



NOTICE OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday April 11th (following Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm) Manor Hall

Members of the public attending this meeting – PLEASE do not attend if you have been in contact with any other person who has tested positive for COVID within the last 5 days (with or without symptoms) or if you are feeling unwell.

Please respect social distance from others. Hand sanitizer will be available.

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 & Introduction
2. Apologies for absence
3. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011 relating to this meeting
4. Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the Parish – SEE APPENDIX 1
5. Pre-arranged items from members of Public
6. PLANNING:
 - (a) Council to NOTE comments submitted since last meeting
 - (b) Council to discuss/comment on any necessary Planning Applications or other Planning Matters including:
7. Parish Councillor Reports – written submissions, taken as read with questions taken as necessary
8. Council to Approve [Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on March 14th 2022](#)
9. Council to NOTE receipt of E & L draft Minutes from 28.3.2022
10. Council to NOTE monthly end of March Finance documents
11. Council to receive update of Traffic Management Request Scheme submission for Henfield Road/Roundways parking issues
12. Council to receive any updates or discuss issues in relation to WESSEX WATER/Bitterwell Lake at Ram Hill
13. Council to receive update relating to a Housing Needs Survey for Westerleigh ward of this Parish Council
14. Council to receive update and consider AWT funding proposals for future years from Says Court Farm agreement following Zoom call 7.4.22
15. Correspondence/Communication with Westerleigh Parish Council:

From SGC:
PT.7251 Henfield Road, Coalpit Heath - Temporary Road Closure from end of May 2022
LICENSING: Notification of Hearing for The South Glos Show, Windmill Fishery, Westerleigh Road, BS37 8QZ. 27th April Those wishing to make a representation need to notify by 19th April

Other received items
Notification of Western Power £500,000 fund for tackling loneliness - Community Matters Fund
Deputy Clerk report on Town & Parish Council Forum – SEE APPENDIX 2
16. Council to consider/approve the subject of Councillor email addresses
17. Council to receive information from Clerk regarding ongoing matters and approval where relevant
Progress with EOY accounts; E & L progress points; Renewal of free WERN membership; Manor Hall planned works;
18. CONSULTATIONS
 - (a) Yate, Chipping Sodbury, A432 and A4174 improvements
<https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/YCSWW/consultationHome>
 - (b) Yate Spur Transport Consultation <https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/YateSpur/consultationHome>
19. Items considered urgent or exempt by the Chairman
20. Dates of future Full Parish council meetings
Monday May 9th Annual Parish Council meeting Westerleigh Village Hall 7pm
Monday June 13th Full Parish Council meeting HENFIELD Hall 7pm

Appendix 1 **Westerleigh Parish Council – District Councillors’ Report**

Bus Service Cuts and Timetable Changes

The Government has announced that financial support provided under the Bus Recovery Grant (BRG) scheme will finish in October. The West of England Combined Authority (WECA) were notified by local bus operators of many service changes, coming into effect from Sunday 24th April 2022, as operators adjust to the government’s announcement. Bus operators have provided the following update on the pressures they are experiencing:

In recent months we have experienced significant driver shortage across the West of England – we have seen increased numbers of leavers, due primarily to drivers being tempted into the HGV industry by significantly inflated wages for haulage companies (following the HGV crisis). [...] As well as increased leavers we also continue to experience driver sickness at approximately 9% (normally at this time of year this would be around 3%) some of which is COVID related.

Recruitment has also been significantly challenging in recent months. [...] With our current levels of attrition and sickness we are approximately 120 drivers short of our required establishment.

WECA will be supporting a number of bus services, using underspends from their 2021/22 budget, that would have been withdrawn for being commercially unviable. This includes the Y3 that serves Iron Acton and the Y5 that serves Westerleigh village. As the ongoing financial support from WECA cannot be guaranteed in the long term replacement services will be put out to tender at the end of August.

Y1 (Bristol)	Chipping Sodbury – Yate – Nibley – Coalpit Heath – Frenchay – Bristol Bus Station	Timetable amendment.
Y2 (Bristol)	Yate – Nibley – Coalpit Heath – Downend – Fishponds – Eastville - Bristol Bus Station	Service Withdrawn. Passengers can use services Y1, Y4, Y6, 86 and 680 an alternative.
Y3 (Bristol)	Yate – Iron Acton – Frampton Cotterell – Winterbourne – Hambrook – Bristol Bus Station	Timetable Changes: WECA is funding the full service as it is no longer commercially viable. It will include a replacement service within the tender round to start from 28 th August 2022.
Y4 (Bristol)	Yate – Nibley – Coalpit Heath – Frampton Cotterell – Winterbourne – Hambrook – Frenchay – Broomhill – Stapleton – Eastville - Bristol Bus Station	Route amendment, service will now terminate at Yate Park and Ride. Frequency reduction to every 90 minutes.
Y5 (Bristol)	Chipping Sodbury – Yate – Westerleigh – Pucklechurch – Shortwood – Mangotsfield – Staple Hill – Fishponds – Eastville – Bristol Bus Station	Timetable Change: WECA is funding the full service as it is no longer commercially viable. It will include a replacement service within the tender round to start from 28 th August 2022.
Y6 (Bristol)	Chipping Sodbury – Yate – Nibley – Coalpit Heath – Frampton Cotterell – Winterbourne – Stoke Gifford – Little Stoke – Patchway – Cribbs Causeway – Filton – Southmead Hospital	Timetable changes.

