

## September Notes from a Parish Councillor

The good news from our September meeting is that we have recruited a new clerk who will start with us at the beginning of October. We interviewed four very capable candidates, any one of whom could have done the job, and had a difficult decision to make. Grateful thanks were passed to our current Clerk, Neal Gossage, who has done an excellent job for us over the past year.

Cllr Charity Hunt updated us on the 3 'On Your Bike' sessions held at the village hall and in the school. These sessions, run by the On Your Bike charity, provide bicycle servicing and maintenance courses. Around 50 bicycles belonging to people in the village were serviced and training given to primary school children on bicycle maintenance. Further sessions were booked for September this year and more for March 2025. We are very grateful to the Somerset Association of Local Councils and the Co-op for grants to fund these sessions.

We agreed funding for the purchase of two new Speed Indicator Devices, for stones to improve parts of Whisky Trail footpath and for an ecological survey of Streamside.

On the roads and traffic project which is designed to re-enforce the 20-mph limit and improve pedestrian safety, the plans from our consultants, TPA (Transport Planning Associates), have been passed to Somerset Council who are conducting a technical and safety audit on them. We very much hope the audit will be complete in time for our October meeting, and provided the plans meet with approval from Somerset Council, we should be able to proceed.

LiveWest have confirmed that various regulatory issues have now been resolved and that they expect their much-delayed development in Taunton Road to be finished and ready for occupation by the end of the year.

As ever, there is a lot more information on the Parish Council website: <https://bishopslydeardparishcouncil.gov.uk>. Or do please feel free to contact me or the clerk at: [clerk@bishopslydeardparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bishopslydeardparishcouncil.gov.uk) with any questions.

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