



NOTICE OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This virtual 'Zoom' meeting is on Monday February 8th 2021 at 7pm

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AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies for absence
3. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011
4. Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish

4.1 Response from Cllr Stephen Reade in relation to Minute 2910 Jan 11th 2021

I have discussed the (Design Statement) issue that Cllr Young raised with officers. I understand that discussions are on-going at the moment and no preferred approach, either from officers or the PC has been finalised. I've asked officers to update me as soon as there is more firmed up approach. I will support what is best for the community.

4.2 Response from SGC Planning to Cllr Young in relation to Minute 2910 Jan 11th 2021

I've had the following response from Patrick Conroy regarding Westerleigh Parish Council's suggestion for an alternative approach to recognising the distinctive design features of a community:

Having discussed with colleagues, while we can see the benefits of the approach Westerleigh PC are suggesting, this is not something we have factored into preparing as part of the Local Plan 2020 work programme and therefore currently do not have the resources to undertake this.

As I hope the parish council will appreciate, our main priority is to progress the preparation of the new local plan spatial strategy and policy framework. The intention is we will include a new policy that will replace policies CS1 and PSP1. This will set out how development proposals need to take full account of character and local distinctiveness and how master-planning, design codes and the use of local materials all contribute to creating well-designed places. This would also need to reflect any statutory requirements following the Planning White Paper and potential suggestions to include district wide design codes as part of preparing Local Plans, although the Government are yet to provide details/ resources for how this is to be undertaken. My previous reply set out the options we think are available to the parish council to progress a refresh of the VDS.

4.3 District Councillors' Report

The Current Spread of Covid-19

The 7 day infection rate within South Gloucestershire, between 23rd and 29th January, was 231.5 per 100k. This was a 25.1% decrease on the rate between 16th and 22nd January. Cases amongst residents aged 60 and older have now started to fall. Residents, however, are being urged to remember that the vaccine is not fully effective until you have received two doses and, even then, there is no evidence that they cannot pass on the virus to others. Therefore, it is crucial we all continue to follow guidance on hands, face and space. The latest data can be found at <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/covid-19-dashboard-for-south-gloucestershire/> and at <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/interactive-map>.

Health officials have recently announced the detection of a cluster of cases in Bristol and South Gloucestershire of a mutated form of the UK Covid-19 variant (which was first identified in Kent). This is not the same variant as identified in South Africa or Brazil. The recent mutation (E484K) will be reviewed by the national variant technical group, which may recommend that the Bristol and South Gloucestershire cluster should be included in the national programme for further in depth investigation alongside additional action such as enhanced contact tracing, epidemiological mapping, additional testing and genome typing.

Although this news of the new mutation is concerning official advice remains same. It is imperative that residents continue to observe social distancing guidelines and abide by the restrictions in place. It is important that we stay at home unless it is absolutely essential to go out. This includes working from home if you can.

Covid Vaccination Programme and Concessionary Bus Passes Changes

Regionally a majority of care home residents and staff and a significant proportion of over 80-year-olds have been vaccinated. Local people aged 75+ are now being contacted about receiving their first vaccination dose. If you fall into these categories, but have not yet been contacted, the NHS will be in touch soon. Please do not contact your local practice; they will contact you when it is your turn.

There are currently 19 GP surgeries, 2 hospital hubs and the mass site at Ashton Gate delivering vaccinations across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

The roll out has expanded in the last week to include pharmacies and employer hubs who are large providers of care. Billings Pharmacy in Kingswood and Ellacombe Pharmacy in Longwell Green have joined the programme so far but it is hoped that more pharmacies will shortly follow suit.

The West of England Combined Authority (WECA) and North Somerset Council, to help residents get to and from vaccination centres, have removed the time restrictions on the use of concessionary bus passes. Passes will now be valid at all times up to Friday 26th February in South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol and North Somerset.

The vaccine roll-out is great news, but we must still do our bit to stop the spread by staying at home (except for specific essential reasons), following the Hands, Face, Space advice when out, and self-isolating and getting a test when necessary. Useful information about testing, self-isolation and vaccinations can be found at <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/testing/> as well as <https://bnssghealthiertogether.org.uk/covid-19-mass-vaccination/>.

Library Services during Lockdown

In line with government guidance, the South Gloucestershire Library Service is now providing click and collect, home delivery services to existing users and digital services. Find out more about what services are being provided in an alternative form during lockdown at <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/changes-to-library-services-during-covid19/>.

