

Working Group – Maintenance of Bishops Lydeard & Cothelstone

Meeting 3/6/2026 @ 6pm – 7.30pm

Attended - Cllr Roberts, Cllr Bainbridge, Cllr Bletcher & Cllr Hunt

An overall feeling that we need to encourage residents to take more responsibility i.e. cutting their hedges and create a sense of community through community events like litter picking.

A general feeling that we can reduce the amount of Parish Council paid maintenance across the parish and subsequently save our community money. Key is to explain to the community what are doing and why and by asking for their support.

Discussion on the qualifications that Jack and his team have, concern about Health & Safety and risk whilst they are working. Example cleaning the bus shelters and work on highways.

Action: Clerk to find out what qualifications Jack /his staff have?

Discussion about paying a contractor versus employing a member of staff.

Decision: a contractor would be easier to manage.

Discussion on mowing and strimming frequency.

Decision: that we would move from fortnightly to once per month and that we would support “no mow May” and not cut in June as Somerset Council do.

Review of both List A & B and the existing schedule provided by Jack.

Recommendations and actions detailed on spreadsheet.

List A Hedge Cutting

Subject to ownership cut the hedges at each end of the Woodland Walk.

List B Mowing and Strimming

Also to include list from List B but remove point 1 Broadgauge Business Park, point 4 outside the toilets, point 9 Mow/strim roundabouts THANKS