Assistance needed for Keynsham Town Council.
18. Came & Co – Newsletter.
19. B&NES Grass cutting invoice.
20. Rural Services Network – Rural Funding Digest, July 2021 Edition.
21. B&NES, Development Management – 21/03216/FUL, New application, Crown Inn, The Street.
22. B&NES, Development Management – 21/00894/FUL, Notification of decision, Sunnyside, Whistley Lane. PERMIT.
23. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/00894/FUL, Sunnyside, Whistley Lane and 21/01982/NMA, East Barn, Bristol Road, West Harptree, 21/03127/FUL, Hinton Blewett, 21/03216/FUL, Crown Inn, The Street, West Harptree.
24. ALCA – Impact of mobile coverage in rural areas, Government Survey.
25. Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club – Community Awards 2021.
26. Dawn Dury – Locum Clerk/Admin person required for Keynsham Town Council.
27. B&NES – THTSC65, Valley Fest, Denny Lane Road Closure.
28. B&NES, Development Management – 21/03269/FUL, Resubmission, 1 Nine Elms Cottages, Widcombe.
29. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 13th July 2021.
30. B&NES - Street Works, 13/07/21 – 19/07/21.

31. B&NES – Chew Valley Area Forum, 26th July, 6 p.m., Zoom
32. B&NES – Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 30.
33. B&NES – Street Works 15/07/21 – 21/07/21.
36. ALCA – Guidance of Lifting Covid 19 restrictions.
37. B&NES Chew Valley Area Forum Papers
38. B&NES, Development Management – 21/03192/FUL, New application, Harptree Surgery.
39. B&NES, Development Management – 21/00050/FUL, Notification of decision, Orchard Cottage. PERMIT.
40. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03449/FUL, Hinton Blewett.
41. B&NES – Connecting Communities Summer Report.
42. B& ALCA – Parish Online training.
43. NES, Planning Notifications – 21/02572/LBA and 21/02682/FUL, Coley.
44. B&NES – Proposed 20mph.
45. Mendip Hills AONB – National Planning Policy Framework.
46. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 31.
47. Lewis Hearse – Quotation.
48. B&NES – Help us put carbon neutrality at the heart of our procurement.
34. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 20th July 2021.
35. B&NES – Parish Liaison meeting, recording of meeting held on 14th July.
49. B&NES - Street Works, 27/07/21 – 02/08/21.
50. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 27th July 2021.
51. Minutes of the Parish Liaison Meeting, 14th July.
52. ALCA – Performance Appraisal Questionnaire.
53. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/02729/ADCOU, Hinton Blewett, 21.03571/MNA, 22 Ridge Crescent and 21/03594/COND, Fairash Poultry Farm, West Harptree.
54. Vears – Quotation.
55. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 20/04595/FUL, Land to the South of Widcombe Lodge, Hinton Blewett.
56. B&NES – Proposed 20 mph, meeting details.
57. B&NES – Chew Valley Area Forum – Follow Up.
58. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/02740/FUL and 21/03649/COND, East Harptree.
59. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/02729/ADCOU, Hinton Blewett, 21/03575/FUL, Compton Martin.
60. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03622/VAR, East Harptree.

