

## District Councillor Wendy Griggs Report for Yatton Parish Council 8 March '21

### Education

- Pupils back today, many schools having a phased return.
- Chestnut Park school building complete, a North Somerset officer now acting as caretaker until the Clevedon Trust takes occupation.
- The Draft education Provision in North Somerset – A Commissioning Strategy is out for consultation. A hefty document but the appendices have a wealth of interesting data.
- No news from the Secretary of State about the hoped for approval to go ahead with the Baytree expansion.
- The SEND ( Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) review is published. .An action Plan is out to address the concerns raised.
- At the meeting this week ( a public meeting) the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel is receiving a briefing form our Health partners on how they are going to improve their contribution to Children's Services. This was an issue raised in the SEND review.
- The proposed walk/cycle route from Sandford to Churchill School is causing concerns. I am walking it next week to see the issues for myself.
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### Other

- The Local plan consultation had 1700 responses and now moves to the next stage.
- We have had a number of members' briefings about the Asset Management and Accommodation Strategy which was presented at the last Full Council meeting. I believe you will still be able to view the meeting on u tube, they are public meetings.
- The future for Churchill Leisure Centre is still being debated.

### Ward work – some examples

- Drainage ( or lack of it) in a road affecting a residents property.
- Also residents concerns about trees and drainage on the Newlands development.
- E mails, phoné calls, conversations about the Rectory Farm proposals
- Pot holes!!
- Blocked driveways by Gigaclear

As ever, some issues resolved, some ongoing, some difficult to make progress with.

## Cllr Steve Bridger

### Ward Councillor's Report - 8th March 2021

Reconnecting Yatton and Claverham with Clevedon by bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We are close to finalising the details on a <b>new 6-day bus service that will reconnect Yatton and Claverham with Clevedon.</b></li><li>• <b>The service will operate 6 days a week - initially every 90 minutes - hopefully from the start of next month (April 2021).</b></li><li>• First departures will leave Yatton at <i>approximately</i> 0750 towards Clevedon and 0835 towards Bristol Airport via Claverham and Cleeve. Final departures will leave Yatton at <i>approximately</i> 1820 towards Clevedon and 1905 in the direction of the airport.</li><li>• More details, including a fare chart and indicative timetables will be shared with parish councillors in the next week or so.</li><li>• There will be connected services (i.e. performed by the same vehicle), which will include the 'Clevedon circular' (for access to the community hospital).</li></ul>
Council budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As is required by law the Council set a balanced budget on 23rd February and (in line with the vast majority of LAs) confirmed a 5% increase in our Council Tax bills from April - made up of 2% Council Tax precept and 3% Adult Social Care levy.</li><li>• The 2021/22 budget includes savings totalling £7.5m - largely for 'transformational' related activity - but no cuts to frontline services.</li></ul>
Garden waste charge <a href="https://steve4yatton.uk/council/garden-waste/">https://steve4yatton.uk/council/garden-waste/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As everyone will know by now, an annual charge of £50 per bin (or three sacks) is coming to garden waste collections in North Somerset from 1st April. This will help this chargeable service to be self-financing.</li><li>• Letters have gone out to all those residents who are signed up for the garden waste service.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 10% 'early bird' discount is available to those who sign up by 28th March.</li> <li>• NSC is also encouraging residents to take up home composting, which is the most environmentally friendly and cheapest way of dealing with garden waste. Compost bins can be bought from NSC at a discounted price of £10 this year. Over 700 compost bins were ordered in the first week - more than double the number purchased over the whole of last year.</li> </ul>
New waste company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I continue to chair weekly meetings overseeing the transition of the waste and recycling service from Biffa to a new local authority trading company ('North Somerset Environment Company'), which will take over the service from 27th March.</li> </ul>
Wakedean Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have scheduled a meeting (16th March) between representatives from the Parish Council and NSC to discuss a possible sustainable solution to the state of this unadopted road.</li> <li>• I will be present (and will share some detail with YPC later this week) together with Cllr Ash Cartman (Exec Member for Finance), Mel Watts (Head of Finance), and Lucy Shomali (Director of Place).</li> </ul>
Yatton High Street Improvement measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While not yet confirmed, we are still working towards going out to public consultation from Monday 22nd March to Friday 30th April.</li> <li>• The agreed aims of the project are to improve safety and perceptions of safety for pedestrians and cyclists in Yatton and to increase the proportion of journeys made by active modes within Yatton.</li> <li>• The extent of the 20mph zone under consideration is now from a point just north of the Wemberham Lane mini-roundabout all the way through the village centre up to the Claverham Road mini-roundabout, and will also include raising existing and new crossings.</li> </ul>

