Report from Cllr H Davies for July 2023 meeting.

Somerset Councillors received message from Duncan Sharkey due to the Parliamentary by- election of Somerton & Frome 20th July 2023 that we are now in the Pre-election Period, (Purdah)  There are conflicting views on this statement by our Chief Executive as we are

not voting in this part of Somerset, on the other hand SOMERSET is the key word!

Therefore my report is mainly to the middle of June plus the info on Parking charges.

Please receive my Somerset Report,

6th June 2023.

1:  MAJOR BOOST FOR TOWNS ECONOMY as access for TRANSPORT and BUSINESS HUBS is COMPLETED.

Taunton’s train station car park and Firepool development to the town’s road network with cycling provision

and bus services is now operational.

The scheme enhances access to the station and Firepool site for cyclists, pedestrians and BUS SERVICES

will now provide a route for buses to collect passengers directly from the station.

13th June 2023.

2: GARDENING SEASON IS HERE,TIME TO SIGN UP TO A GARDEN RECYCLING COLLECTION.

Subscriptions can be started any time during the year  and the quickest and easiest way to subscribe is

Online through the  somerset.gov.uk/waste  page-just use the ‘Do it online/My Waste Service’ feature.

The price of a wheeled bin subscription for 2023/24  is £63.50 for 25 collections and for packs of ten Garden waste sacks, £31.10.

3:

14th June 2023.

SOMERSET COUNCIL Will be confirming its commitment to the ARMED FORCES by signing the ARMED FORCES COVENANT

at a service and ceremony on Monday 19th June held at County Hall the start of Armed Forces Week.

4:

14th June 2023.

I attend the first LCN meeting at Victory Hall, Stogursey (nice to see you)

which is Zone 14.  The area covers from Kilve to Wembdon.

There was a fair attendance, the Chair was elected but no

takers yet for a Vice chair, so deferred to next meeting.

Now people have meet and have an understanding of the

LCN, the next meeting should bring out ideas and schemes.

May I add my second  Zone 13, is at Crowcombe Village Hall,7P.M.

Thursday 13th July 2023.  I may not be able to attend in person, but

I did attend the pre briefing.

5:  Council review of parking charges comes into effect

                                   In August 2023.

During August, there will be an overall 10% rise in parking

charges across Somerset- though this will vary from car park

to car park, in some the increase will be very  slightly above

or below 10%,as the new fee will be rounded up to the nearest 10p.

parking season tickets are also being increased by a similar %

in the measure agreed at the council’s Annual Budget meeting.

TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS,ON-STREET PARKING

PERMITS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS ARE NOT INCREASING.

Prior to some Council’s review of parking charges there was some inconsistency across the County-in some cases parking charges haven’t increased for years.

A FULL BREAKDOWN OF THE NEW CHARGES ACROSS

SOMERSET WILL BE BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY.

 End of report.

If any question please contact me.

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