REPORT TO/ PARISH COUNCIL

June/July 2022

For **11th July 2022**

Holford Parish Council

I have still been busy training for the County Council. I have also had experience in the way that the ambulance service operates locally! I ended up with two of my close family using the service and have had hands on experience which should help with my role as Chair of Scurtiny for Adults and Health. At present I have COVID which means that I have some doubt as to whether I will attend your meeting on Monday, I will test to make sure that I am clear, but otherwise please accept my apologies.

I have made enquiries re the change of procedure regarding Planning Site Visits and I have fed this back to your Clerk what I found. I can only advise to go through Somerset, West and Taunton Council if you want to communicate with applicates. The alternative is to take a private look at sites as individuals (over the fence, please do not go on private land without the relevant permission).

The outcome of the SCC Executive meeting called about the new Chief Executives Salary, was to say the least disappointing. The Conservative Group negotiated a figure that reduced the proposed Salary limit from £230,000 per annum to £200,000 per annum, I voted with the Conservative Group on this item but personally I would have preferred a lot lower sum, but we are also governed by the rate the market can command.

I was also disappointed that the majority of the ‘Bus money’ will go to the Taunton area. I will keep this in mind when any other funding comes up. The county has asked for volunteers to come forward to drive for hospital visit etc. I know that your community probably helps your neighbours by driving if they are in trouble, but if any one wishes to come forward as a volunteer, please contact. [Volunteering Opportunities | Somerset County Council Volunteering](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassemblevolunteers.somerset.gov.uk%2Fopportunities%2Fresults%3F%23display%3Dgrid%26s%3Ddistance%26o%3Dasc%26page%3D1%26public_search%3Dtrue%26search%3DTA6%252C%2BSomerset%252C%2BEngland%252C%2BUnited%2BKingdom%26lat%3D51.1307538%26lon%3D-2.9943873%26geojson%26limit%3D14%26include%3Dimage%26role_title%3DDriver%26radius%3D0&data=05%7C01%7Crosemary.woods%40somerset.gov.uk%7C6161c4afdd8648ce4f8c08da54419bdc%7Cb524f606f77a4aa28da2fe70343b0cce%7C0%7C0%7C637914938014732893%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xqxLtATxBiMxxOkb49a1clQKXCQLjYB0gfhEtU5SPP8%3D&reserved=0) .

The official advice for getting about is through Think Somerset, I have looked at this to get advice to get to your meeting but decided that my electric car is the only sustainable way to go!

I have had a couple of successes with reporting road problems through the new Somerset Road App, available at <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road> I can report problems but parishioner’s are able to do this themselves through this link, if they want to do this, I would suggest taking a picture of the problem, and note its map reference, so that it saves time tracking it down.

There is money available through the Household Support Fund a Government initiative, this fund is being sourced though Somerset County Council and is being targeted to those whose need is greatest.

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