Completion on the Yate Spur Cycleway Consultation

South Gloucestershire Council is seeking the views of residents and stakeholders on its proposals to finish the Yate Spur Cycle Path. This will provide a safe cycle connection from Yate to the Bristol and Bath Railway Path and the wider cycle network. This will give residents and visitors better options for walking, cycling and horse riding.

The purpose of this scheme is to provide a new walking and cycling route segregated from motor vehicles which will make it safer and more attractive to walk or cycle between Westerleigh and Yate. These facilities will be designed to be suitable for use by people of all abilities, will encourage walking, and enhance safety for cyclists. The proposals include completing the sections of route between Westerleigh village and Yate that do not currently have off road provision for cyclists. The scheme will also include a section of segregated equestrian path.

Funding for the improvements will be provided by the West of England Combined Authority’s (WECA’s) funding from Central Government. Any new infrastructure will not be funded from South Gloucestershire Council’s budget for capital projects and so will not take money away from other council services or projects. Funding is subject to

business case approval by WECA. An outline business case is due to be submitted later this year. Following approval of the outline business case, further opportunity will be provided to comment as part of a planning application for the scheme. A full business case will be submitted once detailed design and planning consent has been completed/granted. Estimated start date would be spring 2023.

[This consultation runs until 20th April. More details can be found at https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/YateSpur/.](https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/YateSpur/)

Member Award Funding for 2022/23

Do you know of any local community group that is looking for funding for a project? If they mainly serve people in Frampton Cotterell ward (Frampton Cotterell, Coalpit Heath, Iron Acton, Rangeworthy, Tytherington and surrounding areas), get in touch with us about Member Awarded Funding (MAF). Between us we have a total of £9,000 to allocate to local projects in the coming year. We are particularly keen to hear from groups and communities that haven't applied to us before.

If your project benefits people from a much wider area, covering much of South Gloucestershire, you can apply for an Area Wide Grant (AWG). The deadline for the first round of applications for 2022/23 is 9th May 2022.

For both grants, your group needs to be registered with the council's grants system. You can find more information on AWG at www.southglos.gov.uk/AWG and about all community grants available through the council at www.southglos.gov.uk/grants

Appendix 2

Summary of T & PC Forum 5.4.22

Cllr McCullough & the Deputy Clerk attended the Town & Parish Council Forum meeting.

Update from Community Cohesion rep

Over the weekend a number of cars were burned out in the local area (including Bradley Stoke, Stoke Gifford, Little Stoke, Patchway) - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-60972632>) Rachel Williams-Lock from SGC fed back that the incidents are thought to be linked to patriotic groups, and patriotic leaflets may be circulating in the local area. **If you are aware of such leaflets being circulated locally please report this to Rachel or the police.**

- Update from ALCA (Avon Local Councils Association)

-The Bath and North East Somerset ALCA group is carrying out some work around improving its relationship with WECA (or lack thereof). There is scope for the South Glos ALCA group to learn from this/ do something similar.
- ALCA has received feedback from clerks about lack of recent police engagement with parish council meetings. ALCA is looking into solutions.

-ALCA has launched a FREE one hour e-learning course for councillors (and officers) 'An Introduction to Local Councils'. Our Chairman Rob McCullough is going to try it out and will let us know how he finds it. ALCA would like all councillors to complete it. <https://www.avonlca.org.uk/events/e-learning-courses/872-an-introduction-to-local-councils>

- South Glos Housing Strategy – public consultation from 1st July 2022 for 9 weeks

South Glos is developing a (non-statutory) housing strategy which will set out a broad vision for how good housing could be in the next 30 years (Brian Glasson's words – it was somewhat unclear at the meeting what outcomes the strategy will deliver over and above what the Local Plan and its planning policies will deliver).

- South Glos Planning Service review May (24-26th)

Brian Glasson informed the meeting of the following... the Planning Service will be having a review in May (24-26th) where external reviewers will come and look at how the service is performing -what do we do well? what could we do better? as part of an on-going process of seeking to improve service delivery: we will be forming stakeholder groups and would very much like one of these to be parish and town councils, who would have the opportunity to feedback directly to the review panel members. We will send more details out soon, but I just wanted to start to sow the seed.

- Ukraine refugees – Homes for Ukraine and SGC involvement

Mark Pullin from SGC informed the meeting of the work SGC will be carrying out to support the national Homes for Ukraine scheme (whereby 'sponsors' are matched with Ukrainian 'guests' and submit a joint visa application). Separately from the visa application process SGC has responsibility for schooling, carrying out safeguarding/ DBS checks for the sponsors, and the Private Sector Housing Team will be doing accommodation inspections e.g. gas safety, smoke alarms etc. Wraparound care will also be provided by a partner to organise essentials for guest - £200 emergency cash, a smartphone, library access. In the longer term SGC will be looking at how to involve guests with the local community and the Ukrainian community in the area. At the moment SGC is relying on

sponsors informing them of guest arrival dates. **If a sponsor has not heard from SGC and is expecting a family to arrive they should make contact via the dedicated email**

address homesforukraine@southglos.gov.uk PCs can signpost sponsors to this address.

Watch this space for more information.

- Open Forum

Cllrs raised concerns about short deadlines for SGC consultations, lack of notice and the number of consultations happening in quick succession. Rob gave the consultation on the Yate, Chipping Sodbury A432 corridor to A4174 Cold Harbour lane as an example. The relationship between WECA and town and parish councils, i.e. lack thereof, was also raised. SGC will request an appropriate WECA rep attend a future meeting or pop-up event.

The next meeting in July will be in person (@ Bradley Stoke Town Council) and Dave Perry SGC CEX will be attending.