

Subject **Holford "Zo that om" Parish Council Meeting 8th March 2021.**
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Dear Hema,

Due to three “Zoom” meetings at the same time I will be unable to take part therefore with regret I tender my apologies.

I understand Press Releases are dispatch direct but I would like to highlight a few.

1. Access to Vaccination Sites.

Community Transport/Slinky Demand Responsive Transport Services where Concessionary Bus Pass holders do not get free travel but instead have to pay half fares, operators of these Services across Somerset have agreed that if someone makes a booking they will be offered FREE TRAVEL! All passengers are asked the purpose of their journey at point of booking, so this should be able to ensure those being vaccinated benefit from Free Travel.

2.HPC. workforce update “Zoom” Briefing on 28th January 2021.

Increase of over Eight Thousand! There are ongoing talks regarding possible mitigation.

3. SCC have awarded a grant of £400.000 to the Citizens Advice Service.

4. SCC Climate Emergency Fund awaiting decision.

5.SCC has reaffirmed its commitment to Care Workers promising them full pay for

Covid-related absences-on top of committing to an additional £10m for adult social care services next year.

6. Due to public consultation the Government has now postponed the Elections On 6th MAY 2021 for SCC until next year, (this means you will have to put up with Me for at least another Year!!!

7.SCC now is the time for ONE SOMERSET—ONE BIG OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE

PUBLIC SERVICES FOR ALL.

There are two submission,

1;From County Council --- ONE SOMERSET. To abolished 5 Councils. And replace with a single UNITARY AUTHORITY.

2; From the 4 District Councils--- STRONGER SOMERSET. To replace all 5 Councils
And form 2 Unitary Authorities. All
As follows; South Somerset with Mendip; Somersetwest&Taunton with Sedgemoor.

End of my County report.

On local news, in my Ward after years of negotiations with the lease owner of

Watchet Harbour Marina and the owners Somersetwestandtaunton District have been successful. The lease has been sold to Marine Property Group base in Cardiff.

A wonderful outcome for all.

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