

Mike Saffin

I have lived in the village of Creech St Michael for the last 30 years, having previously lived in Monkton Heathfield, the village in which I was born and brought up. I know the area well, having spent a lot of my formative years in Creech. In that time, I have seen a lot of change and modernisation, and something that is very dear to my heart is the future management and forward planning for this village and the parish.

Both of my children attended Creech Primary and Heathfield schools, and my eldest daughter has returned to live in the village within the last 4 years.

I have now retired, having worked in Telecoms for 42 years, and with that I bring a depth of knowledge on Public Utilities and street works, something that affects the village on a regular basis.

I am very passionate about the general welfare and wellbeing of the local community and support both speed reduction and antisocial behaviour measures within the village.

I regularly support local business, specifically the village pub and shop as I recognise the essential services that they supply. I am also a landowner, dog owner and support community events within the village.

CREECH ST MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes for the Meeting of Creech St Michael Parish Council held at Creech St Michael Village Hall on **03 March 2025 at 7.00pm**

Councillor Attendance

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| Cllr. Charlie Cudlip - Chair | CC | Present | Cllr. Neil Davidson – Vice Chair | ND | Present |
| Cllr. David Griffin | DG | Present | Cllr. Barbara Williams | BW | Present |
| Cllr. Martyn Willis | MW | Present | Cllr. Kieran Roe MBE | KR | Present |
| Cllr. Paul Tucker | PT | Present | Cllr. Peter Brown | PB | Present |

Also Present: Cllr. David Fothergill (Somerset Council), Cllr Norman Cavill (Somerset Council), nine (9) members of the public (including one (1) via the Zoom stream) and Andrew Williams, Creech St Michael Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Meeting started at 7.00pm

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| 1.0 | Chair's welcome The Vice Chair ND welcomed everyone to the meeting. | | | | |
| 2.0 | Election of a Chair of the Parish Council CC was appointed Chair of the Parish Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. CC took the seat as Chair of the meeting. | | | | |
| | Prop:PT | Sec:MW | In Favour:8 | Against:0 | Abstain:0 |
| 3.0 | <p>Public Question time - Questions asked by the Public and Press will be noted. The Chair invited contributions from members of the public. The Chair of the Village Hall Committee announced that there would be a public meeting held at Creech St Michael Village Hall on Wednesday 26 March 2025 regarding the proposed solar power generation installation on land off Bull Street Creech St Michael.</p> <p>A resident confirmed that the developer of the proposed solar power generation installation on land off Bull Street Creech St Michael, had requested a new screening opinion from the Planning Authority.</p> <p>A resident reported that contractors had started cutting back the hedgerow on the pathway through from Hyde Lane. Another resident present at the time had asked the contractors to stop their work because of fears around nesting birds in hedgerows.</p> <p>MW raised concerns about the piece of land off Hyde Lane that has been subject to fly-tipping. The Clerk and RFO agreed to investigate who owns the land.</p> | | | | |

