



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY AT 7:30pm ON MONDAY 21st DECEMBER 2020

PRESENT: Councillors: Paul Harding (Chairman), Phil Baird (Vice-Chairman), Phil Adams, Paul Blatchford, Steve Davies, Nick Manley, Maggie McCarthy, Dawn Parry, Paul Philcox & John Wormald.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Liz Shayler (Clerk)
WARD COUNCILLOR: None
AVON & SOMERSET POLICE: None
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

Cllr Paul Harding, opened the meeting by welcoming everybody.

Before the meeting was reconvened Members of the public were invited to speak.

Members of the public

No members of the public were present

Community Beat Manager's report

The following report was received for the period 15/11/2020 to 21/12/2020.

Calls from Parish = 59 with the following selection of crimes reported: 10 abandoned 999 calls, 3 anti-social behaviour, 3 concern for welfare, 1 covid-19 breach, 2 criminal damage, 2 public order, 9 suspicious activity, 2 theft of/from vehicle and 6 traffic related.

Residents are reminded that we are sadly still very much in the height of the Covid pandemic and will continue to be for some time yet. Residents are asked to ensure that everyone sticks to the latest guidance given by the government, more fines are being issued in North Somerset for those that are caught breaking these rules.

The Police have seen a disappointing rise in abandoned 999 calls coming from the telephone box in West Street carpark which residents were reminded is an offence without an emergency. Abandoned 999 calls take up the valuable time of an emergency operator which could cause a delay in dealing with a real emergency. Residents were asked should you see anyone running away or loitering near the phone box please do get in touch. Individuals found guilty of this will be dealt with under the "misuse of the tele communications act"

If residents need any assistance from their local beat team they were asked to get in touch via 101, Twitter @ASPWSM or the Avon and Somerset police website (in your area). The Beat Team want to wish the residents of Banwell a very safe Christmas..

Ward Councillor's report

No Ward Councillor was present and no report has been received.

The meeting was convened

223/20 To receive apologies for absence (agenda item 1)

Apologies were received from District Cllr Karin Haverson

224/20 To receive members' declarations of interest on any agenda item (agenda item 2)

No declarations of interest were received.

225/20 To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 16th November 2020 (agenda item 3)

Resolved – That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th November 2020 be approved as a correct record.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous with once abstentions due to absence)

The minutes of the meetings will be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

226/20 To note the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7th December 2020 (agenda item 4)

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on the 7th December 2020 were noted.

227/20 To receive the Clerk's report/Exchange of information (agenda item 5)

i) Christmas Meal Initiative and the ASDA Foundation Grant

Fifteen families have taken up the Christmas meal initiative with an overall request for sixty meals. The Clerk has made an application to the ASDA Foundation for a grant of £300 to cover expenses but given the volume of grant applications that they have received any allocations have been put on hold until the New Year.

ii) 'Chocs for Champs' Initiative

78 chocolate selection packs have been purchased and have been given out to both Banwell primary and secondary aged Children registered as either young carers or pupil premium at Banwell and Churchill School. Thanks, were given to the residents whose financial donation covered the costs for this and those that kindly wrapped them.

iii) Non-Food Essential Parcel

Seventeen parcels have been distributed. Thanks, were given to residents who contributed non-food items and financially.

iv) Youth & Community (YCC) Centre Car Park

The ditch adjacent to the Scout building has now been filled in. The Scouting Association are looking into moving the telegraph pole which currently holds the YCC's phone lines.

v) Buy in Banwell media campaign

The first job of the new Communications, Marketing and Grant Funding Officer (Comms Officer) was to research local businesses to update the Parish Councils website and Facebook page. She established a '#buyinbanwell' which has proved extremely popular with the posts reaching 3228 people.

vi) E-newsletter

Currently there is concern about the future of the Parish Magazine and so the Comms Officer has been asked to investigate an e-newsletter. In consultation with the Church, she is looking at a questionnaire determining what the public like about the content / frequency and format of the Parish Magazine and what their feelings are about the future. The aim is to go live with this across a variety of platforms including as a hard copy.

vii) Local Council Climate Communications Pilot

The Parish Council are signed up to the 'Climate Communications for Parish Councils' pilot run by the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE). The pilot is from December 2020 – March 2021 and aims to help Parish Councils spread the word about climate issues. The first month's theme is 'insulating your home', so the Comms Officer has started sharing posts about this. The themes are as follows: December – insulating your home, January – land management, February – reducing waste, March – active/local travel. Councillors were encouraged to like any posts to help them reach more people.

viii) **British Legion**

The British Legion have asked that the Parish Council consider a location for a tree celebrating the centenary of the British Legion.

ix) **Low water pressure**

There is concern in the parish about areas of low water pressure. It is hoped that Bristol Water could be persuaded to speak to the Parish Council about this issue.

x) **YCC doors & Boiler**

The meeting was informed that Urban Windows Limited would be replacing the Youth & Community Centre doors at the beginning of January at a price of £4900 inc VAT.

xi) **National Grids Archaeological presentation**

The first presentation was well received. It has been suggested that the finds are of national importance including over 500 coins. The presentation will be repeated in January

228/20 To note the training and events available and agree any attendance (agenda item 6)

(i) **Jan 20th 2-3pm Appraisal Techniques £30 – The Clerk**

Resolved – To agree the cost of £30 for the attendance of the Clerk

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

(ii) **18th Feb ALCA Internal Financial Control webinar, 10.00 -11.30 £30**

No one to attend this webinar

229/20 To authorise the following expenditure (agenda item 7)

(i) **£15 for annual Somerset Playing Fields Association (SPFA) subscription**

Resolved – To agree the cost of £15 for the annual SPFA subscription

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

(ii) **£74.28 for a sit stand desk**

Resolved – To agree the cost of £74.28 for a sit stand desk

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

230/20 To discuss the cost of replacement litter bins (agenda item 8)

Resolved – To agree the cost of £131.68 for a Glasdon Trimline 25 to be located at the entrance to West Street Carpark.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

231/20 To discuss becoming a member of Campaign for Protection for Rural England (CPRE) for a suggested donation of £100 (agenda item 9)

Resolved – To not become a member of CPRE

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous with one abstention)

232/20 To agree to keep the fees for the Cemetery the same for the financial year 2021/2022 (agenda item 10)

Resolved – That given the given the current situation in relation to covid-19 to keep the Cemetery fees the same for the financial year 2021/2022.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

233/20 To discuss the request from The Methodist Church about the erection of a sign in their car park to prevent unauthorised car parking (agenda item 11)

Resolved – That the Parish Council support the erection of a small sign attached to the inner wall of the Methodist Church's Carpark.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

234/20 To discuss the request from Churchill Sports and Leisure Centre Working Party and agree two representatives (agenda item 12);

Resolved – That the Parish Council support the reopening of the Churchill Sports and Leisure Centre and that two Banwell representatives for the working party be advertised on social media.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

235/20 To discuss the 2021 / 2022 Parish Council budget and precept request (agenda item 13);

The Clerk informed the Council that this year a budget of £132,705 was being recommended which was a precept requirement of £93,908. The budget requirement has continued to increase due to refitting the Youth and Community Centre and additional projects throughout the Parish. Whilst the precept request will be the same as last year then due to a tax base decrease because of COVID-19 then this will result in a precept increase of 1.9%. This equates to £1.61 a year or approximately 13p a month for a band D property.

Resolved: To agree the 2020/2021 budget and to submit the resultant precept requirement to North Somerset.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

236/20 To note North Somersets Active Travel Strategy and agree a way forward (agenda item 14).

Resolved: That the response agreed at the meeting be submitted to North Somerset.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

237/20 To note the Governments 'Standards Matter 2' consultation and agree a way forward (agenda item 15).

Resolved: To submit the following response to the consultation "The Government need to abide by the Standards set, as Parish Councils do, before they try to change them".

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

238/20 To authorise bills for payment (agenda item 16)

Resolved: To authorise December's bills for payment of £9250.54 Cllr Harding and Cllr Baird to authorise the BACs payments.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

239/20 To note the Parish Council's end of November, bank balances and bank reconciliation (agenda item 17)

The Parish Council's end of November's bank balances and bank reconciliation were noted.

