

Councillors report Jenny Kenton March 2022

The land at the junction of Watermead and Kents lane now has planning consent so the land which was retained will be passed over to the parish as soon as possible.

I have submitted an objection online to the quarry extension on the same objection as last time ie the impact on the area of natural beauty, the removal of minerals from the land and the removal of hedgerows among other points. It has to be noted that Somerset County Council mineral team strongly support this application (comments available online).

Now that Coronavirus restrictions have been lifted there are various guidance and posters available through public health England's website most are downloadable for local bodies.

There is a publication available on SSDC's website called Community matters, this gives a little pamphlet on extra services which SSDC can provide for parish Councils which include onsite nursery provision for the purchase of plants, grass cutting tree and play equipment inspection and works, pest control and the careline. This is support for elderly or those in need of an extra bit of security in their own home, this only costs £4.10 a week and a one off fee of £35.50. There is also a key safe installation service for £49.00 incl. VAT. If you are discharged from hospital you can receive careline for 6 weeks free of charge. The installation fee is waived if you are receiving benefits. I cannot recommend this service highly enough, I have several family members that use it and it has been invaluable in them staying in their homes independently.

I will hopefully be on holiday for your next meeting of 7th April so please accept my apologies in advance, I am sure Martin will be with you.

Report Tatworth and Forton PC 3.3.22

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Sent: Thu, 3 Mar, 2022 at 16:26

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Hi Nigel,

Please could you read out the report below to the Parish Council and give my apologies.

Thanks

Martin

Both the County and District Council have set a balanced budget for their last year.

The increase for band D properties will be 3.31 %. This is higher than the 2.99% limit set by Government and is increased above the limit by a 4% increase in the Police amount.

The County budget shows no borrowing apart from repayments of past borrowing.

The District shows a sum of £122 million which is to pay for Octagon Theatre improvements £19 million, Yeovil Refresh £21 million, increase in staff £4 million and borrowing for the various invests in property etc.

The full budget programme can be found within the Council papers for the meeting of 28 th February.

It has been stated that the staff increase will be to improve services such as customer services, planning and enforcement, Lets hope so!

You will be aware that Area West successfully objected to the two planning applications in Fore Street, we will await to see if a planning appeal is lodged.

Jenny and I will continue to closely monitor and act on your objections to any planning applications and if proper planning reasons can be found take them to Area West for a decision.

Martin Wale

Councillor Blackdown and Tatworth.

Sent from my iPad