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| 4.0 | <p>To receive Somerset Council Councillors' Reports Cllr. David Fothergill provided the following update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extended Boundary Commission Review is concluding on 4 March 2025. Somerset Council have agreed a scheme and this will be submitted for consideration. - Somerset Council must set a budget by Wednesday 13 March 2025 and currently has a deficit of £52 million. Council tax will be increased by 7.5% and there will be a £43 million capitalisation order that allows for the sale of assets. - Auditors have raised Statutory Recommendations. These require Somerset Council to report on plans to close the budget gap and on the transformation project. - A proposal to increase car parking charges is being considered by Somerset Council to increase revenue. - Work is starting on the Agratas Site in Bridgwater. - Trading Standards conducted a sweep of vaping stores. 13 of the 14 were found to be selling illegal vapes. | | | | |
| 5.0 | <p>Apologies for Absence</p> | | | | |
| | <p>5.1 To receive any apologies for absence. Apologies had been received from Cllr. Giles and Cllr. Greenhalgh. 5.2 To approve any apologies for absence. The apologies were approved.</p> | | | | |
| | <p>Prop:PT</p> | <p>Sec:BW</p> | <p>In Favour:8</p> | <p>Against:0</p> | <p>Abstain:0</p> |
| 6.0 | <p>Declarations of Interests 6.1 Declarations of Individual Members None. 6.2 Dispensation Request None.</p> | | | | |
| 7.0 | <p>Minutes To Review and Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2025. [M] The Clerk and RFO commented on item 22.2.1 stating that Somerset Highways had been notified of the issues relating to the line marking and these would be addressed. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.</p> | | | | |
| | <p>Prop:MW</p> | <p>Sec:DG</p> | <p>In Favour:8</p> | <p>Against:0</p> | <p>Abstain:0</p> |
| 8.0 | <p>Review and Monitor the Actions Outstanding from Past Meetings – See Appendix A for details of action points and progress toward the completion of each action.</p> | | | | |
| | <p>Items for Decision</p> | | | | |
| 9.0 | <p>Letter to Planning Authority – to approve a letter to be sent to the Planning Authority that requests that the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment be conducted for the proposed solar power generation installation site on land of Bull Street, Creech St Michael, be reconsidered as the initial advice given by the Planning Authority was incorrect. [M] It was agreed that the proposed letter would be modified in light of the information received about the proposed reassessment of the appraisal of the site and the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment.</p> | | | | |
| | <p>Prop:PB</p> | <p>Sec:DG</p> | <p>In Favour:8</p> | <p>Against:0</p> | <p>Abstain:0</p> |

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| 10.0 | Annual Parish Meeting – to approve the date and format of the Annual Parish Meeting. [M] The date of the 7 May 2025 was agreed and approved. Members agreed that they would propose ideas for guest speakers at the next full meeting of the Council. | | | | |
| | Prop:ND | Sec:PT | In Favour:8 | Against:0 | Abstain:0 |
| 11.0 | Quotation for Grass Cutting at the Recreation Park – to consider and approve a quotation for the provision of a grass cutting service at the Recreation Park. [M] The three quotations were considered and it was agreed to approve the quotation supplied by Somerset Council at £234.05 per cut. | | | | |
| | Prop:PT | Sec:PB | In Favour:8 | Against:0 | Abstain:0 |
| 12.0 | Quotation for Dog Waste Removal Service – to consider and approve a quotation for the provision of a dog waste removal service. [M] The quotation provided by Somerset Council was approved at a rate of £6.50 per bin. | | | | |
| | Prop:BW | Sec:PT | In Favour:8 | Against:0 | Abstain:0 |
| 13.0 | Quotation for the Installation of 3 Speed Indicator Devices – to review and approve a quotation for the installation of 3 posts for Speed Indicator Devices. [M] It was agreed and approved that the Clerk and RFO should revert to the quotation provided by Somerset Highways. | | | | |
| | Prop:PT | Sec:MW | In Favour:8 | Against:0 | Abstain:0 |
| 14.0 | Appointment of an Internal Auditor – to approve the appointment of J Lacombe as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for the year ending 31 March 2025. [M] The appointment of J Larcombe as internal auditor was approved. | | | | |
| | Prop:PT | Sec:DG | In Favour:8 | Against:0 | Abstain:0 |
| 15.0 | Banking Arrangements – to approve the appointment of Cllr. Steve Greenhalgh as an authorising signatory to the Parish Council bank account. [M] The appointment was approved. | | | | |
| | Prop:PB | Sec:ND | In Favour:8 | Against:0 | Abstain:0 |
| 16.0 | Financial Transactions Report – to review and approve the Financial Transaction Report for the period between 27 January 2025 and 21 February 2025. [M] The Financial Transaction report was approved. See Appendix B for a list of all payments. The Chair signed a copy of the report for the records. | | | | |
| | Prop:BW | Sec:DG | In Favour:8 | Against:0 | Abstain:0 |
| | Items for Discussion | | | | |
| 17.0 | LCN Local Plan Workshop 24 February 2025 – feedback. CC summarised the key points from the workshop, including the call for sites and the various requests from those present to deliver the needed infrastructure. CC commented that it was inevitable that much of the new housing development sites would be located along the M5 corridor. | | | | |
| 18.0 | LCN Children & Young People Working group – update. The Clerk and RFO confirmed that a bid for grant funds from SALC was due to be submitted and the expectation was that the application would be supported. Funds would be used to support the delivery of provision across the LCN. DG asked if this included engagement with schools and the Clerk and RFO confirmed that this was the intention. | | | | |

