

Parish Council Update - November 2019

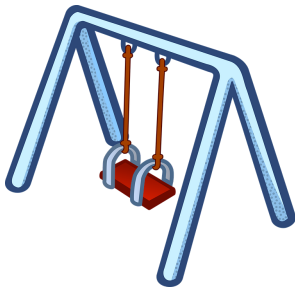
Traffic Calming - SCC Responds At Last

Following the Parish Council's letter to David Fothergill (Leader of Somerset County Council) in October, a response from the Somerset County Council Highways department was received in early November.



In summary SCC Highways think the buildouts have been beneficial to the Village and cite the reduction in traffic speeds that has been achieved. They believe that with minor tweaks the 3 build outs north of the railway bridge should remain however are willing to accept that there are issues with the buildout in the High Street. For a full copy of the SCC response please see [the Parish Council website](#).

The Parish Council doesn't feel this response adequately addresses the concerns raised and is therefore consulting with Cotswold Transport Planning (CTP) to decide the best way to approach the upcoming meeting with the SCC Highways Department. Keep an eye on the website for updates.



New Toddler Swings Arriving Early 2020

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has now placed orders for the replacement toddler swings and accompanying safety surface. The delivery estimate is between 6 and 10 weeks so it is hoped the new swings will be installed and ready to go early in the new year!

Additionally, the Council has also decided to go ahead with the purchase of new litter bins for the children's playground. The new bins with built in lids are aimed at reducing the amount of litter that is spread around the area by birds and the wind.

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.abbasandtemplecombepec.org.uk>).

A foregone conclusion?

In recent updates to the planning application that is proposing to build up to 49 houses near West Street, the Parish Council was disappointed to note that the possibility of Templecombe being designated as a Village in terms of planning, has again been mentioned in the supporting documentation.



In addition to the original application, a recently attached Planning Policy Consultation document now also mentions Templecombe's inclusion in the Local Plan consultation.

This matter is part of an ongoing consultation that isn't due to end until 2021 and the Parish Council, along with a significant number of residents, have objected to the plans. The PC therefore thinks it is inappropriate for any assumed outcomes to be used in the decision making process for current planning applications.

The Council will be writing to South Somerset District Council to highlight this issue and will also be asking District Councillor Hayward Burt and County Councillor William Wallace to support the Parish Council's position on this matter.



New Defibrillator

Thanks to a very generous offer from a local family, a new defibrillator is planned for installation at the Recreation Ground. This new unit, together with the other defibrillator located on the outside of the Thales gate in Throop Road, will give the Village far better coverage in times of emergency.

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