

Croscombe Parish Council

Clerk's Report to 21 Mar 24

Preparations are under way for the visit of the internal auditor, Eleanor Greene, on Monday, 8th April. Communication has been received from the government's appointed external auditor, PKF Littlejohn, with instructions on the AGAR for 2023-24 and guidelines on applying for exemption from external audit.

A considerable amount of work continues to be done to address the recent experience and future risk of flooding, with meetings of the FEWG and wider public, a meeting between FEWG representatives and James Heapey, our local MP, and a detailed report being completed by Paul Hodge and Tanya Tyreman. The report will be presented to the Parish Council for approval at its meeting on 26th March, prior to being formally sent by the Parish Council to Somerset Council to inform its responsibilities under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. The flood plan is also being revised and will be posted on the council website when ready. A number of people have been added to the FEWG as well as the Flood Alert Group on WhatsApp.

A report was made online to Somerset Council about lingering effects of flooding on the western exit of Croscombe. The council made a quick response to the post, with a team on site the next day to clear a drain and allow the flood water to drain away.

The appropriate level of funding was achieved for the goalposts for the playing field, a proforma invoice was received and payment raised, and delivery taken of the goalposts. They are now stored in the village hall in the bar area waiting for a period of favourable weather to allow installation.

It had been hoped that the issue with the dog bin on Fayreway had been resolved with an appeal on social media, but the problem of overflowing has recurred so a new bin is being ordered from Glasdon Ltd., who have been asked to identify an appropriate replacement based on what is left of the mounting of the bin which had been at Somerville Cottages, and the existing bin at the end of Fayreway will be re-sited. Contacts have been found in Idverde, the company which empties the bins, and Somerset Council so that they can both be alerted when the new bin is in place and have it included on the weekly schedule.

The SID (speed indication device) was deployed on our behalf by St Cuthbert Out Parish for a week in February, on the western approach to Croscombe within the 30mph limit. The overwhelming majority of drivers were at or slightly over the limit.