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| | Updates from Committees Working Groups & Panels |
| 19.0 | <p>Planning Committee</p> <p>19.1 Planning Application 14/25/0002</p> <p>The Clerk and RFO confirmed that a letter was being written to the Highways and Planning Authorities demanding that the planning conditions imposed by the Planning Inspector in respect of application 14/23/0002 be fully complied with. Contact had also been made with the developer requesting that they reconsider the naming of the site.</p> <p>19.2 Planning Log</p> <p>The meeting viewed the Planning Log and the updates recorded to date.</p> |
| 20.0 | <p>Finance Committee</p> <p>20.1. Meeting Held 24.02.2024</p> <p>DG updated the meeting on the proposed CIL Policy that would define how the Parish Council managed CIL funds. This would be coming to the April meeting of the Parish Council for approval.</p> <p>20.2. Budget Report Year-to-date.</p> <p>The Clerk and RFO confirmed that the budget was on profile and there were no concerns.</p> |
| 21.0 | <p>Traffic Working Group</p> <p>21.1. Update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MW reported that there was ongoing discussions with Somerset Highways and Avon and Somerset Police regarding the installation of speed camera signs, after concerns were raised by Avon and Somerset Police. - The Speedwatch team continues to be active. MW reported that 27% of traffic recorded was over the speed limit and reported to Avon and Somerset Police. - MW presented a map of the local routes in to the village of Creech S Michael and their respective speed limits. MW believed that if these limits were reduced and consistent it would have a positive impact on traffic management within the community. The Clerk and RFO would be consulting with neighbouring parish councils to gauge their opinion on the proposal. |
| | Other Matters |
| 22.0 | Correspondence |
| | <p>22.1 To consider any correspondence received that Councillors wish to raise that has already been circulated.</p> <p>None.</p> |
| | <p>22.2 To note items of correspondence received by the Clerk and RFO deemed appropriate to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council.</p> <p>The email message from Gideon Amos OBE MP was noted.</p> |
| 23.0 | New Matters to be Carried Forward |

The meeting ended at 8.53pm

[V] = Where a resolution (vote) is expected

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The next Creech St Michael (CSM) Parish Council meetings are on:



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| Date of Original Meeting Action Raised | Minute Ref. | Action Point | Responsibility & Timeframe | Date Completed | Outcome/Further Actions | Complete |
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| 03.03.2025 | 3.0 | Investigate the ownership of the small parcel of land off Hyde Lane that has been subject to fly tipping. | Clerk and RFO 07.04.2024 | | 10.03.2025 Ownership of land established via Land registry records. 17.03.2025 Letter sent to landowners asking that the issues be addressed and the land secured. | |
| 03.03.2025 | 9.0 | Letter to be sent to the Planning Authority regarding the lack of an effective assessment of the site off Bull Street that there is a proposal to develop for use as a solar power generating facility. | Clerk and RFO | | 11.03.2025 Letter sent to the Head of Planning. | |
| 06.01.2025 | 10.0 | To purchase two solar powered speed indicator devices and arrange for the installation of the posts in the appropriate locations. | 03.02.2025 Clerk & RFO | | 13.01.2025 Approach made to Kier to request installation of the poles. 15.01.2025 purchase order submitted to the supplier of the SIDs. 25.01.2025 SIDs purchased and delivered. 17.02.2025 see item 11 of the agenda 03.03.2025 28.03.2025 confirmation of sites sent to the Somerset Council Traffic Engineer for progress to installation. | |

