

NOTES from the November Parish Council meeting

The Parish Council agreed to instruct Somerset Council to go ahead with the much-discussed traffic calming scheme in Cothelstone Road. You can find full details of the design and cost for this proposal on the Parish Council website (agenda item 5 of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 August 2025).

The Parish Council also agreed to instruct Somerset Council to go ahead and work up proposals for a pedestrian crossing on Mount Street from Hither Mead and the Village Hall to the surgery, pharmacy and public toilets, for a crossing point across Hither Mead to give access to the playing fields and for a virtual footpath along High Street leading to Delta Rise and wayfinding signs directing pedestrians through Darby Way, rather than walking up Cothelstone Road. Details of these are on the Parish Council website (agenda item 9 of agenda for meeting held on 12 November).

The Parish Council also agreed to replace the doors on the public toilets with metal doors with an automated locking system at a cost of just under £8,000. It was felt this was necessary in view of the vandalism which has been experienced recently.

The school is growing and is looking to refurbish the old school house to accommodate a nursery. This would be part funded by the Bath and Wells Academy Trust and part by a grant which will shortly be submitted to the Department of Education. The Parish Council agreed to earmark £100,000 towards the cost of fitting out the nursery.

It was agreed to recruit a new Clerk to the Parish Council as the current clerk wishes to reduce his hours. However, the current Clerk will continue as the Responsible Finance Officer for the Parish Council.

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