240/20 Dates of the next meetings – (agenda item 18)

4th January 2021 7pm Planning Committee remotely <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/279564797>

18th January 2021 – 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82684306618>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:50

.....Chairman

.....Date

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Bills for Payment - 15th November to the 15th December 2020
Banwell Parish Council

Method	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Column1	Minute agreed	Power
Already Paid								The Parish Council have have resolved to use the the General Power of Competence as of the 20th May 2019
DD	Mainstream	Phone and Broadband (DD 14.12.20)	£2.48	£0.50	£2.98		093/20	
DD	E-ON	Streetlight Power (DD 16.12.20)	£150.41	£7.52	£157.93		093/20	
DD	E-ON	YCC power (18.12.20)	£70.22	£3.51	£73.73		093/20	
To Pay								
BACS	J K Gardening	Grass cutting @ Rec Ground & Knightcott Bank	£141.75		£141.75			
BACS	J K Gardening	Grass cutting @ Riverside	£70.87		£70.87			
BACS	J K Gardening	Grass cutting @ YCC	£70.88		£70.88			
BACS	J K Gardening	Grass cutting @ Banwell Cemetery	£162.50		£162.50			
BACS	J K Gardening	Village orderly	£392.50		£392.50			
BACS	J K Gardening	Env fee (Henry)	£40.00		£40.00		H & S	
BACS	J K Gardening	Moss removal Riverside	£15.00		£15.00		208/17	
BACS	J K Gardening	Moss removal Cemetery	£15.00		£15.00			
BACS	J K Gardening	Clearing around Bus Shelters	£140.00		£140.00		H & S	
BACS	J K Gardening	Container base	£575.00		£575.00		124 (ii)	
BACS	FOS UK	Dog Bin emptying	£339.00		£339.00		177/19	
BACS	YMCA	Youth Club	£480.00		£480.00		243/18	
BACS	SLCC	3 x webinars	£115.00	£43.00	£258.00		208/20	
BACS	ALCA	Cllr Training Course x 2	£100.00		£100.00		189/20	
BACS	Weston Rail Services	Quarterly charge	£875.00	£175.00	£1,050.00		243/18	
BACS	Atworth Arboriculture L	Tree Survey	£250.00	£50.00	£300.00		190/20 (iv)	
BACS	Balmoral	Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	£44.05	£8.81	£52.86		190/20 (iii)	
BACS	Webglu	Managed web service	£89.90	£17.98	£107.88			
BACS	Webglu	Email Service 40gb	£90.00	£18.00	£108.00			
BACS	Tempest	ID card x 3	£7.50	£1.50	£9.00		Admin & covid	
	Bridget Bowen	Internal Audit part 1	£250.00		£250.00			
BACS	E. Shayler	Overtime & Expenses (zoom, officer laptop, non food parcel)	£1,143.06	£143.82	£1,286.88		206/20	
SO	Salaries	Clerk & Comms Officer	£2,058.79		£2,058.79		093/20 & 205/20	
DD	Nest	Pension contributions (DD 26.12.20)	£156.36		£156.36		093/20	
DD	Unity Trust	Bank Charges	£28.05		£28.05			
DD	North Somerset	Waste Collection (01.01.21)	£13.03		£13.03		093/20	
DD	TV licence	YCC TV licence (04.01.21)	£157.50		£157.50		093/20	
BACS	HMRC	PAYE and NI for Sept (12.09.20)	£637.05		£637.05		093/20	
Totals			£8,680.90	£469.64	£9,250.54			



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY AT 7pm ON MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2021

PRESENT: Councillors Paul Blatchford, Steve Davies, Paul Harding, Nick Manley (Chairman), Paul Philcox and Dawn Parry (Vice Chairman).
IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Liz Shayler (Clerk) Parish Cllr Maggie McCarthy & District Cllr Karin Haverson

Cllr Manley Convened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

01/21 To receive apologies for absence (agenda item 1)

Cllr Baird sent his apologies.

02/21 To receive declarations of interest (agenda Item 2)

Cllr Blatchford and Cllr Davies declared an interest in application 20/P/3015/FUH due to the proximity of their properties to the application.

03/21 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 7th December 2020 (agenda item 3).

Resolved – That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 7th December 2020 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

The minutes of the meetings will be signed by Cllr Manley as a correct record.

04/21 To note and comment upon planning applications (agenda item 4)

- (i) **20/P/2896/APP CON Bristol Airport, North Side Road, Felton, Wrington, BS48 3DP**
Submission of addendum to Environmental Statement and associated documents by Bristol Airport Limited in relation to its appeal against the decision of North Somerset Council on 13.3.2020 to refuse planning application 18/P/5118/OUT for outline planning permission for the development of Bristol Airport to enable a throughput of 12 million terminal passengers in any 12 month calendar period and operating within a rolling annualised cap of 4,000 night flights between the hours of 11.30pm and 6am with no seasonal restrictions.

Resolved – To note this application but since the Parish Council has declared a climate emergency wish to register concern that there will be an increase in traffic, loss of green belt, air pollution and noise pollution which North Somerset Council should address in its consideration of the application.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

- (ii) **20/P/2875/FUH 13 Towerhead Road Banwell BS29 6PQ**
Conversion/extension of existing garage/outbuilding to North West of main house.

Resolved – To support this application.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous)

- (iii) **20/P/3015/FUH 30 Church Street, Banwell BS29 6EA.**
Retrospective application for the re-building and raising of the front boundary stone wall, the erection of piers and gates and the erection of fencing to the rear.

This application was noted

(iv) **20/P/3070/FUH 30 High Street Banwell BS29 6AE**

Demolition of existing rear conservatory; Proposed erection of a ground floor and first floor rear extension, rear raised patio at ground floor level and associated external alterations.

Resolved – To support this application.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous).

05/21 To note planning decisions – (agenda item 5)

- (i) **19/P/3100/RM Land South of Churchland Way Wolvershill Road Banwell.**
Submission of reserved matters for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for Road Infrastructure pursuant to outline planning permission 12/P/1266/OT2. **APPROVED**
- (ii) **20/P/0560/FUH The Coach House Cooks Lane Banwell BS29 6DS**
Demolition of existing timber garden house. New timber framed home work unit within front garden. **APPROVED**
- (iii) **20/P/0620/FUL Bowerhouse Land, Havage Drove, Off Box Bush Lane, Rolstone. BS24 6UA.**
Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic units and associated works to extend the existing solar farm. **APPROVED**
- (iv) **20/P/2565/FUH Towerhead Barn Towerhead Road Banwell BS29 6PQ**
Proposed detached garage with extension of driveway to form access to same. **WITHDRAWN**
- (v) **20/P/2601/FUH 22 Knightcott Park Banwell BS29 6HB**
Proposed dormer extension to the front elevation. **REFUSED**
- (vi) **20/P/2715/TRCA Abbey Cloisters East Street Banwell BS29 6BW**
Holm Oak - Fell | Abbey Cloisters East Street Banwell BS29 6BW **NO OBJECTION**
- (vii) **20/P/2747/FUH Pennyard House East Street Banwell BS29 6BW**
Demolition of front conservatory and replace with porch, removal and infill of 1st floor window (west side) and replacement of all existing sliding aluminium framed windows with "heritage style" uPVC woodgrain casement windows, re-rendering of external elevations and the erection of a 1.4 metre wall at the front of the property. **APPROVED**
- (viii) **20/P/2925/TRCA 6 High Street Banwell BS24 6AA**
T1 – Monkey Puzzle – Fell. **NO OBJECTION**
- (ix) **20/P/2927/TRCA 16 East Street Banwell BS29 6BN**
T1 - Magnolia – Crown reduce by 1m. **NO OBJECTION**
- (x) **20/P/3001/TRCA Banwell House, Wolvershill Road, Banwell BS29 6DG**
T1 - Willow - fell; T2 - Yew - fell; T3 - Holm Oak - reduce house side laterals by up to 3m **NO OBJECTION**

06/21 Date of the next meeting (agenda item 6)

18th January 2021, 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting remotely <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/308292669>

1st February 2021, 7pm Planning Meeting remotely <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/279564797>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:16

.....Chairman

.....Date

Signage size costings

Banwell Parish Council Youth & Community Centre with logo & phone number or Banwell Youth Club sign (designed by Youth Club)

- A1 Wall Mounted 594 x 841mm £37.47
- A2 Wall Mounted 420 x 594mm £18.71
- A3 Wall Mounted 297 x 420mm £9.36
- A4 Wall Mounted 210 x 297mm £5.30

The signs would be manufactured from 3mm aluminium composite (sometimes know as Dibond, which is in fact just a brand name). This is an aluminium and pvc sandwich, the pvc is in the centre and there is a layer of aluminium on each side. This is widely used in the sign industry and its strong, durable but has no scrap value like aluminium.

Logo has been designed by Daisy as a project and to follow.

