



NOTICE OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This virtual 'Zoom' meeting is on Monday January 11th 2021 at 7pm

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Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chairman to this first 2021 meeting of Westerleigh Parish Council
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 Westerleigh Parish Council – Frampton Cotterell District Councillors' Report

The Current Spread of Covid-19 and Mobile Testing Site Relocation

Last week the government announced that England is to enter its third period of national lockdown. Residents who are able to work from home should do so and they should only leave home for essential purposes; this includes food shopping, daily exercise, medical appointments/testing, and to leave unsafe households. From Tuesday 5th January schools have moved to remote learning for most pupils with the exception of vulnerable children and those whose parents/guardians are essential workers. Exams will not occur in the summer as previously scheduled and university students should not return to their campuses. This latest lockdown will remain in place until the middle of February, and ministers will keep these measures under constant review

South Gloucestershire had been in Tier 3 prior to this week's announcement along with Bristol, North Somerset and Bath & North East Somerset (BANES). Somerset County Council and Gloucestershire County Council were both in Tier 4. The 7 day infection rate within South Gloucestershire, between 25th and 31st December, was 343.7 per 100k. This was an 83.9% increase on the rate between 18th and 24th December. Infections in Bristol increased by 78.8%, North Somerset by 57.8% and BANES by 74.4%. There was a distinct risk that local health services could start to be overwhelmed if action were not taken. This is despite the fact that the current infection rate in South Gloucestershire is below the average rate within England. The latest data is at <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/covid-19-dashboard-for-south-gloucestershire/> and at <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/interactive-map>.

The mobile testing unit (MTU) that was at The Ridings, Chipping Sodbury has moved to the Council Depot at Culvert Avenue, Yate. The MTU is a drive through testing facility, mainly serving South Gloucestershire residents, and is for people with symptoms of Covid. Residents should book to take a test if they develop symptoms of coronavirus by calling 119 or via www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test. Nobody should turn up at the site if they have not booked an appointment beforehand. Anybody who turns up without an appointment will be turned away.

Start Date of 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 his 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.

To explain the role and content of this consultation South Gloucestershire Council held digital briefing and Q&A sessions for district councillors, town/parish councillors and their clerks in December. An electronic copy of the accompanying presentation was subsequently circulated to attendees. The consultation documents and supporting information are available at www.southglos.gov.uk/newlocalplan.

Five Year Housing Land Supply Figure for 2020 Published

After a slight delay South Gloucestershire Council has published its initial calculation of the Five Year Housing Land Supply (based upon the results of the government's 2019 Housing Delivery Test). This shows that South Gloucestershire Council can demonstrate a Housing Land Supply for 5.28 years. The council's current planning policies, as set out in the Core Strategy and the Policies, Sites & Places Plan (PSP), are therefore not considered to be outdated according to the terms of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This means they do not carry reduced weight when it comes to the determination of the planning balance for any given planning application.

Safeguarding and the Manor Primary School Playing Field

Officers have not advanced discussions regarding ongoing safeguarding concerns relating to physical education lessons on the playing field. This has been due to other projects having a higher priority. A follow up remote meeting between South Gloucestershire Council officers, district councillors and school representatives has been mooted to take place later in January although, with the announcement of the latest lockdown, this may now slip into February.

Delays to Some Recycling Collections

The StreetCare team at South Gloucestershire Council has announced there were delays to some recycling collections after Christmas. This is due to some collection staff needing to self-isolate as well as the high volumes of recycling from Christmas and New Year. Despite trying to catch up with the missed collections from last week a decision was taken to leave these and return to scheduled collections to minimise further disruption to the service.

If your recycling collection was missed after Christmas please take your recycling back on to your property and put it out again on your next scheduled collection day. Teams will collect extra bags of recycling next to residents' recycling containers. Residents can check their next collection date at www.southglos.gov.uk/collectionday.

South Gloucestershire Council Consults on its Budget for 2021/22

In the past decade South Gloucestershire Council has needed to make tens of millions of pounds worth of cuts as funding from central government has been stringently cut. The Covid pandemic has added to the financial strain on the council's budget, increasing the demand for council services whilst cutting income. Officers do not yet know how much additional funding the council could receive from the Government to alleviate this unforeseen financial burden. Next year's budget consequently remains a provisional work in progress.

Residents have until Sunday 3rd January 2021 to tell South Gloucestershire Council what they think about its budget, council tax proposals and savings plan for next year. They can find the consultation at <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/Budget2021/>.

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.

4.2 The District Cllr report from the Boyd Valley Cllrs Ben Stokes & Stephen Reade is attached.

5. Pre-arranged items from members of Public
6. Parish Councillor Reports – written submissions, taken as read with questions taken as necessary
6.1 Questions and tensions that arisen over the use of the route through The Olde Inne car park giving access to Westerleigh Playing Field. Clarification has been sought on the status of the route. It is currently closed due to unwanted behaviour in the car park. South Glos Council have confirmed it is not a public right of way.
7. Council to Approve Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on December 7th 2020
8. Council to note receipt of Minutes & draft budget V3 from F & GP Committee meeting December 14th 2020
9. Council to discuss/approve draft budget as formulated by F & GP Committee on 14.12.2020
10. Council to discuss/approve PRECEPT as formulated by F & GP Committee on 14.12.2020
11. Council to note receipt of monthly finance documents for December 2020
12. 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/>
13. Council to receive information and requirements for way forward with Emergency Plan
14. Council to discuss further ideas for use of Community Benefit money including
Defibrillators; War Memorial conservation works;
15. Committee to receive Clerk report regarding ongoing matters and approvals where required including
Discharge of Conditions on Chalet – plan of bird/bat boxes & tree report needed;
Otters at Bitterwell Lake;
Plans for replacement Scout building;
Great Western Air Ambulance grant application;
Lake sub-group or E & L Meeting arrangements;
16. 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
17. Council to receive information and discuss a possible update to The Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath Village Design Statement (VDS)
18. Correspondence/Communication with Westerleigh Parish Council
From SGC
Localism Contract
Council tax referendum principles
Feedback Report - Badminton Rd to A4174 Ring Road, Reallocation of road space for cycling, Stage 1
Notification Family Group Conference Service Decommissioning Proposals Consultation
Other
Avon Pension Fund – Exit Cap Waiver Guidance published
19. Council to consider responses to Consultations
Local Plan Phase 1 – Issues and Approaches
20. Items considered urgent or exempt by the Chairman
21. Dates of future Parish Council meetings/Committee meetings
Feb 8th 2021 Full Parish Council meeting

