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Grace Griffin among her sunflowers

NEWS & VIEWS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October

- 3rd Gill Taylor
- 6th Dave & Sue Pugh W.A.
- 7th Julia & Tim Bush W.A.
- 8th Robin Rogers
- 9th Angela Alexander
- 17th Callum Hobbs
- 18th Kayleigh Stowell
Wendy & Sotiris Pappasolomontos WA
- 22nd Troy & Julian Gale WA
- 23rd Robert Brown
- 24th Matthew Clarke
- 26th Justin Naish
Margaret Bessant
- 27th Jack Treble
Maisie Taylor
- 31st Roman Bessant

Kenn's Village Flag

Wednesday 6th September our flag was flown at half-mast to mark the passing of Richard Dyer on the 5th.

Our flag was flown at half-mast on Tuesday 19th September for the cremation at Weston-super-Mare of Heather Saxby.

Wednesday 20th September our flag was flown at half-mast for the funeral of Richard Dyer at St. John's Kenn.

St John the Evangelist, Kenn

ALTAR GUILD



October Rota

Jean Woods, Heather Jenkins and Tina Middleton

Flower arrangers, please note that

HARVEST FESTIVAL

**at
St. John the Evangelist, Kenn**

will be on

Sunday 8th October



Dear all,

At church, after a relatively quiet time on Sundays we now move into a very busy couple of months! This involves some planning for harvest, team service at the end of October, All Saints' celebrations, Remembrance Sunday, All Souls and even Christingle at the end of November at St Johns. I hate to say it but I'm also already planning Crib and Christmas services in my head! I'm very grateful of my years of experience and the wonderful resources that are out there if you know where to look, including asking others to help!

It seems that my life is very contrary to nature at the moment as I look out on my garden winding down for the winter and here am I winding up. However, there is another way of looking at it which is that I was fortunate to have more space to enjoy the longer days, to tend the garden, to enjoy being out and about with people through the summer months and now, as the days draw in, I will have more time to sit at my desk, wrapped up warm thinking about 'stuff'. Sometimes I need reminding that looking at things from a different perspective helps put a spring in our step and gives us hope for the future. I'm no more acutely aware of this than at funerals, especially those I have taken recently when the emphasis has been very much on celebrating a life, looking at the unique, loving qualities of special individuals who have added so much to the world when we stop and together consider their lives. More than ever, I want to shout from the rooftops that there are amazing people in this world, and you don't have to look very far to find them. The most wonderful privilege of being a priest is that you do get to know a lot about all sorts of people and I continue to be amazed and uplifted by those around me, many of whom some would think insignificant.

I fall in love with people every day. Perhaps I should do, as God is love and I am supposed, as a priest, to be striving to work for him. The other way of looking at this though is that, as we all know, when you love someone and then that person says or does something that hurts you, it really hurts. But then I believe God gives us the tools to help manage that and therein lies the stuff of sermons!

I'd like to finish with a prayer from Under Milk Wood by Dylan Thomas recited by Rev Eli Jenkins as he looks at the village before going to bed. To be reminded of this was a gift from someone recently before she died. One of those people I 'fell in love' with as I discovered her unique and special God given qualities.

*Every morning, when I wake,
Dear Lord, a little prayer I make,
O please to keep Thy loving eye
On all poor creatures born to die.*

*And every evening at sun-down
I ask a blessing on the town,
For whether we last the night or no
I'm sure is always touch-and-go.*

*We are not wholly bad or good
Who live our lives under Milk Wood,
And Thou, I know, wilt be the first
To see our best side, not our worst.*

*O let us see another day!
Bless us this holy night, I pray,
And to the sun we all will bow
And say goodbye - but just for now!*

Love and prayers,

Fran

PS It's a great play, well worth reading!



Bring and Share Harvest Lunch.

Autumn is an atmospheric time of year. The air smells woody and there is less daytime light as we head towards winter. For the ancient people of this land, edging towards the equinox signalled a time to be with community and share food.



Here in Kenn we were no different from primitive people. We had a fabulous Harvest Lunch on Sunday 17th September in the village hall. Over the last few weeks Julia and I asked people if they were going to bring a savoury or a sweet. Thus avoiding 20 plates of sausage rolls. We had a banquet, people were so kind and creative in bringing food for the communal table.

We shared more than food. Forty friends reaffirmed old ties and made new chums. The chatting and laughter confirmed we all had a good time. We also shared the washing up and clearing away.