YCC Car Park Comparison

Contractor	Other Comments		Approximate Cost All net
A	Have used contractor in the past and for Cemetery footpath.	Grub up existing tarmac to car park area, leave waste material on site, waste to be used elsewhere near culvert. Supply and install 11m of deep flow Aco drainage system with heavy duty grating, install from scout hut across car park to existing drain to side of community hall. Allow to install new 150mm x 50mm concrete edgings in varying locations to edge of car park perimeter. Supply and lay Type 1 stone to low areas of car park area estimated @ 400m ² . Raise or lower drain covers where necessary to newly formed levels. Compact total area with heavy duty roller. Supply, lay & compact 60mm of 20mm dense base course & 30mm of 10mm wearing course to total car park area estimated @ 400m ² . Leave site clean and tidy make good any areas affected by the works.	Subject to final site visit
B	Have used contractor in the past.	Area approx. 470sq mtrs To excavate areas down to formation level and clear away all spoil to the tip. To make up areas with a type 1 aggregate and compact well. To supply and lay approx 67 No 150x50 concrete edging kerbs laid and haunched in concrete. To supply and lay approx 17.7 lin mtrs of aco drains and connect into existing drainage system. To supply and lay to complete area a 50mm depth of a 25mm dense base course macadam and a 25mm depth of a 6mm stone mastic asphalt macadam. To construct speed ramp with wheelchair gap. All to be left clean and tidy.	Subject to final site visit
C	New contract, local	Car park new Tarmac Surface, dig out car park and expose of old tarmac, lay new back edging around car park and compact the existing stone, list iron work, lay new base course and compact, lay new 10 mil wearing course and compact.	Subject to final site visit



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COMMERCIAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

In consideration of the payment included in the contract and the following terms and conditions the company agrees that:-

1. Your maintenance agreement complies with insurance company requirements, NACOSS and BS4737.
2. Any attention the equipment may require will be dealt with upon receipt of a telephone call or other form of notification.
3. The Company's liabilities all cease if the equipment is tampered with or otherwise interfered with by persons other than D.S. SECURITIES authorised service personnel.
4. This agreement does not cover misuse, neglect, burglary, fire, theft, water leakage, storm damage, impact, vandalism, electrical voltage fluctuations or accidental damage however caused, change of location or environmental conditions, or excessive play on doors and windows.
5. Customer or keyholder, in the event of an emergency please contact 01934 417730. Out of office hours there will be an answering machine which will tell you the telephone number for the engineer on duty.
6. Outside security lights are not covered by this agreement.
7. Labour is not covered if installations are not made by D.S. Securities (i.e. take overs).

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FIRE ALARM MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

In consideration of the payment included in the contract and the following terms and conditions the company agrees that:-

1. Your maintenance agreement complies with BS 5839 - EN54 - part 7.
2. Any attention the equipment may require will be dealt with upon receipt of a telephone call or other form of notification.
3. The Company's liabilities all cease if the equipment is tampered with or otherwise interfered with by persons other than D.S. SECURITIES authorised service personnel.
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Clerks Report

i) Christmas Meal Initiative and the ASDA Foundation Grant

We were able to give out 60 meals in December as part of this initiative. The feedback was incredibly positive. Thanks was given to the Bell Inn and their staff.

ii) Local Council Climate Comms Pilot

As you know, Banwell Parish Council are signed up to the 'Climate Communications for Parish Councils' pilot run by the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE). The pilot is from December 2020 – March 2021 and aims to help Parish Councils spread the word about climate issues. This month's theme is 'land management'.

iii) Census 2021

Local Authorities have asked for help in relation to Census 2021 by spreading the word about it. They have collected content that can help the Parish Council, talk to residents about the census. It explains what Census 2021 is, why it is important to take part, how to participate and what to do if residents need help. More information can be found here <http://www.avonlca.org.uk/Avon-Local-Councils-Association/UserFiles/Files/2020/Census%202021%20Councillor%20Overview.pdf>

iv) North Somerset's Peer Review of the Council's planning service

The purpose of the review is to look at what the service does well and the areas it could improve upon. Areas the review will particularly focus on will be North Somerset's decision-making processes for planning and enforcement, pre-application advice arrangements, and their approach to workforce development. Any comments please pass on to Cllr Manley or the Clerk by Friday 22nd January 2021.

NALC training Courses

Leaders talk: Why representation in local councils matters.

23 February 2021 — 12:00 - 13:00 £30

As the most local body of government, local (parish and town) councils are closest to their communities and can influence real change. For our councils to be effective, we need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election. By attending this online event, you will come away with an understanding of the importance of representation and inclusion across the parish and town council sector. You will hear from sector experts on how to reach all groups of people in your community and encourage them to be a part of the council ahead of the May 2021 elections.

Leaders talk: Building back resilient communities.

25 March 2021 — 12:00 - 13:00 £30

Before lockdown, many local (parish and town) councils across England had already proven beyond measure their worth to the resilience agenda in their communities. Coronavirus has now permanently embedded the crucial role local councils have to play in community resilience in their areas. This final session in the Rebuilding Communities online event series will highlight the relevance of local councils to key aspects of community recovery as we begin to emerge from lockdown – ranging from the future of community resilience to partnership working. Book onto this exciting session for an essential blend of strategic, practical and community-facing outcomes for your resident.

Dog Bin Contractors

Our current contractor was given a written warning in November after a series of missed collections and lack of communication. After the contractor spoke to the Chairman, the service has improved. Currently there are only three other contractors who undertake this service. Two were not approached due to reviews from other Parish / Town Councils, one was approached but the cost per bin would be £6 in comparison to what we currently pay, £3.90. This would be an annual increase of £2184 which we have not budgeted for.

We currently have a signed contract which was only for a year with a clause to allow it to be renewed for a further 3 years. This review was due in March 2020 which was never done due to covid. There was also an option for the PC and the Contractor to review after a year which would have been in September 2020 which of course again we did not do due to covid. The contract has currently not been extended.

North Somerset Highways programme for line painting, signage & gritting.

The current works programme for North Somerset is (unless emergency works come up);
Spring / Summer – Line Painting
Summer /Autumn – Signage
Autumn/ Winter – Gritting

Currently there are several lines that need repainting (box junction at entrance to Wolvershill Road and give way at the end of High Street for example). It has been suggested that if we can inform North Somerset by the end of February what needs to be done then this can be programmed in for the spring / summer. The same applies to any problems with signage for later in the year. Currently we already liaise with North Somerset in relation to grit.

Therefore, can all Councillors please keep an eye out for lines that need to be dealt with and inform the clerk by the beginning of February.

	Recreation Ground						
Tree	Species	Height	Diam	Spread	Stems	Comments	Recommendations.
T1	Norway Maple	9m	335	4	1		
T2	Sycamore	10	350 120 135 210	4	4		
T3	Norway Maple	11	410	5	1	Some bark damage. Pruned back from Power line. Major dead wood over footpath, West	Remove dead wood within 6 months
T4	Norway Maple	10	390	4	1	Weak union	
T5	Norway Maple	10	480	4	1	Some hanging minor dead wood, not over target area.	
T6	Norway Maple	10	250 190 210	4	3		
T7	Norway Maple	11	440	5	1		

Tree	Species	Height	Diam	Spread	Stems	Comments	Recommendations
T8	Norway Maple	9	540	4	1	Pruned back from power line	
T9	Norway Maple	9	415	5	1	Some Major dead wood but over low target	Remove dead wood in 2 years
T10	Norway Maple	10	430	5	1	Pruned back from power line	
T11	Norway Maple	11	485	4	1	Pruned back from power line	
T12	Norway Maple	10	450	5	1	Pruned back from power line	
T13	Norway Maple	9	440	5	1	Pruned back from power line	
	Banwell Cemetery						
T1	Silver Birch	15	600	4	1	Chain around the base still there from last inspection	Remove chain before 6 months

	Riverside open space						
Tree	Species	Height	Diam	Spread	Stems	Comments	Recommendations
1	Poplar	8	960	8	1	Over mature, pollarded tree. Large limb removed at base. Has shed dead wood. Bark wound south at base.	
T2	Lime	9	530	9	1	Dense epicormic growth at base. Tight union on main stem	
T3	Sycamore	8m	460	10	1	Rope swing attached. Large limb has been removed at base	
T4	Oak	6m	340	8	1	Minor dead wood in crown, north east at 1.8m	Remove dead wood within 1 year.
T5	Rowan	5m	180	3	1		
T6	Field Maple	6m	220	3	1		
T7	Field Maple	6m	360	6	1		

Tree	Species	Height	Diam	Spread	Stems	Comments	Recommendations
T8	Lime	8	360	6	1	Sucker growth	
	Children's Centre						
T1	Cherry	5m	370	6	1	Tagged 187	
T2	Cherry	5m	360	7	1	Tagged 186	
T3	Cherry	6m	340	5	1	Some dead branches with fungi over playing field.	Remove dead branches within 6 months
T4	Cherry	5m	440	4	1	Tagged 185, Ivy on stem	Remove ivy before next inspection.
T5	Cherry	6m	350	1	1		
T6	Ash	9	480	6	1		
T7	Ash	7m	250 240 210 260	5	4		

Tree	Species	Height	Diam	Spread	Stems	Comments	Recommendations
T8	Leyland Cypress	10	450	6	1		
T9	Leyland Cypress	10	455	5	1		
G 1	Elm, Sycamore	6	200	3	1	A group along west boundary of playing field. 1 dead sycamore.	