Phase 1 Consultation on South Gloucestershire Local Plan

The Phase 1 Consultation is an elementary exercise exploring and discussing the issues, challenges and approaches that could inform our new Local Plan. The consultation will run for 12 weeks from Friday 27th November 2020 until Monday 1st March 2021. Due to Covid-19 and the current national lockdown this consultation will be entirely digital for the early part of December although this situation will be kept under close review should circumstances significantly improve.

This consultation we seek people's views on:

- the issues and priorities that should shape the Council's plans for the next 15 years
- how the Council determines its choices (e.g. where to locate large numbers of new homes and jobs, how to protect and enhance our built and natural environment, which areas to protect from adverse growth/change, etc.).
- how to approach growth and change in our existing urban areas
- how we can start considering growth and change in our rural communities
- the range of planning policies to be included in the new Local Plan
- early drafts of some policies (e.g. climate change, design, parking, etc.)

This first consultation will not address the overall housing requirement or where major development will be directed. Nor will it suggest any revisions to the Green Belt or defined settlement boundaries. It is about early ideas, discussions and suggested approaches which will inform subsequent drafting stages. The consultation documents and supporting information are available at www.southglos.gov.uk/newlocalplan.

Consultations

To support the production of the forthcoming Local Plan 2020, as well as provide evidence for the review of planning policies CS8 and PSP11, South Gloucestershire Council has produced the first drafts of 71 Data and Access Profiles (DAPs). They are updated versions of the Sustainable Access Profiles (SAPs) that formed part of the abandoned Joint Spatial Plan and Local Plan 2018-36. They cover both urban and rural settlements. DAPs should contain pertinent factual information about these settlements from a planning perspective; they are designed to function as part of the evidence base for Phase Two of the Local Plan (due out towards the end of 2021) and the final draft of Local Plan document that aims to be submitted for adoption in 2023.

This consultation allows residents to review the DAPs and submit comments/corrections for officers to review. Residents can highlight any omissions or errors within the DAPs so they can be amended prior to the forthcoming stages the Local Plan. All of the DAPs can be found at <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/DAPS2020/>. The consultation opened on 27th November 2020 and closes on 1st March 2021.

5. Pre-arranged items from members of Public
 - 5.1 Dean Ashpole-Chapman to speak in relation to Serridge Lane Mafeking Scout building plans & Grant Application
 - 5.2 Christopher Burton – to speak in relation to proposed development at BellaVista in Westerleigh village
6. Parish Councillor Reports – written submissions, taken as read with questions taken as necessary
7. Council to Approve Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on January 11th 2021
8. Council to note receipt of monthly finance documents for January 2021
9. Council to consider Planning Applications (other than those dealt with under COVID-19 Standing orders)
Applications & comments are listed on: <http://www.westerleighparishcouncil.org.uk/parishioners-planning/>
10. Council to receive Clerk report regarding ongoing matters and approvals where required including:
New Facebook page and Communications update; Budget for otter fencing project;
Progress with Insurance Renewal quotes; Council Tax liability on Bitterwell Chalet;
Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting;
Vacancies for Coalpit Heath Parish Councillors;
11. Correspondence/Communication with Westerleigh Parish Council From SGC
 - March 2021 Census information
 - Temporary road closure Nibley Lane (south of Badminton Rd) This closure is required in connection due to works road crossing for a new electricity supply and installation of new cables to allow the removal of overhead cables. Estimated from 22nd February to 25th February 2021.
 - Possible 5 day closure of Coalsack Lane from its junction with Westerleigh Road to its junction with The Hollows.(After March 1st)
 - Letter from Revenue Officer dealing with Council Tax at Bitterwell Chalet
- Other
 - From Dodington PC – communications over Shire Way mud on road & lorry speeding issues
 - Email from residents concerned over Bella Vista development plan
 - Yate town improvement masterplan – next stage workshops (third date Tuesday 23rd February 2021 7.00pm to 8.30pm)
 - Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill Alliance team re the Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill
 - Thank you letter from GWAAC for grant in January 2021
 - Information Commissioner (ICO) Annual GDPR registration
12. Council to consider responses to Consultations
Continuation of Parish Council comments on Local Plan Phase 1 Consultation

13. Council to consider RESOLUTION to continue with COVID-19 Delegated Powers to the Clerk and to continue dealing with Grant Applications & Planning Applications by email
14. Items considered urgent or exempt by the Chairman
15. Dates of future Parish Council meetings/Committee meetings
Environment & Leisure Committee Monday Feb 22nd 7pm Zoom
Full Parish Council meeting Monday March 8th 7pm Zoom