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| 06.01.2025 | 12.0 | To progress a grant application to the Somerset Rivers Authority, on behalf of the residents of Mill Lane to purchase a diesel flood pump. | 20.02.2025 Clerk & RFO | | 23.01.2025 Meeting held onsite with residents and Environment Agency representatives. Grant application to be progressed for the full sum of £20,000.00 25.02.2025 Application submitted. | |
| 14.10.2024 | 2.0 | Clerk and RFO contact the Rights of Way team to encourage them to progress the issue of the footpath concerns at Whiteleaze Lane, Thurloxton. | Clerk and RFO 04.11.2024 | | 16.10.2024 Request made to Rights of Way team to review the situation and update on progress. | |
| 02.09.2024 | 8.0 | The creation of a secure record of key accounts and passwords to be accessed in an emergency by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council or Chair of the Finance Committee. | Clerk and RFO 04.11.2024 | | 28.10.2024 See agenda item 12. | |
| 02.09.2024 | 13.0 | To write to the PCC regarding traffic management issues. | Clerk and RFO 01.10.2024 | 05.09.2024 | Response received and date arranged for site visit. Meeting to be rearranged to accommodate availability of councillors. | |
| 13.05.2024 | 15.0 | Prepare quotations for the installation of CCTV at the Rec. Park. | Clerk and RFO 03.06.2024 | | 25.05.2024 See agenda item 15 03.06.2024 Proposal approved and purchase of hardware completed. 31.07.2024 Equipment purchased, delivered and installation commenced. | |

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| 06.11.2023 | 29.2.1 | Clerk and RFO to contact West Monkton Parish Council to collaborate on a submission to Somerset Highways to address the issues with large vehicles using Coombe Lane. | Clerk and RFO 04.12.2023 | | 27.11.2023 Contact with West Monkton Parish Council made and details of the issue shared. West Monkton Parish Council to consider and respond. 13.12.2023 Email sent to Somerset Roads requesting that the Lane be designated with a maximum weight of 7.5 tonnes. 15.12.2023 response received and request for more evidence received. | |
| 02.10.2023 | 9.0 | Members to identify risks that are not listed on the draft Risk register and forward these to the Clerk and RFO. | All members 06.11.2023 | | 23.05.2024 See agenda item 14 03.06.2024. | |
| 05.06.2023 | 2.0 | Clerk and RFO to contact the relevant parties to request that the issue of overgrown hedges be dealt with on the lane between Hyde Lane and Leighton Drive. | Clerk and RFO 03.07.2023 | | 20.06.2023 Managing Agent contacted and confirmation received that they are not responsible for Hyde Lane vegetation. Response awaited from David Wilson Homes. 07.11.2023 Letter written to David Wilson Homes requesting that the vegetation be dealt with. 09.11.2023 Holding response received from David Wilson Homes. 22.11.2023 David Wilson Homes confirm that a consultant has been appointed to address the outstanding adoption issues. | |

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| | | | | | <p>18.12.2023 Chasing email sent and response received to indicate it had been passed to another team to respond.</p> <p>19.01.2024 Chasing email sent and response received to indicate it had been passed to another team to respond. No progress being made on this issue.</p> <p>27.03.2024 Deadline of 08 April 2024 given for resolution of the matter or legal steps to be taken to resolve the matter.</p> <p>28.03.2024 Response received from David Wilson Homes stating that the delay in resolving the matter sits with Somerset Council.</p> <p>02.04.2024 Request made to Cllr. Fothergill to intervene.</p> | |
| 06.02.2023 | 12.0 | Clerk and RFO to pursue the use of the Money Claim service to seek the recovery of the funds paid to Oakleaf Joinery & Design. | Clerk and RFO 06.03.2023 | 15.02.2023 | <p>15.02.2023 Money Claim online started and evidence submitted.</p> <p>16.03.2023 A request to issue a County Court Judgement was made via the Money Claim service.</p> <p>24.03.2023 County Court Judgement issued and received.</p> <p>15.05.2023 Request to be issued for a Warrant of Control.</p> <p>12.07.2023 case transferred to Yeovil Crown Court and a warrant issued.</p> | |