Your library, your place

Libraries strategy 2020 – 2030

1. Executive Summary from Councillor Mike Solomon *(TBC)*

Welcome to North Somerset's Libraries Strategy which outlines our ambitions as a public libraries authority to provide a network of libraries which support the needs of our communities. The strategy builds on the past success of our library service and is ambitious in the outcomes we aim to achieve for the future. It is a strategy that directly responds to the emerging needs of our communities based on feedback they gave through consultation and takes into account learning from the COVID-19 pandemic. It places people at the heart of service development and outlines how we will work with other organisations to deliver a modern library service equipped to empower North Somerset communities.

Consultation has shown that residents value the book lending service, libraries as community buildings and computer use most highly but our library service is more than this. Our spaces are places for people to learn, meet and exchange ideas, a hub at the heart of a local community. We have an excellent network of library facilities across the district, with so much potential to deliver further outcomes for the educational, cultural, employment and skills support, and health and wellbeing needs of local communities.

This strategy has been developed with the firm belief that providing access to books, digital resources, learning materials, safe workspace and skills development support is vital to ensuring that

North Somerset residents are supported to achieve their best outcomes.

There is a significant challenge in coming years to rebuild the economy from the impacts of austerity and Covid-19. There are many people in North Somerset who are, and will continue to be, significantly financially impacted. We recognise the role that libraries can play in this area, supporting those affected by providing high quality advice, information and into work support in the communities where people live. For those lacking digital skills and technology, they can also provide vital access to Council and other services which are moving to the digital platform.

Supporting older members of our community is vital as the population of over 50s increases. Libraries have a key role to play in providing older people and those living with a disability with access to books and resources, community-based advice, support and opportunities to stay active and maintain independence.

Our children and young people are the future of the area and supporting their potential is another key aim of our services. As well as helping improve literacy levels, libraries can play a key role in supporting in the future by engaging young people with local cultural activities and providing work, skills and career support. This is alongside continuing to provide safe study space and access to digital and physical materials.

To enable libraries to reach their potential in delivering this agenda and to make the network sustainable we recognise that we will

need to be creative in identifying funding from new sources. We will also need to consider whether using our library buildings in additional ways can support this and consider whether alternative delivery models are appropriate.

This strategy aligns the libraries service priorities to the overall Council [Corporate Plan](#) - ensuring we make the most of our potential to deliver a real and measurable contribution to the quality of life of North Somerset communities. It is also set within an environment of change and financial constraint. It is now more important than ever that we make the most of the resources we have together to provide services in new ways. The strategy will provide an essential framework for the council and its partners, under which actions related to libraries can be placed and decisions can be made.

2. Introduction

The demand for libraries is changing: we need to keep them relevant to residents whilst maintaining a quality service and ensuring good value for money. We also need to make sure that library services can meet the future needs of the growing number of residents.

We believe libraries are a vital part of the local infrastructure in North Somerset. Libraries are good for the physical and emotional wellbeing of residents, as well as being an important social hub and the “shop front” for council services in many communities. They are trusted spaces in the heart of communities and the starting place for a range of inclusive activities. However, maintaining and investing in libraries is getting increasingly difficult as budgets are reduced. There is a real opportunity for North Somerset to come up with innovative approaches to sustain libraries for the future.

Libraries in North Somerset have been through major transformation over recent years: co-locating with Children’s Centres; creating North Somerset’s first community library; upgrading sites with energy efficiency measures; installing technology to increase self-service opening hours and re-provisioning some libraries with mobile and outreach services. These changes have delivered transformational benefits and contributed to financial savings of £1.4m over the last 10 years. They have also created considerable challenges in terms of service resilience and reach.

The next step is this library strategy, produced in consultation with communities, which will shape the service over the next decade and beyond. It will enable the service to prioritise the use of its resources and deliver services to best meet the needs of those who live, work and study in North Somerset. It also considers the

changes in society that have come about due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the value that library services can bring to communities through the long recovery process. It shows how libraries have a vital part to play in delivering the council’s vision of an open, fairer, greener North Somerset, contributing across multiple priority areas, including developing healthy, sustainable, thriving places and empowering and caring for people.

How has this strategy been developed?

The strategy has been built on feedback from responses via public consultation and from discussions with residents, community groups, partners, council officers, library staff, volunteers and local and district Councillors, with input from the council’s scrutiny panels. The strategy has also been informed by work undertaken nationally by Libraries Connected and partner organisations.

This strategy considers what we know about:

- The way North Somerset is changing
- What people want from their libraries
- Current service provision

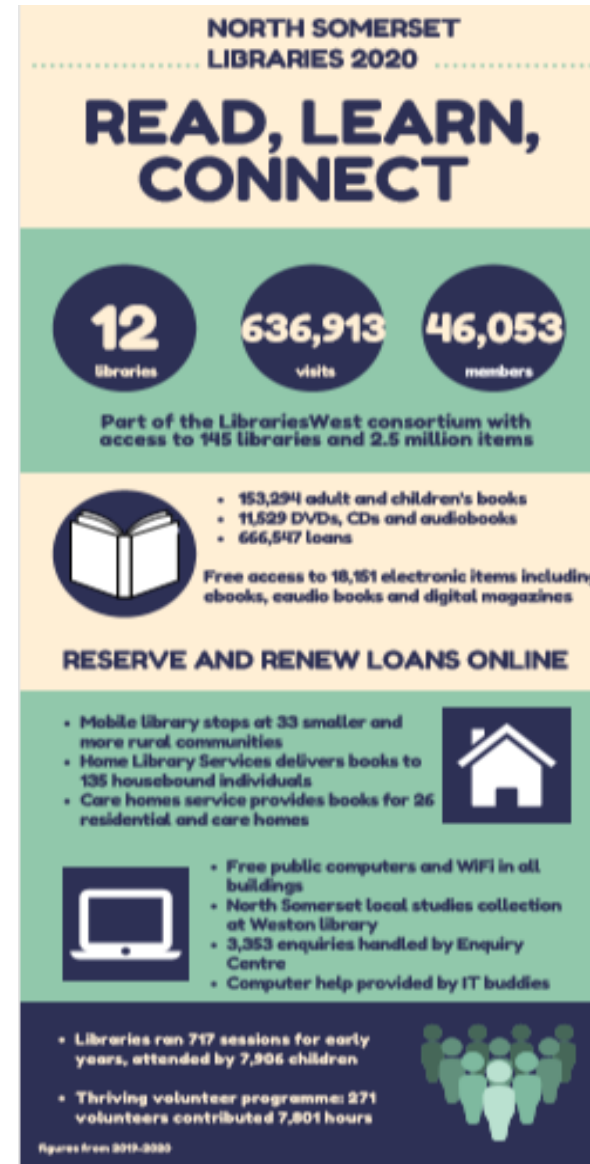
3. Legal Requirements and core values

North Somerset Council has a legal duty to provide a 'comprehensive and efficient' library service for all those who 'live, work or study' in the district¹. This means delivering a service that is accessible to all residents using reasonable means, making best use of the assets available whilst recognising the constraints on council resources. The council must also comply with the 'Public sector equality duty' (section 149 of the Equality Act) and base the library strategy on evidence of the needs and aspirations across the diverse communities of the district.

There is also an expectation that libraries nationally will deliver on four 'Universal Library Offers': reading, digital and information, culture and creativity, and health and wellbeing. These offers demonstrate the work that every public library service does to enrich the lives of individuals and their communities.

Existing library service provision

North Somerset Council delivers its statutory library services through a network of libraries located in towns and villages across the district, alongside a Mobile Library which provides services to many communities without a physical library building. A Home Library Service and Care Homes Service is provided to residents who are unable to leave their homes independently. A range of digital library services, available 24 hours a day, supplements and extends the physical offer, reaching residents who might not otherwise benefit from libraries. North Somerset library members also benefit significantly from membership of the LibrariesWest partnership of seven local authorities, which enables customers to use over 145 libraries across the south west and borrow from over 2.5 million items, as well as delivering service efficiencies to the council.



Keeping what is working and valued by existing library customers is important, however, libraries also need to attract new customers so that even more people can benefit from the services available.

Usage trends

In the two years prior to the outbreak of Covid-19 the use of libraries in North Somerset had been growing, with higher visitor numbers and an increase in borrowing. During the Covid-19 pandemic the services provided by libraries changed as libraries expanded their online offer and developed a new 'Click and Collect' service. Whilst this was extremely successful and enabled libraries to connect with new audiences, post-lockdown it became clear that physical library spaces located in communities had tremendous potential to support individuals and communities through the considerable challenges ahead (addressing digital exclusion highlighted by the pandemic, providing community-based employment and skills support, helping improve health and wellbeing, reducing social isolation and providing safe, accessible, community spaces). In order to fulfil this potential, libraries need to continue to adapt and innovate, lever external funding and work in partnership with others.

