

# Croscombe Annual Parish Meeting

27 May 2021 - The George Skittle Alley

Present: Cllr Mick Rogers (Chair)

Members of Council: Claire Sully, Gail Parker, Ben Gudzelak, Sarah Fawcett-Fice, Jeremy Cansdale

Gill Pettitt (Clerk) and nine Members of the Public

1. Chair's introduction of new Council members: Cllr Rogers introduced members of the Parish Council. He welcomed the parish to have their say and inform those present of their ideas of what is important for the village.
2. Minutes of last meeting - 8 May 2019. Approved.
3. Chair's Report: Cllr Rogers - summarised his report for the year.
4. Introduction to work being achieved by the Parish Council:
  1. Flood committee - Cllr Parker - S19 investigation started with a new flood committee and have walked through village identifying at risk areas. The Committee liaises with many other authorities; had hoped the S19 investigation to have finished in March but it had been delayed. Somerset County Council (SCC) Flood Officer realises the October 2019 flood was unusual and has broadened the investigation to include Shepton, Dinder & Bowlsh. It is hoped publication will be in June/July. Copies of the report from Mendip District Council (MDC) will be available and will be put on Noticeboards and website. SCC will not identify specific properties - only areas. Please contact Cllr Cansdale or Cllr Parker if you have any information. The Flood Committee includes 5 village members
  2. Traffic working Group (TWG) - Cllr Fawcett-Fice - noted speed and amount of traffic. TWG hopes to mobilise the village to lobby for change and gather evidence. Please fill in survey. School Governors and Head are part of the TWG - looking at many different measures that may improve - also cycle and footpath improvements. Taking photos of big trucks / near misses to help build a case. Jo Sackett - will pass a lot of historical information to Cllr Fawcett-Fice in next few weeks. Noted damage of the old building and culverts; Loose culvert covers; very loud when lorries go through; quarry lorries come through less frequently now.
  3. Playground Working Group - Cllr Fawcett-Fice - facilities are currently inadequate. Timber is starting to rot. There is nothing for little children and nothing creative for bigger children. Some examples were on display which members of the public were invited to vote on. The display will be available at the village charter market. Want to make the space something for the whole village including, possibly a running track and fire pit. Funds raised from the June charter market will go towards the playground perhaps also the September market. A member of public offered help with grant applications.
5. Future Priorities: The Council aims to develop a new Parish Plan to define and focus priorities. Parishioners have major input into this - what do you think Council should be concerned with? Parishioners made various suggestions:
  1. To form a Community Orchard on Thrupe Lane as a place for picnics and wild flowers.
  2. Unitary Authority - a question as to preferences for the SCC county wide

authority, or the MDC option for two authorities splitting Somerset roughly east/west.

3. Request for Parish Councillor's contact numbers to go in Roundabout.
4. Possibility of doing another leaflet drop - round-up of what council has done bi-monthly. Co-ordinate with Croscombe Roundabout distribution.
5. Parking: Pavement parking a solution parking spaces / bays / village hall? Hall is currently for users only but could be looked at.
6. An electric car for village - hire instead. Sustainable transport options. Parking in Fayreway and walking - 'park in my drive' hire out space.
7. 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist car park / building for sale? School home-time is a climax point. Possibility of widening pavement to make A371 too narrow for lorries and safer for children. [NB A371 is a designated freight route.]

Mick invited parishioners to feedback in whatever way is most convenient for them and to come along to council meetings.

There was some discussion re Jacks Barn and council's role in licensing - people are encouraged to come to object - come to meetings and participate.