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| | | | | | 28.10.2024 New information on location of individual passed to the Court. | |
| 09.01.2023 | 3.0 | Update the Neighbourhood Plan in light of the changes being brought about by local government reorganisation. | TBC | | 15.05.2023 To be considered at the next Planning committee meeting. 05.06.2023 See agenda item 20.1. 27.11.2023 To be discussed by the Planning Committee. | |
| COMPLETED ACTIONS | | | | | | |
| 15.05.2023 | 15 | The Clerk and RFO would confirm the approved sites for the Speed Indicator Devices with Somerset Council Highways. | Clerk and RFO 05.06.2023 | | 23.05.2023 request sent to Somerset Council Highways requesting confirmation of approved sites. 05.06.2023 The Clerk and RFO confirmed that the two existing sites were the only that had been fully approved and that a meeting with highways to discuss further sites was being scheduled for late June or early July. 04.12.2023 Highways to confirm locations and await the installation of new poles to accommodate solar SIDs. Likely to be delayed until May/June 2024. 21.02.2024 Further contact held with Traffic Engineer to arrange a site meeting. 30.04.2024 Awaiting further meeting with Speedwatch and Traffic Panel to agree sites. | √ |

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| | | | | | 24.12.2024 See agenda item 10 of 06.01.2025 meeting. | |
| 14.10.2024 | 9.0 | Contact to be made with landowner of public open space off Derham Close, to determine if a waste bin can be installed. | Clerk and RFO 04.11.2024 | | 18.10.2024 Site is owned and managed by Allison Homes. 22.10.2024 Somerset Council confirmed that the S106 agreement did not make reference to waste bins being installed. 24.10.2024 Allison Homes contacted and request made to install bin. 16.11.2024 Follow up email request made to management company for a response. 05.12.2024 Contact received from management company confirming that they are seeking quotations for the installation of a bin. 22.01.2025 Two new bins installed and in use. | ✓ |
| 08.01.2024 | 12.0 | Clerk and RFO to submit a request to the DHSC for funding for two defibrillators, one to be sited at the Recreation Park and one at or near to Adsborough. | Clerk and RFO 05.02.204 | | 08.01.2024 Resident at Adsborough contacted and asked to assist in finding a suitable location for the Defib. 25.01.2024 Defibrillators shipped and arrived and now in storage. 16.02.2024 Defibrillator installed at the Recreation Park. Second location under discussion. 17.06.2024 Offer of site for installation made from Adsborough resident. Site being investigated for suitability. | ✓ |

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| | | | | | 18.11.2024 Defibrillator installed and added to the national network. | |
| 01.07.2024 | 17.0 | Proposal to undertake works to trees within the Recreation Park to be provided. | Clerk and RFO 02.09.2024 | | See agenda item 11 of meeting agenda 02.09.2024. 09.09.2024 contractor appointed and work scheduled for completion in November 2024. 11.11.2024 Initial works now complete. | ✓ |
| 04.11.2024 | 11.0 | Clerk and RFO to contact Ruishton, Henlade and Thurloxtton Parish Council to seek approval to submit feedback on the reorganisation of Somerset Council divisions. | Clerk and RFO 02.12.2024 | 12.11.2024 | 13.11.2024 Agreement between two Parish Councils confirmed and feedback submitted. Voting age population as of 2021 census 4,567. | ✓ |
| 01.07.2024 | 10.0 | Purchase and installation of new signage for the Recreation Park. | Clerk and RFO 02.09.2024 | 13/09/2024 | 02.07.2024 Purchase order submitted to Blake Signs. 12.08.2024 Main signs installed. Other signs in the process of being installed. 13.09.2024 All signs installed. | ✓ |
| 13.05.2024 | 15.0 | Hold discussions with Ruishton Rhinos Football Club to seek their support for maintaining the grass pitch. | Clerk and RFO 03.06.2024 | | 26.05.2024 Contact made with Chair of Ruishton Rhinos Football Club and meeting to be held to discuss plans for the club to use the Rec. Park as a base. | ✓ |