We want to thank everyone who came and shared our seasonal feast. We did not sell tickets but asked for donations to cover costs. Julia and I scrutinised all the receipts. When all expenses were reimbursed, we had £105 left. This will be given to the Clevedon Food Bank.

Julia and Caroline.



The oldest and youngest members of St John's congregation - John and Hallie at the Harvest Lunch.



Village Market

I've included these photos to show you all what a wonderful range of produce our stall holders offer. It was good to see so many at the September market especially after our summer break in August.



From the refreshments this month we are delighted to be able to donate £52 to Clevedon Food Bank with grateful thanks to all who gave so generously.



Next Month Julia and Andre are running the refreshments to raise funds for The Blay Family in Ghana. We are guaranteed a delicious selection of freshly baked cakes to accompany your coffee, so please come along.

The next market is

Saturday 14th October from 10am to 12pm.

If you would like to run the refreshments or would like a table for the October Market please get in touch.

Maggie Hobbs 876277 or Lyn Burnett 870189





Dear friends and neighbours,

As we are now in the season of Autumn our thoughts usually turn towards harvest time and festivals where we traditionally donate food to be distributed to people who need help. It would be wonderful if our village generosity could extend to adding items to the Foodbank collection box inside the church porch again.

The level of need for donations continues to grow as more and more people are having to rely on help from the Clevedon Foodbank. The volunteers working at the Foodbank are always very grateful for the donations sent from our village and regularly tell me that everything donated is very quickly passed on to those who really can't manage to feed their families without the help of the Foodbank.

Currently, they are particularly short of noodles (not pasta), condiments, cleaning products and personal hygiene products. If you could help by donating a few items each week to the village collection box or leave items in the porch of Carpenters Farm, Kenn Street then collectively we can make a big difference to our local community.

I take everything donated to the Foodbank on Friday mornings.

Thanking you all for your anticipated generosity.

Liz Jaehme 07703 163590

**Notice of Annual General Meeting
of
The Friends of Kenn Church**

**7.00pm Tuesday 24th October
at St John the Evangelist, Kenn**

All Members of the Congregation,
Parishioners and Villagers are
invited to this meeting



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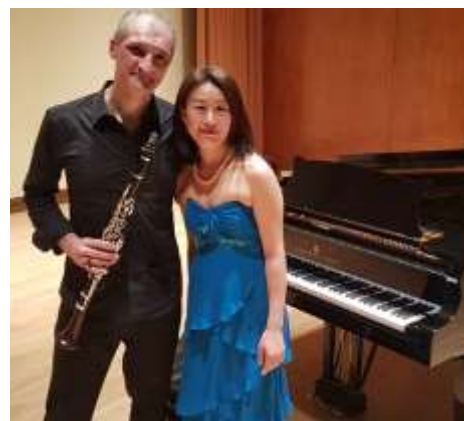
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Clarinet and piano concert at St Mary's, Yatton, 21st October

The Yatton Music Society's Autumn concerts continue with a brilliant concert by the Italian clarinetist and composer Luca Luciano and Japanese pianist Yuki Osedo. Luca and Yuki are renowned international performers and the YMS are lucky to have engaged them whilst they are en-route to the USA.

Their concert will showcase the full potential of the clarinet and their performances have been described as providing an irresistibly virtuoso, joyful and uplifting experience.



The concert starts at 7.30pm on Saturday 21st October at St Mary's Church, ticket prices are £10, students over 16 half price, children free.

The audience is assured of a warm welcome and superb music. Details of the artistes and their concert programme can be found on the society's website www.yms.org.uk

Yatton Local History Society

Tuesday October 3rd 7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church

There will be a talk on the Birnbeck Pier: past, present and future by Peter Lander

If you are not a member and want to join or want to register an email address please contact

YLHS at yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com

Heather Jenkins' News from the Naish Family

Please join us in welcoming Camille Somer Edwards to the Family.

Born on Friday, 22nd September
Daughter of Vanessa and Charlie Edwards.
Second Granddaughter for Jeff Naish .

First Granddaughter for Patsy George and would have been the fourth Great Granddaughter for Ray and Jean Naish .

Congratulations to Vanessa, Charlie and all the family .





KENN W.I.

Members were held spellbound when fellow member Alison Soars took us on a journey to Australia in the 1850s. Dressed in the appropriate costume Alison told us all about the ten weeks on board her ship and the fact that once she was in Australia there was no return. She is continuing her talk at the November meeting. This is our Annual General Meeting so we are especially looking forward to Alison's talk.