August

1. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03532/FUL, 18 Dilly Meadows, West Harptree. PERMIT.
2. Crimestoppers – Rural Crime Campaign.
3. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03730/FUL, Compton Martin.
4. South Stoke Parish Council – Street Lighting.
5. Came & Co – August Newsletter.
6. Elaine Avery – Recreation Ground Gate.
7. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 33.
8. ALCA – Formal notice of AGM, 9th October 2021, via Zoom.
9. ALCA – In Short, July 2021.
10. B&NES - Street Works, 10/08/21 – 16/08/21.
11. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 10th August 2021.
12. East Harptree Parish Council – Cemetery.
13. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03331/FUL, Coley.
14. B&NES, Development Management – 21/03769/REM, New application, 21 Ridge Crescent.
29. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/01982/NMA, East Barn, Bristol Road. APPROVE.
31. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03929/NMA, Compton Martin.
32. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/02573/LBA, Coley and 21/03730/FUL, Compton Martin.
33. B&NES - Street Works, 24/08/21 – 30/08/21.
34. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 24th August 2021.
35. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03990/FUL, Compton Martin.
15. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/00137/COND and 21.03802/TCA, East Harptree.
16. Denise Mellersh – Chew Valley 10K Poster.
17. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03803/TCA, East Harptree and 21/03571/NMA, 22 Ridge Crescent.
18. Clr D Wood – Report.
19. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03575/FUL, Compton Martin, 21.03622/FUL, East Harptree and 21/03839/COND, Hinton Blewett.
20. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03622/VAR, East Harptree.
21. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 34.
22. B&NES - Street Works, 17/08/21 – 23/08/21.
23. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 17th August 2021.
24. Census 2021 – Outputs Consultation.
25. Ken Wheeler – 20 mph.
26. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03622/VAR, East Harptree.
27. B&NES – LPPU & SPD Parish Webinar.
28. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 35.
30. B&NES – NI to List THTTC2640, Temporary closure Ridge Crescent/Ridgeway.
36. B&NES – Proposed 20mph.
37. Michael O’Haire – Road closure.
38. B&NES – Solar Together.
39. ALCA – Training Update.
40. B&NES – Mobile Library Poster.
41. B&NES – LPPU Link.
42. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03127/FUL, Hinton Blewett, 21/03769/FUL, 21 Ridge Crescent and 21/03803/TCA, East Harptree.

September

1. B&NES - Street Works, 31/08/21 – 06/09/21.
2. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 36.
3. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 1st September 2021.
6. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03332/LBA, Coley and 21/03449/FUL, Hinton Blewett.
7. B&NES – LPPU & SPD, Parish Webinar.
8. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03192/FUL, Harptree Surgery, 21/03269/FUL, 1 Nine Elms Cottages, 21/02503/FUL, White Rose Cottage and 21/03769/REM, 21 Ridge Crescent.
9. B&NES - Street Works, 07/09/21 – 13/09/21.
10. B&NES, Planning Registration – Weekly List No. 37.
11. Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin, 7th September 2021.
4. B&NES – Armed Forces Family Federation information.
5. West Harptree Memorial Hall – Invitation.
12. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/03929/FUL, Compton Martin.
13. Rural Services Network – Rural Funding Digest, September 2021 Edition.
14. B&NES, Planning Notifications – 21/3839/COND, Hinton Blewett.
15. B&NES, Development Management – 21/03192/FUL, Notification of decision, Harptree Surgery. PERMIT.

Appendix 2

Min. 3884 – Ward Councillor’s Report dated 14th August 2021

Cabinet Reshuffle

Earlier in the summer, at the halfway point, there was a Cabinet reshuffle at B&NES. There was a scheduled internal competitive election after two years of the four year term.

The leader was changed and is now Cllr Kevin Guy, a North East Somerset councillor representing Bathavon North. Four members of the Cabinet also departed. The chair of the Planning Committee is now Cllr Sue Craig.

I was re-elected with an increased portfolio, going from half-time Cabinet Member to full time with Cabinet Assistant (Cllr Jess David) who has delegated responsibilities.

I retain all my previous responsibilities (except for tree planting) and now also have:

- Highways maintenance
- Bridges and structures
- Footpaths and rights of way
- Customer services and FixMyStreet
- Chair of the Charitable Trust Board
- Parks, green spaces and leisure (delegated to Cllr Jess David, along with flooding)

I have also changed my day-job to one that requires fewer hours to reflect this. I’m now heading up a regional charity.

I still sit on the board of the Mendip Hills AONB.

West Harptree 20mph speed limit

You have all the information on this already but just to recap:

- I got £5,000 budget included in the 2021/22 budget for West Harptree speeding
- This was initially for a feasibility study rather than implementation. But by agreement with WHPC this was changed to implementation of a 20mph speed limit in the village this year.
- I met with council officers and parish councillors in the village to look at plans for the extent of the speed limit.
- I’m grateful to parish councillors for building consensus on this and your plans to work with the community to further build consensus.
- This is a first step and parish councillors have asked B&NES officers what future physical features might be an option that WHPC might consider funding.
- There will be a formal consultation by B&NES with implementation planned this autumn.
- Attached is a map of the speed limit area proposed.

West Harptree Community Speedwatch

I have offered to the Speedwatch volunteers that I would promote their volunteering opportunity in my upcoming newsletter.

West Harptree Playpark Footpath

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Jan requested I raised this with Footpaths and Rights of Way. Jon showed me the problem on site.