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| | | | | | <p>12.05.2024 Meeting held and proposal being progressed to Finance Committee to consider prior to approval by Parish Council.</p> <p>16.08.2024 See agenda item 9 of meeting</p> <p>02.09.2024.</p> <p>29.09.2024 Agreement shared for approval by both parties.</p> <p>07.10.2024 Signed agreement received and purchase of mower initiated.</p> | |
| 05.02.2024 | 8.0 | Implementation of budget proposals. | Clerk and RFO 31.03.2024 | | <p>12.02.2024 Notice given of cessation of service to Walford Security.</p> <p>13.02.2024 Notice given of cessation of funding to the Community Youth Project. Dialogue opened with Community Youth Project and Somerset Youth Alliance to explore external funding opportunities.</p> <p>13.02.2024 Contact made with West Monkton Parish Council to explore viability of sharing use of their mower.</p> <p>26.03.2024 A positive response from West Monkton Parish Council received, subject to insurance and agreement of a schedule and financial contribution.</p> <p>01.10.2024 All matters completed.</p> | ✓ |
| 02.09.2024 | 2.0 | Attend to overgrown vegetation at the cut through path at the junction of Ryesland Way and St Michael Road. | Cllr. Willis + other Cllrs. | 14/09/2024 | Task complete. | ✓ |

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| 05.06.2023 | 23.2 | To request that the markings for the virtual pavement at North end are reinstated to improve visibility. | Clerk and RFO 03.07.2023 | 17.07.2024 | 03.07.2023 A recent meeting with the Highways Officer from Somerset Council had confirmed a commitment to reline the Virtual Footpath. 17.07.2024 Lines reinstated by Somerset Council. | ✓ |
| 09.01.2023 | 3.0 | Clerk and RFO to respond to Cllr. Fothergill's enquiry about a bus shelter for Creech Heathfield. | Clerk and RFO 06.02.2023 | | 27.01.2022 See item 22.2 on the agenda for meeting held on 06.02.2023. 16.03.2023 Awaiting a response from Somerset Council Highways. 25.11.2023 Cllr. Peters in contact with resident about the issue. 11.12.2023 Contact with Roads Records initiated following advice from Somerset Highways. 12.12.2023 Request submitted to First Bus Group for data on bus stop use for the previous 12 months. 12.01.2024 response received from Somerset Road Records received outlining process. Initial costs of £765.00 to cover application, licenses and legal costs. Planning Application may also be necessary. 14.05.2024 Resident informed that this project has been put on hold for a period of 12 months. | ✓ |
| 04.12.2023 | 8.0 | Clerk and RFO to contact Somerset Bus Partnership to obtain more information on the scale of funding required. | Clerk and RFO 08.01.2024 | | 05.12.2023 Contact made with Somerset Bus Partnership and request made. Response received and awaiting further information. 31.12.202 Information shared that 4 decals had been sited within Creech St Michael. 500 decals have been printed to cover Somerset. | ✓ |