Marion Hulance chaired the meeting in the absence on holiday of President, Diane Woolf. Caroline Holden was thanked for the particularly clever flower arrangement on the President's table.

Nominations for the 2024 Committee will be taken at the October meeting. Permission must be sought from the nominee before you submit her name.

Eight members are going to Cardiff on the Group Outing on September 28th. There are various activities planned but if anyone wishes to go to do their "own thing" or spend the day in retail therapy, they can.

The next Group Meeting is to be hosted by Tickenham in October and Edna Baber has made our competition entry, which is to be something made by a member using feathers.

Until Christmas there are a great many activities to look forward to. The W.I. is holding its annual Flower Demonstration on November 15th and we hope to see a great many people there. It is also the W.I.'s turn to provide the refreshment at the Village Market in November. There will also be Carol services in Keynsham and Nailsea, shopping at John Lewis, a series of history talks at Cleeve and a visit to Birmingham Christmas Markets.

We continue to hold our walks. The next one is along the Sea Wall, so we hope and pray that it will not be raining.

If you would like to join us in the Village Hall on the afternoon of the second Wednesday of the month so that you can join in any of these activities we should be delighted to see you. Diane Woolf, Marion Hulance, Caroline Holden or I, Ann Holtham will look out for you.

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COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 14th October
10.00 - 12noon


North Somerset Times

Copies are freely available in the porch a St. John's



OCTOBER WASTE - MONDAYS

Recycling	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Dustbin	2nd and 23rd





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St John's Kenn



All Saints' Kingston Seymour

Sunday Services at St. John's Kenn and All Saints' Kingston Seymour October 2023

October 1st

8.30am St John's Traditional Holy Communion

11am All Saints' All Together in Church for **HARVEST**

October 8th

8.30am All Saints' Traditional Holy Communion

11am St John's All Together in Church for **HARVEST**

October 15th

11am All Saints' Holy Communion

October 22nd

11am St John's Holy Communion

October 29th

10am St Mary's Yatton Team Holy Communion

Tuesdays and Wednesdays
8.15am Morning Prayer on Zoom

BIRD NEWS

Jeff Naish reported Cattle Egrets (some on the backs of his cattle) on Nailsea Moor. This is another Heron species that is increasing in numbers and expanding its range - 400 (!) roosted at Shapwick Heath National Nature Reserve on the 26th.

Swallows were passing through all month and 150 roosted at Stowell's Reed bed on the 18th. One evening a Hobby, probably a young bird, made a couple of passes hoping for a late meal but the Swallows had already gone to bed. The Reed bed also hosts a Pied Wagtail roost, the **birds gather on Smart's factory roof and then fly into the reeds in small flocks**, my best count was 75.

House Martins were also gathering and at least one Sand Martin was with them in Wemberham Lane, Yatton.

A group of 50 House Martins was over Chestnut Park Estate where they have established a successful colony. So much for the idea that they were deterred by plastic not wood barge boards and soffits.

There were 400 Shelducks at the Kenn Estuary towards the end of the month and Meadow Pipits were moving through in good numbers.

An Atlantic hurricane carried American birds, mostly warblers, to Ireland, Cornwall, the Welsh coast and the Northern Isles, species that **I had never heard of, much less ever seen. It's remarkable that these birds survive the crossing albeit most don't live** for very long here. On the morning of this mass arrival my score was a party of four Wheatears but 37 were recorded on the sea wall.

With the pausing of work on the pylons birds are getting used to them and beginning to use them as perches. Buzzard, Kestrel, Raven, Cormorant and lots of Starlings have been noted to date.

October is the month for migrating Skylarks with Redwings and Fieldfares starting to arrive at the end of the month.

Trevor Riddle 01934 835208

Lunch Break

Homemade soup, bread, cheese, and homemade cake were all served at the September Lunch Break on what seemed to be the hottest September day! Everyone had a good catch up with friends. A suggested donation of £5 goes towards the cost of the lunch and any leftover money is donated to Clevedon Foodbank.

Pullin's, our local bakery, very kindly donated 4 delicious loaves of bread. Everyone commented on how pleased they were that Pullin's supported our village Lunch Break and we all enjoyed eating their bread!

If you're free on the first Monday of every month, please pop along to the Village Hall, a warm welcome awaits.