What do our residents tell us about libraries?

In the public consultation, residents said that the most important service that the library offered to them was access to a wide selection of books (through the LibrariesWest partnership) and borrowing. The value that this and the free book reservation system brings to people on a low income was highlighted. The environmental benefits of borrowing rather than buying books were also emphasised. The importance of introducing children to reading and holding events for children was the second most common theme. The role of the library as a safe, comfortable, accessible

space within the community was also highly valued, along with providing local access to information about services, transport and events. "It's the heart of the community", someone commented, "somewhere that enables social connections beyond the purely transactional".

Library access to computers, the internet, digital and photocopying services was also rated highly, as were the free eLending services (eBooks, eAudio books, eNewspapers) and the ability to borrow books from outside North Somerset. The responses also highlighted the importance played by staff in supporting access to resources, the availability of study space and the role that libraries play in facilitating access to council services.

The most common reason given for not using libraries was a poor choice of books. Others responded that they had access to their own books so had no need to visit. The location and ease of access to the nearest library was also an issue for some, as was a lack of time and convenient opening hours. The survey also highlighted a need for improved promotion of some library services, as many residents were unaware of the range provided, particularly outreach services, events and activities and the availability of study and meeting spaces.

The consultation also asked residents what other help, support or services they would like to see provided by the library service. As well as clear focus on the provision of books, themes emerged around community (information, advice, clubs), learning (short courses, lectures, volunteering expertise, adult education, skills and crafts), social aspects (meetings/café) and links to other libraries or organisations (NHS, social care, benefits, university libraries and schools).

4. Supporting our changing communities

Over the next 10 years various factors are predicted to change what residents may need from libraries and how they will use their services, including:

- demographic change
- inequality, unemployment and exclusion
- the legacy of the Covid-19 pandemic
- pace of technological change
- budget challenge
- the climate emergency

Demographic change

Almost 40% of North Somerset's residents live in rural communities or 'rural town hubs' such as Clevedon, Portishead and Nailsea. Weston-super-Mare is already the third largest settlement in the West of England, with significant further expansion planned. Recent forecasts show that the North Somerset population is projected to grow significantly over the next two decades, to almost 252,000 by 2041, an increase of 40,200 people or 16%. It is also predicted that the population profile in North Somerset in 2041 will include a lower percentage of younger people and higher proportion of less economically active older people. Data tells us that most use is made of library services by older people and those outside of employment. Consequently, it is likely that there will be an increased demand for library services.

Information from the last census tells us that people who describe themselves as 'white British' make up 94% of the North Somerset population and 1% Asian. A further 1% describe themselves as 'mixed race'. Around 80 different languages are spoken in North Somerset and 5.7% of children do not speak English as their first

language. Libraries, and the services and stock that they provide, need to be able to meet the needs of all these people.

Inequality, unemployment and exclusion

Pre-pandemic, North Somerset was considered prosperous, with below average unemployment and above average weekly earnings. However, within the district there are big differences, with areas in both the most and least deprived 1% in England. After the pandemic took hold, unemployment levels in North Somerset rose by 142% between March and May 2020. Universal Credit claims also rose, from 671 across the BS postcode area in mid-March to a peak of over 9,700 in late March. It seems likely that the pandemic will result in some long-term or permanent changes to the local economy and labour marketⁱ and a shift to a greater provision of services online. Libraries, with their central locations and accessible buildings, are well placed to provide community access to employment and skills support to residents, critical in supporting them back to work or into better quality employment.

For some, deprivation and inequality has been exacerbated by the restrictions put in place to curb Covid-19. For example, the impact that the closure of libraries during lockdown on people in the lowest income brackets is highlighted in a report by the Joseph Rowntree Foundationⁱⁱⁱ. This showed that these closures had a negative impact on interviewees who had migrated to the UK and those with complex needs who were homeless or vulnerably housed, who frequently used them to access the internet, for company and for warmth.

The temporary closures also impacted on those who relied on libraries for free access to computers and the internet. Indeed, as a large amount of services moved online during lockdown and beyond, the pandemic clearly highlighted the persisting digital

divide in society and the lack of technological skills and access that many people still have. Many non-computer users are people on low income and those with no or low qualifications; over half of non-internet users are disabled. The provision of free access to technology and support in libraries has a clear role to play in enabling those residents, without appropriate IT equipment and skills, to access the increasingly digital world and help reduce inequality and potentially promote financial inclusion.

The pandemic also demonstrated an increased demand for eBooks and library digital services. However, a recent survey showed that only 1/3 of those surveyed had accessed eBooks in the past, with the highest use in the 16 – 34 year age range and use decreasing in age ranges over 35 years old^{iv}. This finding needs to be considered in terms of the balance of library service delivery and the digital support that libraries offer.

The legacy of the Covid-19 pandemic

During lockdown, libraries expanded their digital and remote offer to continue to provide services to their communities. Activities supported children learning at home, helped reduce isolation and included exciting new events created in partnership with local artists and arts organisations. Library staff also supported the local emergency response, demonstrating their wide skill base, forging new community connections and generating new longer-term opportunities for working together.

The pandemic also illustrated the importance of digital services and libraries significantly increased their free provision of electronic information, including eBooks, eAudiobooks, eComics and eMagazines. These formats showed a large increase in use, attracting new and lapsed members to library services.

Post-lockdown it became clear that a need remains for physical library spaces in communities, providing services to support recovery from the pandemic as well as traditionally valued services. Covid-safe libraries can play an important role in addressing and supporting mental health and wellbeing issues caused by the pandemic, giving people who have become socially isolated an opportunity to connect with others, as well as providing access to information and advice. They also function as visible council hubs, connecting communities to support available from the council, partners and voluntary agencies. As increasing numbers of people and businesses adopt flexible working permanently, community-based libraries can reach an extended audience and make a greater impact.

Pace of technological change

The pace of technological change over recent years has been rapid and is predicted to continue. The consultation responses and evidence of continuing digital inequality indicates that there is likely to be a continued need for libraries to provide residents with access to technology and the skills to exploit it. Libraries will need to be able to respond to changes in technology to support community needs, providing access to modern equipment and supporting infrastructure, supported by people with up-to-date skills. They will have a key role to play in delivering customer facing elements of the emerging North Somerset Digital Strategy. Funding will need to be identified to enable all this to happen.

Library service provision needs to embrace technological change, exploiting possibilities to extend access to services and reaching new audiences. Self-service technology provides the opportunity to open up physical collections and buildings at times convenient to communities; delivering services digitally enables libraries to connect with customers outside of opening hours and makes library

resources more accessible to many. This includes some of those residents with disabilities and learning difficulties and those unable to access physical libraries due to the confines of time and location.

Budget challenge

The Covid-19 pandemic has placed substantial, unplanned pressures on already stretched local authority budgets, even after the Government's emergency Covid-19 response funding is considered^v. Any future restrictions on the Library Service budget will require services to be run in a very different way to maintain a much-valued level of service across North Somerset. Our ambition is to find a way to deliver the necessary savings through partnerships and engagement with communities and exploring other creative funding opportunities. There is also an opportunity to engage with the Council's Asset Strategy to review the use of Council buildings, including libraries. This approach should minimise the requirement for further service reductions, whilst enhancing the local offer at the same time.

The climate emergency

Libraries have an important role to play in helping the council to realise its ambition to achieve [carbon neutrality by 2030](#), to help communities to protect, enhance the environment and tackle the climate emergency. Libraries can:

- support the Council to become a carbon literate organisation through training and championing
- support community education activities and host partner events

- promote information and resources related to sustainable living, the environment, wildlife and related issues
- investigate and implement more sustainable work practices in libraries
- continue to offer book lending - re-use rather than single use - and eResources
- provide services in communities – avoiding the need for residents to travel unnecessarily to access services
- improve the energy efficiency of library buildings
- investigate the potential for generating renewable energy at sites
- aim to move to a zero-emissions vehicle fleet by 2030 or earlier

5. Strategic Aims and Outcomes for North Somerset Libraries

This strategy focuses on four core objectives for North Somerset residents, reflecting local and national priorities, set against the proven outcomes that research shows libraries deliver.

Our libraries will be at the heart of their community, owned and shaped by them, able to respond to changing demands and needs; a place to exchange, share, learn and create ideas. The first choice for people wanting to find out, learn, enjoy and read - with skilled teams to support their ambition.

The four objectives for the strategy are:



1. Reading, literacy and culture
2. Digital, information and skills
3. Health and wellbeing
4. Community places accessible to all

6. Next steps

Developing a high-level action plan is the next step in delivering this strategy. The delivery will be incorporated into annual library service plans and other associated service plans. A communication plan will be developed to run alongside and progress will be reviewed and communicated to stakeholders annually.