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| 05.09.2022 | 18 | Clerk to contact Somerset West and Taunton Council to arrange for the installation of the small combined bin and to enquire of the cost of moving the dog waste bin on the site. | Clerk & RFO 03.10.2022 | | <p>22.09.2022 Request submitted to Somerset West and Taunton Street Scene team.</p> <p>23.09.2022 Response received – cost of relocating dog waste bin £100.00 + VAT. 03.10.2022 Plan to be drawn up to locate larger bin and replace dog waste bin.</p> <p>07.11.2022 Site meeting to be arranged for councillors by the Clerk and RFO.</p> <p>15.06.2023 Clerk and RFO contacted the Street Scene team at Somerset Council to approve installation.</p> <p>20.07.2023 Contact with Street Scene Manager made. Awaiting quotation for costs of installation and supply of waste bin.</p> <p>25.07.2023 Costs confirmed as previously agreed and purchase order issued. Lead time likely 7 to 8 weeks.</p> <p>30.10.2023 A further update has been requested from the Street Scene team on the likely installation date.</p> <p>06.11.2023 Telephone call with Somerset Council Street Scene team. Installation committed to within 14 days.</p> | ✓ |
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| | | | | | 11.12.2023 Bin installed. | |
| 06.11.2023 | 14.0 | ND would seek a meeting with the local store manager to discuss the issues with the opening times of the Post Office. | ND 04.12.2023 | | ND spoke with store staff and received assurances that the issue was being addressed with the addition of more trained staff members. | ✓ |
| 02.10.2023 | 14.0 | Contact to be made with the Woodland Trust to explore the offer of free trees for planting within the community. | Clerk and RFO 06.11.2023 | 10.10.2023 | 90 small hedge plants and 30 small copse trees will be delivered in March 2024. | ✓ |
| 03.07.2023 | 20.0 | The Clerk and RFO to obtain a quote from Walford Security for a locking and call out service for the car park. | Clerk and RFO 04.09.2023 | | 02.10.2023 No longer required. | ✓ |
| 04.09.2023 | 4.0 | Clerk and RFO to present a proposal to implement a member attendance policy. | Clerk and RFO 02.10.2023 | | 02.10.2023 See item 7 on the agenda. | ✓ |

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| 03.07.2023 | 3.0 | Cllr. Cavill asked that the Parish Council write to the owner of the property on the corner of Paddock Close to request that their hedgerow be cut back as it was causing pedestrians to have to walk in to the road. | Clerk and RFO 04.09.2023 | | 07.08.2023 Letter written to the resident. 25.08.2023 No response received and no action taken by the resident. 04.09.2023 vegetation has been reduced and no longer presents an issue. | ✓ |
| 15.05.2023 | 14 | It was agreed that CC and ND would contact the landowner and arrange to meet and discuss the proposed allotment site lease. | Cllr. Cudlip and Cllr. Davidson 05.06.2023 | | 05.06.2023 Cllr. Davidson confirmed that he had spoken to the landowner and confirmed that he was willing to sign an agreement on the terms proposed. The Clerk and RFO to send an agreement to the landowner. 13.06.2023 Lease agreement sent to landowner. 20.07.2023 Signed lease agreement received from the landowner. | ✓ |
| 03.07.2023 | 8.0 | Clerk and RFO to contact Somerset Council to seek a formal arrangement for the disposal of waste from the Recreation Park. | Clerk and RFO 04.09.2023 | | 23.08.2023 No such service available from Somerset Council. Advice from SC is that "All businesses producing any waste should have a trade waste agreement with a registered waste carrier or take their refuse to a site licensed to accept trade waste." | ✓ |

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Item 11.

Langaller Park Development Application

1.0 Proposal

To consider and approve a letter to be sent to Somerset Council's Lead Member for Economic Development Planning and Assets.

2.0 Introduction

At a meeting between the Parish Council and West Monkton Parish Council, held on Monday 24 March 2025, it was agreed that a letter be prepared for consideration by each Parish Council that raised the concerns expressed at the meeting on the progress of the Langaller Park planning application.

The letter identifies a number of areas of concern and requests that the Lead Member for Economic Development Planning and Assets convene an urgent meeting to address the concerns of the Parish Councils.