Next Lunch Break - Monday 2nd October 12.30 - 2pm

November - Monday 6th

Sarah and Tim



**Charity Coffee Morning - Kenn Church Room
Saturday 28th October - 10am-12 Noon**

For: St Peter's Hospice - Host: Ann Holtham

**Many thanks to all who supported the September Coffee Morning
which raised £120 for Macmillan Cancer Research**

Anyone wishing to host a 4th Saturday Charity Coffee Morning
should contact Celia Andrews 01275 877806

Charity Quiz Night

Saturday 25th November

Kenn Village Hall

Doors open 7.15pm

Quiz starts 7.45pm

£10 per team (3,4 or 5 people)

Kenn Village Bar

Raffle

*Booking and payment is required before
25th November*

Please call Sarah to book your team

07818044647 or 01275 871381

All Quiz and Raffle proceeds to



**Wellspring
Counselling**

Events at Kenn Village Hall

Some forthcoming events at the hall.

Monday 2nd October - Lunch Break 12.30 — 2.00pm

The Yellow Teapot will be spouting its message of cheer on Monday 16th October in KVH from 2.30pm to 4pm. There will be the usual teatime spread with tea, coffee and chat.

All welcome Julia Bush



James Russell (previously of Duck Lane) is going to bring his vinyl (real records)

DISCO

Saturday 28th October - Doors 7.30pm

Entrance, free but donation on door to Clevedon Food Bank for adults
(under 14 year olds Free)

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL John and Nigel will do the bar.

Saturday 25th November Charity Quiz night for Wellspring
Pop up Bar” get your teams ready - see advert page 13

Saturday 9th December “Heather’s Christmas Disco”
Charity Christmas Party Tickets for Disco at Kenn Village Hall
will be on sale in Mid October.

Contact Heather on 07773253978

2024 Saturday 20th January - Ganley and Naish “Wassail”

**A Celebration of the Life of Samuel Richard Dyer was held at St John the Evangelist
at 2.00pm on Wednesday 20th September 2023**

Richard Dyer - 14th January 1953 - 5th September 2023

The Church of St John the Evangelist, Kenn was filled to capacity, extra chairs were added, not only in the nave, but also the chancel - but still the porch was filled with people and some even stood out in the rain under their umbrellas.

No actual count was made of those who came to pay their last respects to Richard, but it was in the region of 180 people; family, villagers and many local farmers and other friends.

Revd Fran Binding officiated and Barbara, Joe and Lizzy all played their parts.....

Our screen displayed many photographs of Richard at various stages of his life.

Mourners were welcomed with Soul Man by The Blues Brothers and left to Soul Limbo (the Test Match Live theme tune). Now thank we all our God (sung at Richard and Barbara's wedding) and We plough the fields and scatter, were sung during the service, accompanied by Jo Manning.

'Blowing For Home' played on a hunting horn by the huntsman of the Mendip Farmers Mathew Hickmott ended the service.

Further memories of Richard and condolences to his family were shared at Kenn Village Hall. Our deepest sympathy goes to Barbara, Joe, Lizzy and their families on their loss.



Richard Dyer

Some thoughts on his life from Tim Bush.

This will not be a potted history of his life, that is for others, but more about some reminiscences as we lived broadly parallel lives.

I can't claim to have been a really close friend but I have known Richard for as long as I can remember as two local farming families.

We went to the same Prep school in Clevedon, Walton Lodge on Castle Road, although not in the same year, we did play in the same school rugby team, he was the archetypal little terrier scrum half with his shock of blond hair.

We went different ways for secondary schooling but I remember going to an away match and there was the same terrier scrum half, this time in the opposition.

As country boys we spent a lot of time in the holidays roaming the countryside doing the things country boys did in those days, most of which are now either illegal or frowned upon by our urbanised society.



Richard was into Horses and the Pony Club, something that held no interest for me but he maintained a fondness for horses all his life and there were always a couple in the paddock at Kenn Court, indeed he regularly rode to hounds well into middle age, only a nasty fall persuaded him to start following from the Land Rover seat instead.

After attending The Royal Agricultural College at Cirencester, Richard returned to Kenn Court to farm with his father, I know from experience that the father son relationship can be difficult but they made it work and being the son of the "Court" and the central farm in the village gave him a certain amount of status.

In the fulness of time Richard met and married Barbara and then Joe and Lizzie arrived while simultaneously restoring and "saving" the semi derelict parts of Kenn Court and in the process gaining an in depth knowledge of how to pull the wool over the eyes of the council's listed building inspectors. In recent conversations with him we reminisced about our farming lives and we agreed that although we hadn't made a lot of money we did have a lot of fun.