1. Reading, literacy and culture

Libraries are all about finding books that you love and which inspire you: borrowing books is what North Somerset residents value most about their libraries. In addition, libraries provide meeting places and focal points for creative and cultural activity within local communities. They are cultural spaces in the heart of communities, providing access to ideas and experiences that can excite, entertain, educate and challenge; reaching people from all backgrounds and ages who may not normally take part in cultural activities.

Aim:

- to encourage and support literacy and reading for all and build a love of stories and reading for pleasure
- to provide access to a wide range of books to meet community need
- to facilitate access to a range of quality cultural events, activities and experiences for all
- to help residents discover a love of reading, unlocking opportunities for learning and employment
- to enable people to connect with their past and build a sense of community and belonging
- to provide activity in support of the Council's Cultural Strategy
- to provide inclusive library services, reflecting the needs of the diverse communities in North Somerset

How will we do this?

Work with partners and communities, engage with national initiatives and seek funding to:

- encourage early literacy development
- provide community-based opportunities for cultural engagement
- promote local history and archive resources
- ensure library services are inclusive

Deliver services in partnership with the LibrariesWest consortium to:

- benefit from shared expertise
- achieve cost and service efficiencies
- provide access to a wide range of resources in a variety of formats, to meet diverse needs

“The talk this evening at Yatton library.... The Radium Girls.... was absolutely spellbinding. Thank you”

“I can't afford to buy books for my children every week and it is so important for children to have access to books”

2. Digital, information and skills

Libraries have a clear role to play in communities enabling residents without access to appropriate IT equipment and skills to explore and benefit from the increasingly digital world.

Aim:

- provide community access to digital resources, skills and support, reducing digital inequality
- offer opportunities for residents to learn new skills, working with partners and volunteers
- support residents to access digital services, including accessing government and local government services
- provide access to quality information
- offer STEM learning opportunities to upskill residents, raise aspirations and broaden career prospects
- provide activity in support of the Council's Digital Strategy

How will we do this?

Provide customer access to:

- computers and digital technology
- quality information sources and services
- a range of volunteering opportunities for all ages

Work with partners and others to:

- identify local needs
- deliver community-based employment and skills support
- provide digital skills support and STEM based learning activities
- promote support offered through links with schools, colleges, youth groups and other agencies

Seek funding to:

- extend the range of technology and support available
- sustain and develop existing support programmes
- implement new activity streams

3. Health and wellbeing – living well with libraries

Libraries are accessible and trusted places where people can find health information in a friendly, non-judgemental and welcoming environment. Libraries provide self-management support, signposting and information to help reduce health, social and economic inequalities and improve mental health and wellbeing.

Aim:

- contribute to the health and wellbeing of individuals and local communities
- help tackle social inequality and reduce isolation
- promote health literacy through access to information and by signposting people to other services
- develop a collection of resources including self-help reading and other wellbeing materials
- provide space and activities for people to come together, socialise, learn and explore creative and cultural ideas to support wellbeing
- provide opportunities for volunteering for people of all ages
- develop new partnerships and resources to support community needs
- promote the health benefits of reading

How will we do this?

Providing community access to support and advice by:

- providing quality self-help information resources
- hosting support and advice sessions
- promoting and signposting health and wellbeing initiatives
- promoting reading for pleasure and its benefits for mental health

Providing space and a range of activities to:

- promote social interaction and a sense of community
- present opportunities to gain new skills and shared interests
- provide opportunities to connect with others

Delivering library services which are:

- accessible to those unable to leave their homes independently
- delivered by staff trained to support the wide-ranging needs of the community
- delivered from safe, friendly, inclusive spaces

Helping tackle social inequality through:

- providing free access to a wide range of books and information
- providing access to resources in a range of languages
- providing materials and activity to support literacy and language development
- working with partners to provide access to employment and skills support
- offering free access to the internet and digital skills support
- providing safe space for study and other purposes

4. Community places, accessible to all

Libraries are vital hubs at the heart of the community where exciting things can happen. They bring people together and give them access to the services and support they need to help them live better

Aim:

- provide libraries in communities where there is greatest demand and need
- provide safe, accessible library spaces delivering services according to community need
- provide a visible North Somerset Council presence in communities, as many services move online
- facilitate access to other partner and community facing services through libraries
- empower communities to help shape and support their library services
- find ways to deliver savings and services through engagement with communities

How will we do this?

By providing:

- safe and accessible library spaces
- flexible spaces, suitable for a range of events and activities
- welcoming environments, with staff who are trained and helpful
- a volunteering programme to enable local people to support their community, stay active and gain and share skills
- access to local and family history resources to help people connect with their locality
- outreach services to those without access to libraries and to those unable to leave their homes independently

By engaging with community organisations and groups to:

- ensure library services reflect and respond to community needs
- investigate alternative funding opportunities, models and partnerships to help sustain service delivery

By maximising the potential of libraries to contribute to the climate emergency agenda

Case Study – Pill library and Children’s centre

Pill Library and Children’s Centre shares a recently refurbished space. A “home corner” with toys and chairs for breast-feeding is part of the children’s area and a multi-use children’s room is suitable for a wide range of activities and community bookings. On Friday mornings the popular library Rhymetime regularly attracts 20 families: babies and toddlers with parents, grandparents and child-minders all gather to enjoy rhymes and stories. Often, they stay for a play and a chat, before moving on to a nearby community café.

Case study - Reading Well

In November 2018 The Reading Agency published an independently-researched case study of North Somerset’s Reading Well scheme <https://readingagency.org.uk/adults/impact/reading-well/-north-somerset-library-service-has.html>

Reading Well supports people to understand and manage their health and wellbeing through reading. The books are all recommended by health experts, as well as people with lived experience of the conditions and topics covered and their relatives and carers. All five booklists are available in North Somerset libraries on the topics of mental health, young people, dementia, long term conditions, and children. Some of the titles are also available as eBooks


Case Study: Rise and Inspire group

The Rise and Inspire project brought together home educated families and older people to combat loneliness and memory loss, at Worle Library and Children’s Centre during 2019. A range of activities is offered during the sessions including games and crafts. The group is supported by Home Instead who provide free refreshments.

“It is fabulous to be part of a really inspiring community partnership that benefits a cross section of society.”

Gadget Clubs are an opportunity to get one-to-one support with using tablets and smart phones from digital helper volunteers. Participants gain confidence in using apps and communicating with friends and family.

“You’ve opened our eyes to the full potential of our iPad. We realised how limited our understanding was and now feel excited and motivated to do more!”



Code club at Clevedon Library takes place after school. Led by an enthusiastic volunteer, children are supported to code animations, games and commands using educational coding resources including Scratch, Python, Makey Makey and Raspberry Pi. Coding isn't just for children: special sessions have been held for parents to learn coding too.

“It's really cool to make your own mini games”



Case study

Libraries are working with the Economy Team to deliver employment support to 600 individuals. Funded by the Department of Work and Pensions the project will provide advice and support to help residents overcome barriers to finding work. During 2021 partners will deliver sessions at libraries, supported by a new team of library-based digital volunteers.

ⁱ Public Libraries & Museums Act 1964

ⁱⁱ North Somerset Employment and Skills Strategy p17

ⁱⁱⁱ Joseph Rowntree Foundation 2020, Annual review of destitution.

<https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/destitution-uk-2020>

^{iv} www.statista.com/statistics/291803/e-book-reading-by-demographic-group-and-method-uk/

^v North Somerset Council Financial Report 2019/20

NORTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

SPEED LIMIT RESTRICTIONS ON A371 LOCKING MOOR ROAD AND B3368 OLD BANWELL ROAD, WESTON-SUPER-MARE

CHANGES TO EXISTING SPEED LIMIT ON A371 LOCKING MOOR ROAD FROM THE JUNCTION WITH A370 SOMERSET AVENUE TO THE EXISTING 40MPH NEAR SUMMER LANE, WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

CHANGES TO EXISTING SPEED LIMIT ON B3668 OLD BANWELL ROAD FROM THE JUNCTION WITH A371 LOCKING MOOR ROAD TO THE EXISTING 30MPH NEAR MENDIP RISE, WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

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STATEMENT OF REASONS

SPEED LIMIT RESTRICTIONS ON A371 LOCKING MOOR ROAD AND B3668 OLD BANWELL ROAD, WESTON-SUPER-MARE

As part of the Department for Transport Safer Roads Fund the A371 Locking Moor Road was identified for funding. North Somerset District Council propose to lower the speed limit, along with a set of other measures, on the A371 Locking Moor Road from its junction with A370 Somerset Avenue to Banwell Village.

