

## CLERK'S REPORT – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Financial Matters – Agenda Item 5

Revised Financial Regulations are presented for Approval and Adoption

### Parish Matters and Works – Agenda Item 6

**Parish Sweeper** – Elise Rowley has settled in well as the new Parish Sweeper and works well and conscientiously.

The Chair has had significant success in arrangements with the School, Cotswold Volunteers and Landowners in facilitating vegetation clearance in many areas and paths. The Chair also secured the services of a private contractor to clear BC62/4 down from Shaft Road to the kissing gate above the tunnel mouth where it splits into two, each going down either side of the trackbed (as per map attached), BA16/1 and BA16/2, at a cost of £327. Costs for Village Cleaning and Footpaths will be £1,568 under budget, even including this cost.

### Equipment and Facilities – Checks by Councillors to report

- **Car Park - Charging point installation** – Any Report on progress
- **Village Playground** - The Inspection report has been received, with only very minor issues to deal with.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – PCSO Louise Jones has provided a Crime Report for the Parish which has been circulated.
- **Lockup** – We have received a Notification of Application to Amend a Designation Listing. The Chair is in discussion with Historic England about the matter.
- **Miss Davies Garden**
- **Village Hall**
- **Parish Council Noticeboard – A36 Petrol station** – The Clerk has removed the Board and stored it in the Village Hall.
- **Portrait of HM The King.**

**Wheelwrights Public House** – Any further report.

### Highways and Footpaths – Agenda Item 14

**A36 Closure – Impacts on Tucking Mill Lane and elsewhere.** Residents of Tucking Mill Lane report sever congestion, aggressive driving, confrontation and accidents.

**Brassknocker Hill Speed Limits and Weight Restrictions** – Charles Carr to report.

**Church Drung Fencing in poor condition** – This is in very poor condition, the wrought iron fencing having the potential to fall into the footway and become a danger to pedestrians.

**Shaft Road - Tarmac drive extension protruding into road** – No progress from last meeting B&NES Highways are now aware of this issue and have contacted the homeowner. The works that have taken place are unauthorised. The homeowner is working with us to revise the works, the first submission has been found to be unacceptable and we are awaiting a revised design submission. The homeowner is receptive and eager to work with B&NES Highways to resolve this issue to everyone's satisfaction.

**Temporary Closure of Public Bridleway BA16/18, Mill Lane, Monkton Combe** – Report on current situation.

**Combe Down Allotments** – A Report on the current situation regarding closure. They have now been registered as an Asset of Community Value.

### Reports – Agenda Item 9

**School** – Minutes of the recent meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> August have been circulated.

### Dates for Future Meetings – Agenda Item 12

To confirm dates for the coming year all at 7:00 p.m. other than the Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Budget & Precept meeting (Precept deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025).

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Annual Parish Council Meeting (Audit and Annual Return).