Richard loved country pursuits and before it became fashionable he fenced off several quite large areas of the farm and planted trees, the reason became clear when he and a few friends started a pheasant shoot that persists to this day and the trees are over fifty feet high.

No discussion of Richard's life can avoid the Pub. Pubs were among his favourite places and being a creature of habit he had a regular weekly progress, these were mostly lunchtime forays, Thursday was the Blue Flame, Saturday the Conservative club or the Royal Oak, and Sunday the Blue Flame again.

There may have been others but The Drum and Monkey filled any other gaps in the schedule.

He certainly wasn't a great conversationalist but he loved to listen and would answer a direct question with as few words as possible, for example the question "how are you Rich" would get the reply "alright and yourself?" even this was too wordy for him and over time was honed down to "yourself?", to which no reply was expected.

One thing that Richard emphatically was not was a Boozer, I never saw him the worse for wear and he had refined the art of nursing a pint to perfection while wreathed in cigarette smoke (which no one could persuade him to give up) and if he thought he had had enough, no amount of cajoling could persuade him to have another.



He was often the first out and would then invariably say and I quote

"No reflection on your company gentlemen, I think it's time to get closer to home"

which was probably the longest single sentence he had said the whole time.

To sum this up, Richard was a man who lived life on his own terms, who didn't court popularity but was liked and well known all over the area and certainly never expressed any regrets or was sorry for himself at the end.

Something we might all ponder as we all slowly "get closer to home".

Our Monthly Missive from the Limes

English is a wonderful language. The Second Edition of the 20-volume Oxford English Dictionary contains full entries for 171,476 words in current use so one shouldn't have occasion to be at a loss for a word for a given situation. Interestingly, even with that number available there are occasions when a word in another language does not have an equivalent in English. My favourite is the German word "schadenfreude", which is "pleasure derived by someone from another person's misfortune" but that may be due more to my sense of humour than anything else.

Despite having the ability to be an expressive language, English has strong competition in another form of communication, a non-verbal method, commonly known as grunts. Anyone who has teenagers is probably only too well aware of this form and has learned by necessity over time how to decode it.

The expressions available via grunts was brought to mind the other day when my article of last month was raised with someone. (If you haven't read it there may be time before you throw out last month's copy of KN&V – I have yet to meet anyone who has stored up my articles so once they've gone they've gone). The grunt that followed was far more eloquent than words. In a single grunted syllable I understood three things. Firstly the person concerned was not impressed by what I wrote and surely I can't be serious, secondly what on earth was I smoking when I wrote it and thirdly they didn't agree with it. I'll take the points in reverse order.

Years ago I remember a speaker at some conference at one stage saying, "You might not agree with me. That doesn't matter. Just be wrong!"

Next, what was I smoking? The answer was nothing. The only influence I was under was that of creativity, which I foster when I can.

Was I serious when I wrote it? Yes. Did I seriously think it would be taken up? No. Imagination, creativity, vision, ability to see the big picture, enthusiasm and drive are not the qualities that come to mind when thinking of local government but one can hope.

However mention of local government does lead me nicely into this month's theme.

For reasons probably long lost in the mists of time I occasionally get an email from the North Somerset PR department. It is usually a flag waving exercise saying how well they have done on various things, such as the bus on demand service (which they haven't) and other bits of sundry information. However once you strip out the spin there is the occasional nugget and a recent one was about yet another council survey. I normally ignore these as they often are worded as "consultations" and that has bad connotations.

Years ago the British Beekeeping Association (BBKA) learned the hard way that when the government talks about "consultation", the dictionary definition of: "Consultation is discussion about something," does not apply. What the BBKA expected at the time was a two way discussion on how to protect pollinating insects, especially bees. What they got was no meaningful dialogue because the government (DEFRA) had already decided what to do and was not going to listen to alternative advice and expert views. It left a bitter taste which lingered for years between the BBKA and DEFRA.

Ever since then I have been extremely cautious when approaching anything from government or local authorities with "survey", "have your say" or "consultation" in the title.

Anyway within this email was the following:

“Have your say on our new corporate plan. What should the council’s priorities be over the next four years?”
In a moment of boredom I followed the link and received quite a shock.

Firstly, instead of tick boxes everywhere, which channel you into agreeing the least objectional option for something and give you little ability to say what really should happen, this one was predominantly focussed on free text input and you could say what you like. How they will process it at the other end will be daunting and you just hope they find a way of collating and categorising the replies in a sensible way.

