

ILMINSTER DIVISION – SSDC/SCC COUNCILLOR REPORT DECEMBER 2015

COUNTY COUNCIL – A decision was made this month for an early termination of the SouthWestOne contract that currently provides system services for SCC.

Bus service proposed changes to subsidised routes – consultation is due to close on Mon, 11th January. www.somerset.gov.uk/concessionaryfareconsultation.

Adult Social Care – I was contacted by an Ashill resident over concerns to the delay in the provision of an accessible shower facility. This is now in hand.

SCC Health & Wellbeing Scheme – I have received belated requests for this funding. Although my available funds are already committed I will be looking for options to provide assistance where possible. It is expected that, as has happened previously, a number of councillors will not have spent their allocation and discussions are under way with regard to utilising the under spend by submitting an application for children looked after.

Small Improvement Scheme – I attended a SIS ‘Scorecarding’ exercise in relation to the Donyatt application and can confirm that this will now proceed to the next stage, with the cabinet member due to make a decision in early February. I will have one further opportunity in the coming year to submit one other application for consideration within the division.

Speed Indicator Readings (SIDs) – these reports continue to be received on a regular basis and can provide evidence in relation to SIS applications.

RIGHTS OF WAY – Winterhay Lane – The appeal has now been submitted to the Secretary of State with the public hearing date set for 10th May at Donyatt Village Hall

Gypsy/Travellers – The Peasmarsh court action in early December has resulted in an eviction order being issued, with the deadline for vacating the site this coming week. Concern has been expressed of the cost of continued court action in relation to this, totalling £8,490; £5000 has been recovered from Skanska and £357 from the defendants.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES SCRUTINY- a task and finish group is to be set up to consider child sexual exploitation in the county. Youth offending rates in Somerset are continuing to fall and case loads for social workers is reducing steadily.

CORPORATE PARENT BOARD – After meeting with senior SCC officers, a new leaving care framework, based on 5 key outcomes is to be developed to achieve improved stability of placements and foster care provision, along with plans for increased elected member involvement within divisions.

DRAINAGE – Contractors will commence drain cleaning of 980 Ilminster gullies at the end of this month on completion of the current round of 2400 gullies which covers Horton, Donyatt, and Ashill. In addition to this, there are reports of continued sewage problems caused by excessivrr discharge along Suggs Lane, Broadway and the possible impact of further development in the area.

MANHOLES – a complaint has been received about the noise caused by ill-fitting manholes along Canal Way, which has been reported.

LIBRARIES – The consultation about the future of shared buildings ('hubs') and libraries is now open, closing on 11 Feb. 2016. In the case of Ilminster library a reduction of 7½ hours per week is suggested, with the library opening for the same number of days but with afternoon opening hours shortened as this has been identified as being the quietest time. For more information: <http://www1.somerset.gov.uk/council/meetings/results.asp?ccode=43>
For library related queries contact Nena Beric on 01823 359368/NBeric@somerset.gov.uk

Highways – planned works – in addition to works previously notified

FROM S/O NO:2 GREENDALE, ACROSS C/W TO OPP, R/O 9 GREENDALE, CANAL WAY ILMINSTER - Build 1 precast chamber in 915mm x 445mm x 965mm deep in Footway, Install 8m of 1 way poly duct in carriageway, Install 92m of 1 way poly duct in Footway. Provide 1 core drill into jointbox/building **04/01/2016 - 11/01/2016**

WESSEX WATER Uplands POUND ROAD HORTON - Section 81/defect (works 0930-1500hrs) **17/02/2016 - 19/02/2016**

WESSEX WATER White Bridge near Thatchcroft POUND ROAD BROADWAY Section 81/defect (works 0930-1500hrs) **17/02/2016 - 19/02/2016**

BT - OPP ENT TO OAKLEIGH, APPROX 100M/50M & 150M WEST OF 27 AND O/S 13-14, WESTERN WAY WINSHAM - Replace 5 existing poles 0.5m x 0.5m **29/02/2016 - 02/03/2016**

BT - (PCP23 V3) 335878,114825 335883,114804 335874,114803, 335874,114778 REAR OF 18 HIGHFIELD TO SIDE OF TWO CHIMNEYS TO OUTSIDE RUTTERS LANE ILMINSTER - Install 13m of 1 way power duct in verge. Install 30m of 1 way power duct in carriageway. Install 9m of 1 way power duct in footway. Performing an excavation to expose existing power cable in carriageway **20/03/2016 - 05/04/2016**

(PCP23 V3) 335879,114824 335878,114810 335882,114804, 335877,114806 REAR OF 18 HIGHFIELD TO SIDE OF TWO CHIMNEYS , RUTTERS LANE ILMINSTER Install 12m of 1 way poly duct in Verge. Install 3m of 1 way poly duct in carriageway. Install 8m of 1 way poly duct in footway. Provide, Renew or Recover 1 DSLAM street cabinet and base **20/03/2016 - 05/04/2016**

SSDC – JOINT WORKING – Discussions continue to take place in relation to possible joint working arrangements with Sedgemoor District Council to achieve further savings.

PLANNING – concern remains over the impact on small communities of a flurry of recent planning applications, particularly in light of recent appeal decisions as a result of the lack of five year land supply in South Somerset.

PARISH PRECEPTS – It has been announced by DCLG that referendum principles will not apply to the parish sector in 2016-17, but it is expected that town and parish councils behave responsibly to protect taxpayers from excessive precept increases. DCLG retains the option of making them subject to the referendum principles in future.

Meetings and Activities this month

4/12	Horton Christmas Tree lights
5/12	Horton Christmas Bazaar
	Ashill PTA Christmas Fayre
	Donyatt Xmas Fair
	Winsham School Xmas Fair
	Ilminster Twinning Assoc. Bowls evening
6/12	Ashill Christingle
7/12	Neroche School Governors meeting
	Broadway PC
8/12	Yeovil TC Christmas Dinner
9/12	Neroche Christmas Fayre
10/12	Fiveways School Christmas Concert
	Broadway VH Christmas Quiz
11/12	SCC Children & Families Scrutiny
	SCC Small Improvement Scheme Scorecarding (Donyatt)
	SCC Matthew Tomlinson – Scrutiny mentor
	Ashill Carols on the Green
	Whitelackington Christmas Quiz
12/12	Minster Christmas Fair
	Warehouse Theatre – The Railway Children
13/12	Horton Family Service
	Donyatt VH Breakfast
	Minster Town Carol Service
15/12	Ilminster Town Council
16/12	SSDC Licensing sub-committee
	Swanmead School
18/12	SCC – meeting with Director and Deputy of Children’s Services
	SCC – meeting re: Children’s Scrutiny
	Chaffcombe Concert
20/12	SCC – In Care and Leaving Care Council meeting - Bridgwater
	Broadway Carol Service

Please note that I was unable to attend both SSDC Area West and full council meetings this month. I am however unaware of any decisions being taken that will have an impact on the communities of Neroche ward that I represent in my capacity as district councillor.