Westerleigh Parish Council

January Council Update

Forwarded by Ben and Steve

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has announced a third lockdown for England, a decision which comes as the case rate of Covid-19 is increasing rapidly across the UK and similarly across the south west region and here in South Gloucestershire.

The number of Covid-19 patients in hospitals is growing and the health system continues to be under pressure. In the seven days up to 1 January there were 1,087 cases in South Gloucestershire and the infection rate for that period was 381 per 100,000 people – a 119.2 per cent increase. This rate is similar to Bristol and higher than North Somerset.

We are working with NHS colleagues to support the roll-out of vaccination to local residents as this is the most important route out of the current restrictions and we will be raising with the government what more we can do to support the immunisation programme.

With all schools closing from today, other than for vulnerable and critical worker children and moving to remote learning until at least February half-term, this has been a difficult adjustment for everyone. We are working hard to ensure that the educational and mental health support for our children is impacted as little as possible by further time outside of the classroom.

With the new variant of Covid-19, it is absolutely essential that we take responsibility for our own actions and do all we can to stop the spread of the virus while the vaccines are being rolled-out.

In the meantime, we are here to help and you can find details of support below as well as a link to the new lockdown rules.

Council service updates

Changes to services

We are changing how some of our services are accessed in line with the government guidance. Please see our [service disruption webpage](#) which we will be continuing to update over the next few days as further details are released.

Cold weather

Further cold weather is on its way. Please be assured that our gritters are well prepared and have plenty of supplies. You can ensure you are prepared for cold weather too by following these top [tips](#).

Lockdown grants for businesses

The government has announced that it is committing £4.6 billion to new lockdown grants to support businesses and protect jobs. Businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors are to receive a one-off grant worth up to £9,000. Read the full announcement [here](#). As soon as these new grants are open for applications and we have further details, we will post them on our webpage, social media and via our business newsletter. You can sign up for our business newsletter [here](#).

Access to education, remote learning and early years

Following the government announcement yesterday, colleges, primary (reception onwards) and secondary schools will remain open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. All other children will learn remotely until February half term.

Those in higher education such as universities, will also be learning online until mid-February other than students on future critical worker courses such as medicine, teacher training and social work who will return to face to face learning as planned and be tested on arrival.

Nurseries and early years providers are not required to close. Contact your childcare provider for further information.

Read the full announcement [here](#).

Recycling and food waste

It is currently taking our crews longer than normal to complete all their rounds as we are experiencing high demand following Christmas. If you think your collection has been missed, bear with us and do not report a missed collection until the next working day.

You can check what day your recycling and food waste will be collected on our [waste and recycling collection dates](#) page.

Help our crews collect your waste and recycling by:

- sorting your recycling – check what you can put in your different bins and containers on our [how to sort your waste and recycling](#) page
- putting your containers out by 7am on your normal collection day
- keeping your bin lid closed
- parking considerately
- recycling collections for households with communal bins will carry on as normal.

Public health advice

New national lockdown rules

You must stay at home. You should follow the guidance immediately. You must not leave or be outside of your home except where you have a [‘reasonable excuse’](#). This will be put in law. The police can take action against you if you break the rules can be found in full [here](#).

Reasons you can leave your home

A reminder that reasons you can leave your home include testing if you are symptomatic, vaccinations and medical appointments. Health providers have Covid-secure measures in place, so please do not delay seeking medical help or receiving any vaccinations.

You can read here the full list of permitted [reasons to leave your home](#), which includes anyone suffering from domestic abuse or violence.

Support from voluntary groups

If you need support such as someone to collect your prescriptions or walk your dog, there are many voluntary groups in South Gloucestershire who can help out. You can find our list of volunteers and community groups [here](#).

In your community

Thanking our volunteers

On each of the 12 days of Christmas, we have celebrated local heroes, thanking our volunteers and community groups. Today we marked the last of the 12 days by featuring the Wotton Area Mutual Aid group, who offered free Christmas dinners to those on their own on Christmas Day or who were unable to cook, in partnership with the Long Table. You can find all 12 stories on our Facebook page [here](#).

Useful sources of information

- South Gloucestershire Council dedicated webpage:
www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus
- Our partner Southern Brooks for support with food deliveries, prescriptions, mental health support and much more on 0333 577 4666 Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00.
- South Gloucestershire Council social media accounts: [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Latest information from the government on Covid-19:
www.gov.uk/coronavirus
- NHS information on Covid-19:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/
- British Sign Language (BSL) videos from Public Health England on Coronavirus and staying well this winter are available on our [YouTube channel](#)
- British Sign Language (BSL) videos from South Gloucestershire Council with short updates on the Covid-19 situation in South Gloucestershire are available on [our website](#).

