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PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

A meeting to be held on the 5th March 2024

To all Parish Councillors

**You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 5th March 2024
at 8.00pm in Compton Dando Parish Hall
preceded by the East Woollard and Compton Dando village meetings at 7:45 pm**

Susan Smith – Clerk to the Parish Council

Date 26th February 2024

The public are welcome to attend.

Public participation:

Please note that prior to the official business of the meeting; members of the Parish are welcome to raise any Parish issues. Additionally, planning applications may be verbally presented by the applicant or their agent.

Members of the Public are welcome to speak on 2 items on the agenda per person. Please inform the Parish Clerk **4 clear days** prior to the meeting if you wish to arrange a speaking slot. Please keep your speech to a maximum of 3 minutes.

This meeting may be filmed or recorded (please refer to the Parish Council protocol on the filming and recording of meetings, adopted 16th September 2014, available at [http://: www.comptondando-parishcouncil.org.uk/docs_publications/](http://www.comptondando-parishcouncil.org.uk/docs_publications/)).

- 1. Apologies for absence (Local Government Act 1972, s 85 (3))**
- 2. To receive notification of any members personal or prejudicial interest in any item on the agenda**
- 3. Questions on notice by members**

Members may ask the Chairman any question concerning the business of the Council, provided that notice of the question has been given to the Parish Clerk in writing at least 4 clear days before the meeting where possible, and in any case to the Chairman, in writing, before the meeting.

- 4. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 6th February 2024**
- 5. Ward Councillor's update**

6. Finance

6.1 To receive a report of parish council finance

6.2 To approve and sign cheques for payment for the parish council

6.3 To approve payments for the parish hall

6.4 To receive notice that a VAT refund of £329.72 has been received

6.5 To receive notice that the Parish Precept Requirement form has been acknowledged and the first payment of £5,534.51 will be received on or around the 1st April 2024.

6.6 To decide on the Millenium Stone strimming quotes

A quote of £10 per 2 cuts for each stone has been received.

So, if Rankers Lane and Cockers Hill stones are trimmed this will be £20 per year and if the Chewton Keynsham Stone is included, the cost will be £30 per year.

The cut would be for 1m area around the stones.

6.7 To decide whether to sign a Letter of Authority for Utility Suppliers Ltd for them to be permitted to get quotes for energy suppliers for street lighting

The current contract with YU Energy terminates on the 31 August 2024 and a new contract for street lighting will be required. The website for this company is:

<https://theutilitysupplier.com/services>

7. Clerk's report (circulated prior to meeting)

To receive a report from the Parish Clerk outlining actions taken following the meeting held on 6th February 2024.

8. Matters for discussion/decision

8.1 To receive an update on extending the footpath on Court Hill – Councillor DD

8.2 To decide on comments to the Local Plan Options consultation

“The Local Plan Options document, recently approved by the Cabinet on 1st February, marks a crucial step in shaping the future of our district. We value your input and invite you to participate in the eight-week consultation, which will run from **12th February to 8th April**.

Options for addressing our future development needs, including the delivery of new homes and jobs across Bath and North East Somerset, as well as policies addressing a range of issues including the climate and ecological emergencies, are presented for your consideration and comment. These options align with the council's Corporate Strategy and Economic Strategy, aiming for a fairer, more prosperous, and sustainable economy.

Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to share their thoughts on the proposed options by responding to an interactive version of the Local Plan online at <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/localplanoptions>, as well as taking part in a series of in-person events.

Representations can be made through the Council website or by post to Planning Policy, Bath and North East Somerset Council, Lewis House, Bath, BA1 1JG.”

Please note that we will not be accepting representations sent by email.

Find out more

Videos on the council website will give step-by-step guidance on ‘How to Comment on the Local Plan’ and explain ‘What is a Local Plan’ as well as outlining how the various options will help to deliver the council’s priorities on housing, the climate emergency and sustainable transport. A second set of videos discuss specific locations identified in the Options report, as alternatives or options for potential development.