The intention is to lower the speed limit to 40mph over approximately 2670m and to 30mph (restricted road) over approximately 780m.

For consistency B3668 Old Banwell Road will also be lowered to 40mph from A371 Locking Moor Road junction to Locking Village.

The effect will be to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

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Notice of Intent

Speed Limit Restrictions on A371 Locking Moor Road and B3668 Old Banwell Road, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset

(A371 LOCKING MOOR ROAD AND B3668 OLD BANWELL ROAD, WESTON-SUPER-MARE) (RESTRICTED ROADS) (40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 202#

Ref: SRF/A371/MJO

Notice is Hereby Given that North Somerset District Council (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) propose to make an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83, 84 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

The general effect of the Order shall be to:

1. To restrict any vehicle from exceeding 40mph on A371 Locking Moor Road from its junction with A370 Somerset Avenue to a point approximately 590m south east of its junction with Elm Tree Road, a distance of approximately 1590m
2. To restrict any vehicle from exceeding 30mph (restricted road) on A371 Locking Moor Road from a point approximately 590m south east of its junction with Elm Tree Road to a point approximately 245m north west from its junction with Old Banwell Road, a distance of approximately 780m
3. To restrict any vehicle from exceeding 40mph on A371 Locking Moor Road from a point approximately 245m north west from its junction with Old Banwell Road to a point approximately 200m north west of Summer Lane, a distance of approximately 1080m
4. To restrict any vehicle from exceeding 40mph on B3668 Old Banwell Road from its junction with A371 Locking Moor Road to a point adjacent to the eastern property boundary of No. 41 Old Banwell Road, a distance of approximately 535m.

Full details of the proposals are contained in the draft order which together with maps and a Statement of the Council’s Reasons for proposing to make the order can be inspected at the following location:

- The Council’s website at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/notices

Should you wish to make any observations on this proposal (whether you support or object to the proposal) you should make them in writing to the Director of Place at the above mentioned address or to the email below quoting reference **SRF/A371/MJO** by **17:00** on the **22nd January 2021**. Any objections must specify the grounds on which they are made. Please note that all representations received may be considered in public by the District Council and that the substance of any representation together with the name and address of the person making it could become available for public inspection.

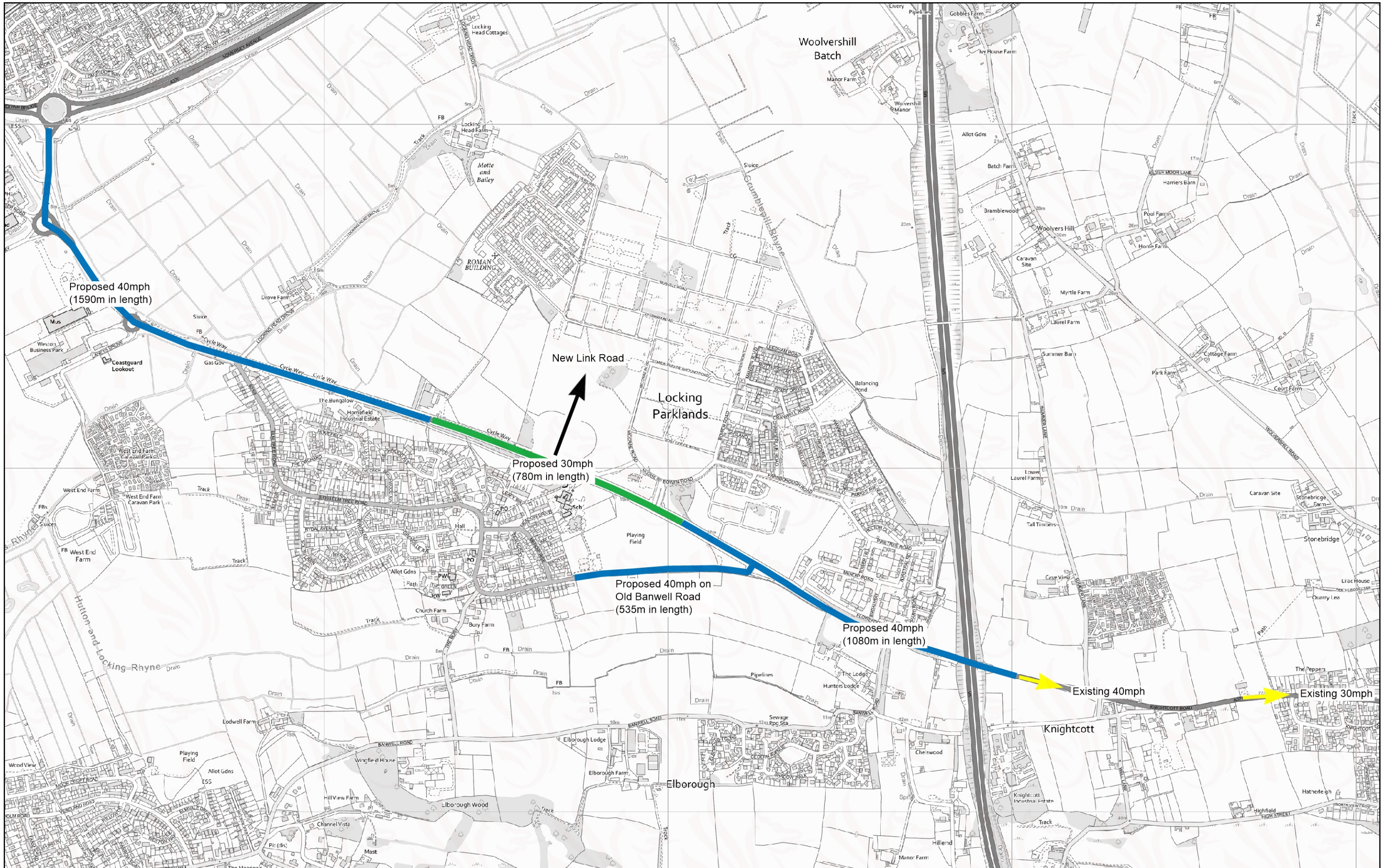
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Dated: 31st December 2020

Colin Medus, Head of Transport & Infrastructure



Speed Limit Restrictions on A371 Locking Moor Road and B3668 Old Banwell Road, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset

Scale: 1:10000
 Drawn by: Mike O'Sullivan
 Date: 18 December 2020
 Time: 16:05:20



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NORTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

(A371 LOCKING MOOR ROAD AND B3668 OLD BANWELL ROAD, WESTON-SUPER-MARE) (RESTRICTED ROADS) (40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 202#

The District Council of North Somerset (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) in exercise of its powers under Sections 81, 82, 83, 84 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended (hereinafter referred to as “the Act of 1984”) and of all other enabling powers, after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order shall come into operation on202# and may be cited as the North Somerset District Council (A371 Locking Moor Road and B3668 Old Banwell Road, Weston-Super-Mare) (Restricted Roads) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 202#.
2. The length of roads specified in Schedule 1 to this order shall be restricted roads for the purposes of section 81 of the Act of 1984.
3. No person shall drive a motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the lengths of roads specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.
4. No speed limit imposed by this order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Given under the COMMON SEAL of North Somerset District Council the ## day of ... 202#.

The COMMON SEAL of)
the DISTRICT COUNCIL)
of NORTH SOMERSET)
was hereunto affixed in)
the presence of:-)

Head of Legal and
Democratic Services

SCHEDULE 1
Restricted Roads

A371 Locking Moor Road –

from a point approximately 590m south east of its junction with Elm Tree Road to a point approximately 245m north west from its junction with Old Banwell Road. A distance approximately 780m.

SCHEDULE 2
40 mph Speed Limit

A371 Locking Moor Road –

from its junction with A370 Somerset Avenue to a point approximately 590m south east of its junction with Elm Tree Road. A distance approximately 1590m.

A371 Locking Moor Road –

from a point approximately 245m north west from its junction with Old Banwell Road to a point approximately 200m north west of Summer Lane. A distance approximately 1080m.

B3668 Old Banwell Road –

from its junction with A371 Locking Moor Road to a point adjacent to the eastern property boundary of No. 41 Old Banwell Road. A distance approximately 535m.