Of course they could do what happened over the seafront comments and many of the ones objecting to the MP boundary changes and just lose them – or it that too cynical? (if you think I’m joking, I’m not. A whole bunch of objections to the sea front changes were “not received” and on the boundary changes, emailed comments were acknowledged but some never appeared on their website.)

The second shock was the questions themselves. A very rough (and perhaps unfair) summary is:

“We have been elected as a new council. We didn’t stand on any agenda beforehand so you just voted blind and chose us because you didn’t like the old lot. However we haven’t a clue what we should do. We really want to be open and listen – honest”.

Anyway despite these somewhat unhelpful comments of mine it really is worth looking into. The link is <https://northsomersetlife.co.uk/news/have-your-say-council-plans>, but you’ll be able to find it via Google. In addition to the survey the Council mention a number of face to face events taking place over the area so do take a look at the page – and do it soon before it ends.

The first question on their survey was “Can you please tell us what being an open council means to you”. My response was a hollow laugh but I did write something along the lines that history was not on their side and their credibility was not exactly high.

The next question was the same with “open” replaced by “fair”.

Anyway the survey then moves to some tick boxes, but in all fairness they are all followed up by questions asking why you made the selection you did. They then ask for ideas on how to implement these various sections. In one response I said that if something was their idea it was their job to work out how to do it, not ours, but in general I tried to be constructive.

Much of the survey boils down to how North Somerset can juggle priorities, for example do you prioritise roadworks over schools or healthcare etc?

None of them are easy choices and it is made worse by the reported £17M shortfall in their accounts. Sadly it is hard to see how they have much room for manoeuvre.

Nevertheless, assuming the council really are trying to engage in an honest way with the populace – and it may be worth giving them the benefit of the doubt – then do take a look at this. You can also participate via paper, not just online but you’ll have to get cracking! Just remember you have a choice of 171,476 words to use in your reply.

Stephen

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

2023

Parish Council Meeting – 13 September 2023 – the following items were discussed:-

- **Heritage Sign** on Kennmoor Road – an update was given on the problems encountered and efforts to progress the refurbishment of this sign.
- **20 MPH on Kenn Street** – Members received a report of all the recent correspondence with North Somerset Council (NSC), NSC Officers and NSC Councillors, which:
 - (1) initially advised Kenn's scheme was on the priority list,
 - (2) then followed by the information that it was not on NSC's programme for this year.
 Details were provided on efforts to try to gauge what was happening. A verbal update was given at the meeting that another NSC contact had been provided and followed up, a reply had not yet been received.
- **Planning Application** 23/P/1553/OUT – Land West of Kenn Road – considered at the recent special meeting was recalled. Yatton Parish Council had sent a copy of their comments (consulted as a parish council in near vicinity to the site) some of which supported Kenn PC's comments to the application.
- **Motorway Bridge** – details had been provided of a complaint received about the overgrown state of this path. KPC Councillors had walked this path before coming to the meeting and agreed that access was made difficult by plant growth and recalled that this was considered a 'school walking route'. Following a discussion it was agreed to request that a local contactor cut back the area.
- **Damaged road surfaces** – these have been marked in preparation for repairs.
- **Engaging with Town/Parish Councils Best Practice Guidance**. NSC wished to building on the success of the Town/Parish Forum meetings and their ambition to strengthen relationships and collaboration with town/parish councils and wanted to share some new internal guidance towards this.
- **Licensing Policy Reviews** – NSC provided details of this.
- **Western Bus service timetable** – on provision of this KPC recalled some of the bus stops needed cutting back of overgrowth to enable bus passenger access. Advice was provided that NSC had a grant to assist with this.

NSC Corporate Plan & Budget Engagement – this item was on the agenda, but it was agreed to pass on the following information.

NSC's current vision is to be open, fair and green, but were keen to know if residents' think this remains the right focus for the area. They would also like to hear views on four draft ambitions for North Somerset:

- *Children and young people to feel cared for, safe, supported and given equality of opportunity to thrive*
- *Communities to be caring, healthy and safe, where people help each other to live well*
- *Towns and villages to be thriving and sustainable places to live, work and visit*
- *NSC council to deliver consistently good services and value for money to support and ambitious community.*

Their aim is to share publicly during November for more formal consultation among the local community.

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The responses to that consultation will inform the final version of the plan in the new year for approval alongside the annual budget.

Check their website.

2023 Meetings

6 November - Council

The meetings will be held at 7:30pm in the Village Hall – agendas on the noticeboards before the above date.