A series of drop-in sessions where people can discuss the options with council officers have been arranged at the following locations:

- Keynsham Community Space, 22 February
- Trinity Church, Radstock, 26 February
- Saltford Hall, 29 February
- The Hive, Peasedown St John, 1 March
- Bath Cricket Club, 4 March
- Whitchurch United Reform Church, 6 March
- Farrington Gurney Village Hall, 13 March.

All the drop-in events run from 3pm to 7pm.

Printed copies of the plan are available at Bath Central Library; Keynsham Library; Midsomer Norton Library; Bath Housing, Welfare and Advice Services and community libraries.

Consultation dates

The consultation opens (**12 February**) and runs for eight weeks until **8 April**. You can respond online on the council website: <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/localplanoptions>

Next steps

Following the consultation, the issues raised in all comments and feedback will be carefully considered, and a Draft Local Plan will be produced, which will be subject to further consultation. It will then be submitted to the Secretary of State and examined by an independent planning inspector in 2025. If approved, it will be adopted by the council.

For more information about the development of the new Local Plan please visit [the council's website](#).

8.3 Highways repairs - Compton Dando village

To receive, note and request that the Parish Clerk forward the full list of works and photos to highways for action.

Information received:

- Bathford Hill road surface near the bridge has disintegrated completely now. The root cause is that the gully/drain on the Bath side is not big enough to take the amount of water

that runs off the field, and gets blocked very quickly which means all the water and debris work their way down the road.

- Photographs of issues over a 200-yard stretch of Cockers Hill from its junction with Court Hill, which is the worst section, have been received with the following descriptions:
 1. Blocked drains (3)
 2. Drains that are higher than the road surface and so water passing them by
 3. Road surface disintegrating
 4. Where the fibre cable trench was laid, this has steadily sunk and water using this as a channel
 5. Edges of the cable trench disintegrating
 6. Pot holes in increasing number and size
 7. Bank collapsing into road
 8. Passing places filled with mud and other debris
 9. Large accumulations of water

- It has been reported that stones have fallen from the wall near the bottom of Bathford Hill and water is gushing the holes that have been left.

8.4 To discuss supporting the Ward Councillors' Empowerment Fund application by the Parish Hall to replace the lights with LED ones.

9. To consider responses to the following Planning Applications:

9.1 None.

10. Appeals

10.1 None.

11. Decisions

11.1 None.

12. Enforcements

Members of the Parish that may have a concern regarding suspected unauthorised building works, retrospective planning or non-permitted change of use to a building may report this directly to the Enforcement Department of Bath and North East Somerset Council by emailing development_management@bathnes.gov.uk or telephoning 01225 394041 (planning department extension) OR alternatively you may report the same in confidence to the Parish Clerk (details below). The matter of enforcement will be held in strict confidence and will not be discussed by the Parish Council until an Enforcement Notice is issued at which stage the matter will be brought to the attention of the Parish Council by the Local Authority.

Updates requested on:

12.1 None.

13. Items for action

13.1 None.

14. Correspondence for action

14.1 None.

15. Correspondence for information

15.1 Email received from BANES informing of 2 new recycling policies (details appended)

16. Reports

16.1 Parish Hall report

16.2 Village updates ('for information only at the meeting. matters for discussion will be carried forward to next meeting' (maximum of 2 items per Councillor unless considered urgent and previously agreed with the Clerk).

16.3 Report from the Keynsham Area Forum on the 21st February 2024 – notes appended

16.4 Report from a meeting on the 29th February regarding the accident on the B3116 on the 21st January – Councillor DD

Councillor Drury has attended a meeting with BANES Highways and Ward Councillors Hounsell and Streatfield-James.

Date of next meeting is the 2nd April at 8.00pm

Preceded by the Sole Trustees AGM meeting at 7:45 pm

Recycling Centre Policy Changes March 2024

We are introducing two new policies at our Household Waste & Recycling Centres in Bath & North East Somerset next month. An overview of each initiative is set out below for your information.

Change to DIY waste limits

Following recent changes to waste legislation, we are revising the amount of plasterboard, rubble, soil & ceramics householders can dispose at the recycling centres.

