

Parish Council Report – July 2026

This month the one of the highlights of the meeting was the agreement to request that the Library and Lethbridge Arms and Bird in the Hand public houses are added to the 'Assets of Community Value' (ACV) register held by Somerset Council.

An Asset of Community Value (ACV) in England is a building or piece of land whose primary use furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. Common examples include village pubs, local shops, community centres, parks, libraries, and theatres. Listing a property as an ACV provides specific legal protections through the Localism Act 2011 and triggers the Community Right to Bid. If the asset qualifies, it is placed on a public register for five years. If the owner decides to sell the listed asset, they must notify the local council. This triggers a delay period, or "moratorium," giving community groups up to six months to prepare a bid and raise funds to buy it on the open market.

Also of note was a report provided by Councillor Warmington about a recent meeting of the Sandhill Park Woodland Working Group. The meeting was attended by two councillors and two members of the public. Several actions were identified which will be decided on at the next Parish Council meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th August 2026 at 7pm in the village hall (new small hall).

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