

It has been a busy start to our term as (mostly) new Councillors, with, critically, the Queen's Jubilee event on last weekend. Thank you to everyone who helped out with this event and sorry that I wasn't able to be there. I must thank, in particular, Peter Grandfield for his key role in the organisation of the event, risk assessment and assistance on the day, and Hema for organising a TEN at the very last minute as well as the bowling green repairs! I think it is safe to say that the Parish Council, particularly the previous members who led the way in getting the show on the road, made the event a great success, with charity donations of more than £170 going to each of the RNLI and Dorset Air Ambulance and approximately 250 attendees on the day.

Moving forward, we will need to get back to ongoing concerns such as traffic management, behaviour of the hunt, bowling green maintenance, re-wilding and the Somerset Unitary Council. I hope that by having a presence at the village coffee mornings we may be able to pick up on further issues that residents may have.

I have been approached by the Chairman of Nether Stowey Parish Council in relation to organising a Local Community Network (including Stogursey, Over Stowey, Wembdon, Spaxton, Stockland Bristol, Goathurst) and organising a meeting with the Unitary Council. I hope you will all agree that we do want to get involved with this pro-active approach, which may well expand to further local parishes.

Stuart Moffat recently attended the Hinkley Point C Community Forum and his report is posted up in the notices section of our website. It is good to see that one of our previous councillors, Erl Plomgren, got a special mention of thanks for his contributions. Light pollution from the site was discussed and hopefully EDF will continue working towards minimising this. Oh and look out for two of the world's largest floating cranes which will be in use on the site soon!

We have just renewed the Parish insurance and Peter Grandfield has offered to look into whether the insurance needs tweaking to cover for all relevant eventualities and responsibilities. We are also now going to be keeping a record for insurance purposes of any relevant training the Councillors may have.

Somerset County Council have made changes to the bus schedule and routes this month. There will be a zoom meeting taking place on the evening of Thursday 30th June to discuss routes and local bus use to avoid further cuts. There will be a Somerset Catch the Bus Week in September to encourage people back onto buses. Somerset Bus Partnership are looking for help from volunteers to carry out a variety of roles such as fundraising and marketing.

I hope I haven't missed anything.

Emily Heckscher