I've asked for this to be considered by the PROW team. As we are now into summer holiday season, I'll anticipate more information about this next month.

Vehicle Activated Signs

A resident has been in touch to say they believe this is not working. I have raised this with the highways team.

Parking on Ridge Crescent

Residents have been in touch about problems at the end of Ridge Crescent and the need to park on grassed areas.

This is an area of Curo responsibility so I have passed this onto the team there.

Missing Tree on Ridge Crescent

Another resident raised this with me. I have passed this onto Curo too as their area of responsibility. This may conflict with other residents need for parking.

Residents' Survey

B&NES Councillors are encouraged to do a mid-term Residents Survey of their complete ward about things like the B&NES Council list of priorities and how residents feel about these. I am planning to do this for Mendip Ward in September.

Tree Planting in North Widcombe

A resident is planning to plant a small woodland in North Widcombe. My understanding is that the planting area falls below the threshold for requiring permission from the Forestry Commission for planting.

However, advice has been sought from South West Archaeology who are concerned by the potential ridge and furrow features on sight.

An outcome of this discussions is still pending.

Housing Development Boundaries

It has been confirmed that B&NES is only required to revise the Housing Development Boundaries for green-belt villages. I understand no parishes in Mendip Ward are affected.

Parking Standards

Planners were resistant to the idea that the whole 'rural zone' should continue minimum parking standards rather than adopt the same maximum parking standards as the rest of the district.

I pressed the point with planners that Neighbourhood Plans over-rides any Supplementary Planning Documents and this was accepted.

This might mean that parishes without Neighbourhood Plans may have an incentive to adopt one.

Housing Allocation in the Local Plan Partial Update

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I've been pushing for some years to ensure there is no housing allocation to the parishes in the LPPU and this has now been confirmed. Areas for housing allocation are principally Bath, Keynsham and Paulton.

The next challenge will be not allowing the Full Local Plan to place unreasonable housing allocations on the parishes.

My firm stance is that housing should be built where the jobs are, where the land means houses are affordable or where there are excellent public transport links.

There is a future discussion around how affordable housing can be built in rural areas. Which is a challenge given land value.

Bristol Airport Public Inquiry

My colleague Cllr Sarah Warren is robustly representing B&NES at the Bristol Airport expansion public inquiry. This continues into September.

Work Commencing on Chew Valley Lake Recreational Trail

Work on a £1.5m scheme to build a new section of 2.7km walking and cycling trail around Chew Valley Lake kicks off on Monday 23 August.

The Chew Valley has international designation status and is a Special Protection Area and Site of Special Scientific Interest, which attracts many visitors each year.

Construction of the all-weather path on the northern section of the lake will enable the extension of the existing walking and cycling trail around the lake and create a safe accessible route for all users.

The project was given the go ahead earlier this year after £507,000 was awarded by the Rural Payments Agency and a £1m investment from the West of England Combined Authority was added to contributions from Bath and North East Somerset Council and Bristol Water, who own the reservoir.

The work being delivered includes:

- The construction of new 840m off-road shared use path between Woodford Lodge and Walley Lane.
- The realignment of the road over the dam to widen the existing footway and provide a segregated cycle/pedestrian path.
- The construction of a shared use path between the dam to the north and Hollowbrook Road including replacement of an existing narrow footbridge (total length 1.5km).

B&NES Issues

- Plans were approved to build a new Household Waste and Recycling Centre and Waste Transfer Station in Keynsham
- Staff are starting to work from offices more, as well as at home, and most of Lewis House in Bath is now rented to the University of Bath, with more staff being based out of Keynsham.
- We are tackling holiday hunger by topping up the free school meal vouchers to the most vulnerable children in B&NES over the summer holidays.
- A pilot of £950,000 has been agreed to reverse cuts in Neighbourhood Services across B&NES in 2022/23. Likely improvements will be more frequently cleaning of gulleys and more money for repainting worn road markings. Further information about the funds will be available later in the year.
- The Power Plant at the Midsomer Norton has been officially axed and will become a battery storage site that will result in no local emissions.

- Bristol rather than B&NES, but there are plans for a continuous bus lane between Whitchurch and the city centre on the A37.
- There is still the need for a further £13m savings in the 2022/23 financial year. This assumes no further lockdowns in autumn and winter 2022 but we do have budget contingency to help shield from a future lockdown.