

Clerks Report 4th July 2022

Jubilee Events

We have received the following email from a resident regarding the Jubilee events, expressing their appreciation.

Please express sincere thanks to the Town Council for their support over the fantastic Jubilee W/e, from decorating the town with bunting, starting on Thursday with Jubilee Social at Welton Rovers social club, later Lighting the Beacon at the Rugby club, on Friday The Trio with music at the Town Hall for all ages, followed by the Music Fest at the town park. On Saturday at the Midsomer Norton Railway station, then Sunday the lovely tea at the Methodist church and finally the music at the Cricket Field. So many, many volunteers given of their time to make it special for others.

What a community to belong to and support WONDERFUL.

Sincere appreciation

Youth Connect South West

We have received the following brief Youth Work update in the areas from George Saunders, Youth Work Manager:

Radstock – Radstock Inters is growing as a session and it is refreshing to see different ages engage in Radstock Youth Work provision. This will be the future of young people transitioning through to seniors. Radstock seniors have been continuing with outdoor static youthwork session at the courts through the summer and we brought a boxing coach along to do some boxing sessions with the young people.

MSN – MSN container has been fully renovated inside and construction work completed outside which is great for young people. The session is much more accessible and safer for young people to access. The sports coach is still continuing with sports sessions and cooking remains the most popular activity at the container session.

Paulton – Paulton Inters has become a busy and fun session with young people getting stuck into issued based activities and doing sports. Paulton seniors is high attendance session with the older age group accessing seniors to spend

time with friends and get life skills support and advice from staff. There is a sports coach at the Paulton session.

Timsbury – Timsbury session is going well with young people receiving support around positive relationships and wellbeing. The session has a balance of older ages and young ages which works well.

Westfield – Westfield has become a really popular session for Inters ages. The young people love doing arts & crafts and being creative through music. We have a music worker who is working with them doing drumming, singing and making beats.

There is Youth Work newsletter coming out next week which will cover main parts of Youth Work delivery from March 2022- May 2022

Westfield Parish Council and Fun Fair

We have received the following letter from the Chair of Westfield Parish Council, Cllr Geoff Fuller.

Dear Donna

On behalf of the Parish Council may I apologise for the Fun Fair posters which were widely and inappropriately put up within Midsomer Norton.

The Fun Fair providers were somewhat over-enthusiastic about publicising the return of the Fun Fair after two years of absence. We have pointed it out to them in strong terms and they assure us that they will keep to the terms of the Letting Agreement in future.

Yours sincerely,

Wellow Brook Walk

We have now received the purchase order from B&NES for their £5,000 contribution from Somer Valley Rediscovered for the improvement works at Wellow Brook Walk.

Security Surveillance Review - Consultive Solutions

Bath & North East Somerset Council is undertaking a strategic review of their security surveillance systems, looking at both their CCTV provider and a business case for an aspirational CCTV Hub and Incident Room.

They have appointed Consultive Solutions to lead on this review and to this end, Derek Scott from Consultive Solutions, visited Bath on the 7th and 8th June to undertake meetings with the key strategic partners across the Authority, including the Town Councils.

This was an initial feasibility meeting, to understand the business needs of our organisation from B&NES CCTV and to explore opportunities for a future

comprehensive security surveillance system, to help inform their Strategy and business case.

SVR Steering Group

Somer Valley Rediscovered was established in 2020. It is a landscape scale programme of projects with the over-arching aims of connecting people to their local landscape, improving biodiversity and climate resilience of those landscapes and improving people's health and wellbeing. It was set up as a partnership project between Bath & North Somerset Council, Wessex Water and B&NES Public Health.

It is currently transitioning from development phase into delivery phase and is leading on a bid to West of England Combined Authority (WECA) for green infrastructure funding and is a partner on a bid submitted to Department for Transport (DfT) Active Travel Fund. If both these bids are successful this will bring over £2m funding into the area for green infrastructure, health and wellbeing and active travel over the next four years.

The wider project area includes the whole of the Somer Valley Area. This comprises of the towns of Radstock, Westfield and Midsomer Norton and the parishes of Paulton, Peasedown, Camerton, Timsbury, Shoscombe, Farrington Gurney, High Littleton and Farmborough). Based on factors such as water catchments, Green Infrastructure (GI) areas and the North Somerset Coalfield, the adjoining parishes of Clutton, Cameley, Dunkerton, Priston and Wellow have also been included in the wider project boundary.

As the project area is large currently the focus has been around the areas with highest population; Radstock, Westfield, Midsomer Norton, Paulton and Peasedown. However, over time the aspiration is to work over the whole project area.

The Town Clerk has met with Miriam Woolnough of Somer Valley Rediscovered, regarding the WECA bid that will be going in for the Somer Valley, and will be joining the steering group. The steering group is currently made up of the following organisations:

- Bath & North East Somerset Council – Green Infrastructure and Nature Recovery Team
- Bath & North East Somerset Council – Public Health Team
- Wessex Water - Engineering & Sustainable Delivery
- Natural England – Wessex Team
- University of Bath – Community Engagement

In light of the emerging funding bids the following new members have been invited onto the steering group:

- Radstock Town Council
- Westfield Parish Council
- Midsomer Norton Town Council / Midsomer Norton Town Trust
- Bristol Avon Catchment Partnership
- 3SG

The steering group meets every two months, and its objectives are to:

- Oversee the delivery of successful funding bids
- Engage with stakeholders, both existing and potential, gain support for the developing programme and individual projects
- Establish a collaborative way of working amongst partners to ensure that common objectives are achieved and not just individual priorities.
- Steer future projects and help to secure funding to achieve these.

Steering group members are expected to:

- Attend steering group meetings whenever possible and step down if no longer able to attend meetings on a regular basis.
- Contribute knowledge, expertise and experience to the steering group
- Champion and communicate the vision for Somer Valley Rediscovered
- Consult the organisation(s) or interest group(s) that they represent on relevant matters where appropriate
- respond in a timely manner to requests from the Somer Valley Rediscovered project manager.