

OLD CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL – NEWS FOR MAY PARISH MAGAZINE

Your parish council continues to press the police for action against those speeding through Old Cleeve's narrow lanes, but this is, sadly, not seen as a priority as the police focus is on tackling drink-driving. Although data from the Speed Indicator Device (SID) shows a large number of vehicles exceeding the speed limits there have – as yet – been no serious accidents which would escalate police attention.

If you do experience a 'near miss' it is possible to report this via the Avon & Somerset Police website. Although individual cases will not be followed up, the information is used for statistical purposes and to inform road safety initiatives.

The SID does act as a visual reminder to drivers and there are other solutions such as rumble strips or speed humps, but these are not appropriate close to houses. We will continue to press the authorities to take action as we expect an increase in traffic once summer visitors arrive and car boot sales recommence at Blue Anchor.

Washford Councillors are actively progressing the plans for new play equipment at the Recreation Ground. Once estimates are received, we will be applying for Section 106 monies from Somerset Council. These are funds that developers have contributed to provide local amenities for the community as part of gaining planning consents. We are pleased that the new goalposts are now in place.

We will also be investigating whether it is possible to improve the surface of the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) to make it suitable for Pickleball – which is the fastest growing sport in the country right now – as we have a local team who would like to use it.

The annual parish meeting will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 14 May at the Lysaght Hall and Club in Old Cleeve where PC Daniel Cox will be speaking about the police approach to safety on our local roads. It is also your opportunity to hear about the council's activities during the past 12 months – including reports from some of the community groups that we have helped fund, such as the Roadwater youth club, and the School's minibus appeal. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and we hope that some of you may be inspired to step forward and fill the current vacancies on the parish council for Roadwater and Old Cleeve. Our March meeting was delighted to welcome Neil Scofield of Washford Post Office as a new councillor for that ward.

Our next parish council meeting will be on MONDAY 19 MAY at 7.00pm at Church Rooms, Old Cleeve. We would be delighted to see you.

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