

Parish Council Update - August 2019

Local Plan Consultation ending soon

The South Somerset District Council (SSDC) consultation on the revised Local Plan ends on 18th September. This could have a **huge** impact on Templecombe as it proposes to upgrade our village from a "Rural Settlement" to a "Village" in terms of planning status. This would cause different planning rules to apply and could lead to a significant increase in housing development in all areas of Templecombe over the coming years.

To find out more about the plans and ways to express your views please see the [news article](#) on our website or search online for "SSDC Preferred Options". The revised plan is available in hard copy in local libraries and there are also 2 remaining public drop in sessions in Somerton (22nd August from 4pm to 7pm at West Street Church Hall) and Wincanton (27th August from 3pm to 6:30pm at the Memorial Hall) where you can speak to the plan authors in person.

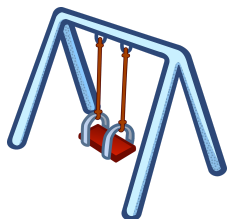
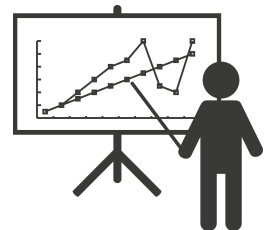


More houses for Templecombe?

An outline application has been made to SSDC for up to 49 new houses to be constructed on land near West Street. The Parish Council has, in its role as "statutory consultee", submitted its comments for consideration by the SSDC decision makers however we urge our fellow villagers to send their own feedback via SSDC's [online planning portal](#) or by writing to the SSDC Planning officer directly.

Public presentation on plans for land at Manor Farm

At the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 10th September (7pm in the Village Hall) a company called Origin3 (working on behalf of a potential developer) has requested to give a public presentation of development plans for land near Manor Farm. The presentation will be followed by a short Q&A session and we invite all villagers to come along.



New toddler swings for playground

Following on from the refresh of the BMX track (to be completed in late August), the Parish Council has now brought forward the replacement of the toddler swings in the Recreation Ground play area. We'll keep you updated on progress.

Please note the above is only a brief highlights summary of the meeting. For a complete and official record please refer to the published meeting minutes on the Parish Council website (<http://www.abbasandtemplecombepc.org.uk>).