Bills for Payment - 22nd December to the 12th January 2021
Banwell Parish Council

Method	Payee	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Column1	Minute agreed	Power	
Already Paid						The Parish Council have			
DD	Mainstream	Phone and Broadband (DD 14.01.21)	£115.38	£23.07	£138.45		093/20		
To Pay									
DD	E-ON	Streetlight Power (DD 16.10.20)	£155.43	£7.77	£163.20				
DD	E-ON	YCC power (19.11.20)	£77.15	£3.86	£81.01				
BACS	J K Gardening	Grass cutting @ Rec Ground & Knightcott Bank	£141.75		£141.75				
BACS	J K Gardening	Grass cutting @ Riverside	£70.87		£70.87				
BACS	J K Gardening	Grass cutting @ YCC	£70.88		£70.88				
BACS	J K Gardening	Grass cutting @ Banwell Cemetery	£162.50		£162.50				
BACS	J K Gardening	Village orderly	£392.50		£392.50				
BACS	J K Gardening	Fence at Knightcott	£720.00		£720.00		172/19		
BACS	J K Gardening	Rubbish removal for works at Riverside	£120.00		£120.00		H & S		
BACS	J K Gardening	Environmental fee	£40.00		£40.00				
BACS	FOS UK	Dog Bin emptying	£339.00		£339.00		177/19		
BACS	Insight Cleaning	YCC Cleaning	£112.00		£112.00		39/19		
BACS	YMCA	Youth Club Oct	£360.00		£360.00		175/19		
BACS	Weston Rail Services	LED replacement lights	£7,675.00	£1,535.00	£9,210.00		190/20 (v)		
BACS	SLCC	Employment webinar	£30.00	£6.00	£36.00		Admin		
BACS	SLCC	Annual membership	£208.00		£208.00		awaiting agenda item		
BACS	DS Securities	Annual monitoring charge for YCC Intruder Alarm	£495.00	£99.00	£594.00		awaiting agenda item		
BACS	DS Securities	Annual monitoring charge for YCC Fire Alarm	£265.00	£53.00	£318.00	awaiting agenda item			
BACS	E. Shayler	Overtime & Expenses (zoom, ink, printer)	£462.03		£462.03	Admin			
SO	Officer Salaries	Officer Salaries (SO 26.01.21)	£1,956.15		£1,956.15	093/20			
DD	Nest	Pension contributions (DD 26.01.21)	£156.36		£156.36	093/20			
DD	North Somerset	Waste Collection (01.02.21)	£11.32		£11.32	Have requested cancellation	093/20		
DD	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	Hygiene services YCC (03.02.21)	£129.99	£26.00	£155.99				
BACS	HMRC	PAYE and NI for Sept (12.02.21)	£651.05		£651.05		093/20		
Totals			£14,917.36	£1,753.70	£16,671.06				

Banwell Parish Council
Net Position by Cost Centre and Code

Cost Centre Name

Cemetery & Memorials		Bal. B/Fwd.	Receipts		Payments		Current Balance
Code	Title		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
101	Cem Grass Cutting	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,950.00	1,462.50	487.50
102	Cem paths / trees / garden	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	8,636.67	-8,336.67
103	Cem making up graves	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
104	Cemetery / Memorial Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	45.00	4,955.00
105	Env Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.00	-160.00
106	Cemetery software	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	374.40	-374.40
		£0.00	0.00	£0.00	7,450.00	£10,678.57	-3,228.57

Cemetery Income		Bal. B/Fwd.	Receipts		Payments		Current Balance
Code	Title		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
110	Cemetery Income	90,682.00	3,000.00	3,890.00	0.00	0.00	91,572.00
		£90,682.00	3,000.00	£3,890.00	0.00	£0.00	91,572.00

Clerk & Administration		Bal. B/Fwd.	Receipts		Payments		Current Balance
Code	Title		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
201	Salary & NI	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,000.00	21,636.98	4,363.02
202	Clerk pension	0.00	0.00	0.00	302.00	1,410.23	-1,108.23
203	Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	50.00	250.00
204	Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,123.00	2,471.52	-348.52
205	Subscriptions inc ALCA & SLCC	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00	747.00	153.00
206	Audit Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	725.00	275.00
207	Legal Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	723.00	-223.00
208	Training Clerk	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	505.00	295.00
209	Training Councillor	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	350.00	250.00
210	Grants & Donations	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	7,000.00	4,550.99	12,449.01
211	Chairmans Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
212	Covid-19	0.00	0.00	0.60	0.00	677.47	-676.87
213	Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	84.75	15.25
214	Covid-19 food bank	0.00	0.00	1,747.00	0.00	1,666.44	80.56
		£0.00	0.00	£11,747.60	39,875.00	£35,598.38	16,024.22

Environment		Bal. B/Fwd.	Receipts		Payments		Current Balance
Code	Title		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
301	Allotment	0.00	1,647.88	1,647.88	1,647.88	1,647.88	0.00
302	Env Grass Cutting	0.00	0.00	0.00	850.00	1,157.83	-307.83
303	Env Hedge / Fence / Tree Work	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	191.67	108.33
304	Village Orderly	0.00	435.81	435.81	4,710.00	3,532.50	1,177.50
305	Dog Bins	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,080.00	3,051.00	1,029.00
306	Env Maintenance / Inspect Riversi	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	612.00	1,888.00
307	Env Projects	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	3,000.00	1,402.50	3,297.50
308	Env Grant	0.00	11,000.00	7,149.52	2,000.00	0.00	-1,850.48
309	Play Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		£0.00	13,083.69	£10,933.21	19,087.88	£11,595.38	5,342.02

Highways		Bal. B/Fwd.	Receipts		Payments		Current Balance
Code	Title		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
401	Street light power	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,426.52	373.48
402	Street light maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
403	Street light upgrade	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,900.00	0.00	7,900.00
404	Highways related projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	797.39	702.61
		£0.00	0.00	£0.00	14,700.00	£5,723.91	8,976.09

Income		Bal. B/Fwd.	Receipts		Payments		Current Balance
Code	Title		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
501	Misc Income	0.00	0.00	51.94	200.00	0.00	251.94
502	Annual Precept	0.00	93,908.00	93,908.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Current Balance = Balance B/Fwd - (Receipt Budget - Actual Receipt) + (Payment Budget - Actual Payments)

Banwell Parish Council
Net Position by Cost Centre and Code

Cost Centre Name

503 VAT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
504 CIL	401.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2,599.00
	£401.00	96,908.00	£93,959.94	200.00	£0.00	-2,347.06

Recreation Ground

<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
601	Rec Grass Cutting	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	1,275.75	424.25
602	Rec Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	72.00	2,428.00
603	Rec Tree & Fence Work	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	203.33	-53.33
604	Rec Inspections	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	217.00	183.00
605	Rec Play Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,102.25	-12,102.25
		£0.00	0.00	£0.00	4,750.00	£13,870.33	-9,120.33

Youth & Community Centre

<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
701	YCC upgrade	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,000.00	18,870.60	-870.60
702	YCC repairs & maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,571.04	-571.04
703	YCC CCTV	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
704	YCC Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	557.50	442.50
705	YCC Gas	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	424.07	1,075.93
706	YCC water	0.00	0.00	0.00	650.00	39.54	610.46
707	YCC waste	0.00	0.00	0.00	650.00	424.26	225.74
708	YCC cleaning & supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	1,724.78	775.22
709	Office Equipment inc Website	0.00	0.00	4.61	3,000.00	3,530.71	-526.10
710	YCC phone & wifi	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	354.59	245.41
711	YCC Grass cutting	0.00	0.00	0.00	850.00	637.92	212.08
712	YCC hedge, fence & tree work	0.00	0.00	0.00	280.00	773.33	-493.33
713	YCC grants & donations	0.00	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,300.00
714	YCC income	0.00	0.00	1,328.00	1,300.00	0.00	2,628.00
		£0.00	1,300.00	£1,332.61	35,330.00	£30,908.34	4,454.27

Youth Club

<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Bal. B/Fwd.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Current Balance</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
801	YC sessions	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	1,440.00	8,560.00
802	YC budget	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	5,500.00
803	YC extraordinary activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
804	YC Computers	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,090.81	-90.81
805	YC subscriptions	0.00	400.00	105.30	0.00	0.00	-294.70
806	Tuck Shop	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
		£6,000.00	500.00	£105.30	11,600.00	£2,530.81	14,674.49

NET TOTAL

£97,083.00	114,791.69	£121,968.66	132,992.88	£110,905.72	126,347.13
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Current Balance = Balance B/Fwd - (Receipt Budget - Actual Receipt) + (Payment Budget - Actual Payments)

Banwell Parish Council

Prepared by: _____

Date: _____

Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

	Bank Reconciliation at 01/01/2021		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2020		186,593.72
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2020 - 01/01/2021		133,970.56
			320,564.28
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2020 - 01/01/2021		120,304.66
A	Cash in Hand 01/01/2021 (per Cash Book)		200,259.62
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Cash 31/12/2020	0.00	
	Unity Trust Bank (20398572) 31/12/2020	44,385.36	
	PC Reserve Saver account (81413) 31/12/2020	44,600.52	
	Cemetery Reserve Account (59678) 31/12/2020	94,727.38	
	Natwest Current account (5335765) 31/12/2020	16,546.36	
			200,259.62
	Less unrepresented payments		0.00
			200,259.62
	Plus unrepresented receipts		0.00
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		200,259.62
	A = B Checks out OK		