Active Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is part of a comprehensive package of measures under active consideration in and around Yatton (largely paid for from developer contributions and Emergency Active Travel funding), with the aim of accommodating social distancing, improving safety (and the perception of safety) for pedestrians and cyclists, encouraging modal shift, and the reallocation of road space.</li> <li>• I am in touch with a number of <b>Stowey Road</b> residents about the positioning of the planters and signage at the gateways to the proposed safe route to school - one of several school schemes in the district that offer safe cycling and walking routes to school for children and parents. NSC will consult on the proposed reconfiguration of the junctions with Cherry Grove and Well Lane.</li> <li>• NSC is still finalising the design of the proposed ramp into Yatton Schools from the Co-op car park.</li> <li>• On 9th March I will receive an update on the <b>proposals for establishing a quiet lanes network of cycle and pedestrian routes between Yatton, Clevedon and Nailsea</b> (while maintaining essential and farm accesses) in preparation for public consultation.</li> </ul>
Wemberham Lane <a href="https://steve4yatton.uk/2021/02/smart-systems-and-wemberham-lane/">https://steve4yatton.uk/2021/02/smart-systems-and-wemberham-lane/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledging the concerns raised by residents and myself, Smart Systems have confirmed their employees will only use the temporary exit in "exceptional circumstances". To my knowledge the access has not been used at all for a number of weeks.</li> </ul>
Hinkley Connection <a href="https://hinkleyconnection.co.uk/your-area/#puxtonkenn">https://hinkleyconnection.co.uk/your-area/#puxtonkenn</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In preparation for the construction of the new overhead line (mainly T-pylons) from Hinkley Point to Avonmouth, National Grid activity has now reached our area. We will experience some disruption until 2024/5.</li> </ul>
Planning applications <a href="https://steve4yatton.uk/planning">https://steve4yatton.uk/planning</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>21/P/0236/OUT</b> - Outline planning application for access with all other matters reserved for up to 100 dwellings with associated open space on <b>land at Rectory Farm</b>.</li> </ul>

<p><a href="#">/planning-applications/</a></p>	<p>This Mead Realisations application is still open for public comment and will first be considered by YPC on 15th March. The target determination date is 12th May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>19/P/3197/FUL</b> - I continue to have robust discussions with planning officers and other stakeholders regarding Persimmon's application to build 60 dwellings on <b>land off Moor Road</b>. If planning officers are minded to recommend approval, the application will come to the planning committee (again) to be decided by councillors - but not before April.</li> <li>• <b>17/P/1754/O</b> - I've no update on the application to build 34 dwellings on the <b>Stowey Road site</b> (previously dismissed at appeal in January 2018).</li> <li>• I am in touch with the planning officer considering the proposal from BoKlok and Octavia Homes for a development of approx. <b>60 dwellings</b> on land off Wood Hill/Smallway. Parish councillors will recall the proposal is for homes adopting fabric-first principles and assembled on site using Modern Methods of Construction (MMC), which <b>would also deliver an upgraded medical practice for Mendip Vale Medical Practice</b>. The developer has published a consultation website with their draft proposals: <a href="https://www.smallwaymedicalcentre.com/">https://www.smallwaymedicalcentre.com/</a></li> <li>• Strongvox are preparing to submit a planning application for <b>39 dwellings at Boxbush Farm</b> (North End) in late April or early May. They intend to publish a consultation website with their draft proposals next week.</li> <li>• Strongvox are also preparing to submit two linked planning applications in June for 1) a new clubhouse and associated playing pitches for Yatton RFC, and 2) for residential development on the current rugby club site (approx. 80 dwellings).</li> </ul>
<p>Bristol Airport appeal <a href="https://steve4yatton.uk/issues/bristol-airport/">https://steve4yatton.uk/issues/bristol-airport/</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I submitted my own comments on the airport's expansion plans to the Planning Inspectorate on 22nd February. The public inquiry will start on 20th July and is expected to last for 4 weeks.</li> </ul>

Gigaclear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I am in touch with NSC officers following a large number of emails I have received from residents of Derham Park who are unhappy about the large cabinet installed on the Green.</li></ul>
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ANCIENT PARISH OF YATTON UNITED CHARITIES

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REPORT FROM YATTON UNITED CHARITIES – March 2021

I thought it would be useful to start off this report by updating everyone with the background to Yatton United Charities, which also includes the John Lane Educational Foundation Charity.

It is a local charity that awards small grants to local people and non-commercial organisations who are in need of financial support due to their own limited funds. The Trustees board is made up:-

David Crossman – chairman and YPC councillor  
Revd Tim Scott Team Rector of Yatton Moor Team Ministry  
Revd Nigel Thomas, Team Vicar of the Parish of Cleeve and Claverham  
Marianne Pitman - Cleeve Parish Councillor,  
Wendy Griggs – Yatton Parish Councillor and District Councillor  
Graham Humphreys – Yatton Parish Councillor  
Brenda Hayward - a member of the public who was postmistress of Yatton Post Office for many years.

The charity derives its income from renting out agricultural land to local farmers. The land was bequeathed in various wills that date back to the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century. The original concept was to provide an income for a schoolmaster to instruct poor children and to provide money for bread for the poor who were not receiving alms from the parish. The wills specify that the money is awarded only to residents of Cleeve, Claverham and Yatton. The annual rental income is just over £2,700. The charity needs to keep a reserve of £1,000 in case maintenance repairs are needed to their land.

This year has obviously seen people really struggling financially. Just over £2,400 was awarded this financial year. Grants from the John Lane Charity were given to Court de Wyck School and Yatton Federated Schools.

I would like to thank Aleana and the Parish Council team who have been an invaluable source of local information and provide administrative help. Also the Trustees who keep this wonderful piece of local history viable, relevant to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and uphold the original values embodied in the wills.

We will be allocating the next set of grants in September and be inviting applications in mid-summer, with a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> August. The charity will consider applications outside of this time in order to respond to the changing pattern of people's needs.

If you require any clarifications or further information I would be pleased to answer them. Any contribution to the charities fund will enable it to respond more effectively to the needs of our community. Thank you for considering this request for funding.

Alison Storm  
Clerk to the Trustees of Yatton United Charities