

## **Ward councillor's report for Yatton Parish Council - 15th July 2019**

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

- After securing a majority “yes” vote at referendum on 11th April (with 92% in favour of the plan) the Yatton Neighbourhood Development Plan will go to full Council on 23rd July to be formally “made”. Once approved the Plan has full weight in the consideration of planning applications and becomes part of the development plan.

### **Buses**

- I am continuing to meet and engage with NSC officers and other members (including the Leader of the Council) over alternative options for the Yatton - Clevedon route.

### **Moor Road (Persimmon)**

- Following the Committee refusal in June, the application will return to the NSC P & R Committee on Weds 17th July.
- Having stood aside in June ('subbed' by Cllr Wendy Griggs), I will listen to what further representations the applicant makes on Wednesday and address members accordingly.
- Should the Committee confirm its decision (to refuse), an appeal seems likely.

### **New primary school**

- Following the comments submitted by the Parish Council last month, I will meet with officers again on 24th July. It is hoped that some of the concerns of residents and the Parish Council will have been taken on board. A decision on the application will be made in August.

### **Curo**

- I had a very positive meeting with representatives from Curo on 12th July to discuss the plans for their residential development on the site for which Hallam secured outline consent in March 2016.

- Curo expect to be in a position to submit a Reserved Matters application by the end of July.

### **North Somerset Council governance reform**

- Following a motion approved by the Council in June, a Governance Reform Working Group has been set up to look at the most effective way of creating an inclusive, open and transparent decision-making structure for NSC.
- The overall objective of governance reform is: *To improve the quality of decisions and the outcomes those decisions have on the people of North Somerset.*
- The group will also look at opportunities for greater devolution of responsibilities and partnerships with town and parish Councils and voluntary groups... and increasing opportunities for residents, local stakeholders, and town and parish councils to comment upon and influence decisions of the Council.

### **Other**

- I will meet representatives from **Bloor Homes** on 25th July to discuss (among other things) the phasing and roll out of their developments at North End.
- A pre-app has been submitted by Strongvox for residential development at **Boxbush Farm** at North End to the NE of the Bloor 2 development. I will attend a pre-app meeting with the applicant, agent and NSC officers on 18th July.
- I also attended a constructive meeting hosted by Rev Nigel Thomas at Holy Trinity church in Cleve attended by ward councillors and representatives of community groups to discuss the potential for retaining the NSC-owned former **Environment Centre** building in Goblin Combe for community use.

**Cllr Steve Bridger**

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