From 4th March 2024, we will only accept the following: -

- 2 x 50 litre bags (or equivalent) per visit or
- one bulky item (e.g. bathtub, toilet, basin) per visit

A maximum of four visits per household in a four-week period is allowed.

The current limit on this type of material is six bags per week. The Department for Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has introduced these changes to help ensure all local authorities in England are applying fair and consistent limits at their public recycling centres for this type of waste. The new rules will also further help to deter businesses from illegally disposing of construction and demolition waste at the public sites, while still allowing householders to dispose of small amounts of this type of waste from work they are carrying out themselves.

We'll run a campaign to encourage residents to carrying out work on their home to plan for the disposal of this type of waste in advance – either through a licensed skip / bag hire company, commercial weighbridge or licensed waste removal firm.

Signage is being updated at the recycling centres and residents booking to use either Bath or Midsomer Norton recycling centre will be asked if they are bringing this type of waste and reminded of the limits in place.

Introduction of bag sorting

In 2023, over 2,000 tonnes of bagged waste were disposed of in the residual waste bag skips at our recycling centres. Waste sampling of these skips suggest around 50% of the contents could have been recycled.

From 4th March 24, residents bringing bagged waste to our recycling centres will be encouraged to split their bags and sort any recyclables into the appropriate containers.

We are positioning a sorting station table, with clearly labelled recycling boxes, in front of the bag waste skips to assist with this. By encouraging residents to sort their waste further, we hope to increase recycling levels further and help reduce disposal costs.

Initially we will not enforce bin bag sorting but rather use this to start conversations to educate site users into separating out their recycling. Once residents have been stopped and asked a few times to sort their bin bags on site, it is hoped they will start to do this as habit before they visit in future.

The sorting table will be positioned near the bin bag skip with containers for:

- Plastics and cans
- Batteries
- Glass bottles and jars
- Food waste bin

Further information on our recycling centres is available here –

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/find-recycling-centre>

Keynsham Area Forum 21st February 2024

Updates:

- **The A4 Bath to Bristol Corridor consultation** – a lot of feedback has been received and an engagement report is being produced. This will be published on the 'Have Your Say West' website <https://haveyoursaywest.co.uk/>. A further consultation will take place following amendments brought about by the feedback received.
- **Local Plan** – this is the heart of the planning system and is relevant to local areas. The BANES Local Plan consultation commenced 12 February and will end on 8 April. Responses should be sent (preferably) via the website: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/local-plan>

Community Showcase

Saltford Sports Club – over 60 years old and currently looking out how more people can be encouraged to get involved. There are over 650 members. There is a football and a cricket club that make up most of the members. There is a skittles league which plays most of the year. A pétanque court has recently been set up to provide an outdoor activity for the summer. A baseball team plays out of Saltford.

Over £100,000 has been invested in the last 12 months through grants and support from Saltford PC. The indoor and outdoor facilities have been renovated and now there are changing facilities for females, so female teams will be encouraged to use the club.

'Welcome Wednesdays' have started offering free tea, coffee and food. Mencap use the facilities and the annual Santa Dash is hosted and supported by the club.

Keynsham Recycling Centre - Reuse Shop

- A shop selling items too good to throw away has been set up. It aims to encourage people to waste less; provide reasonably priced items for local people; help charities; support circular economy and the climate emergency. It is open Mon – Fri 9am to 3:30 pm and Saturday 9:30 – 3 pm.

Items are not collected from homes.

- Farrans who built the new recycling centre, create jobs and provide training for local people and also work with schools and arrange sites visits for local students. Farrans supports the local communities and charities and have planted many trees.

Bath Road Development

- It is hoped to build 208 new homes, 30% of which will be affordable.
- There will be open spaces
- A play area
- A new school pitch
- Allotments
- Orchard
- Improved cycle and pedestrian pathway alongside the A4 towards Keynsham

Tintagel Close

- Work will commence by CURO once the last building has been vacated.
- There will be no gas. Heating will be by air source heat pumps, modified for the flats.
- Some of the recreational area will be need for building on but what is left will be enhanced and there will be structural work to improve the drainage.