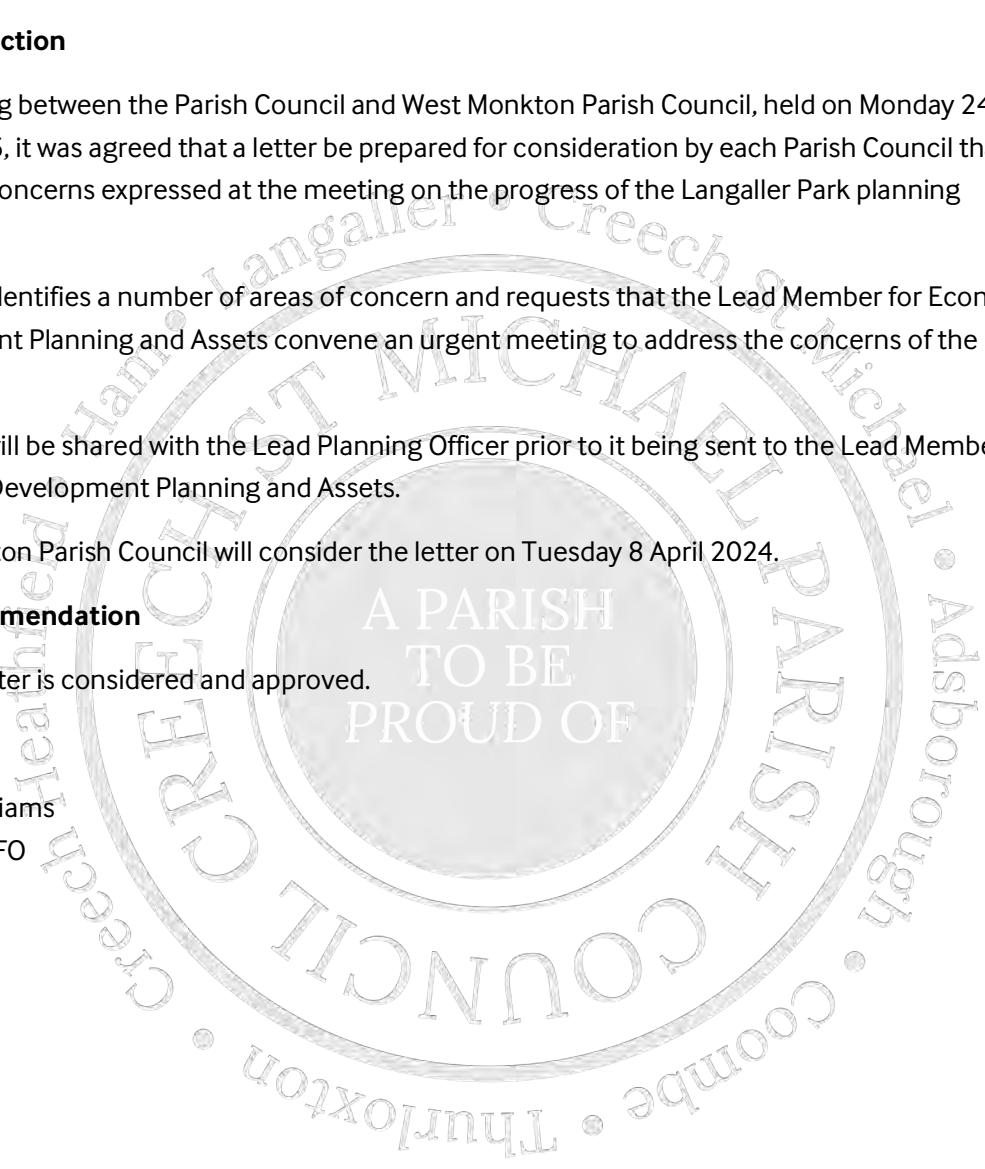
The letter will be shared with the Lead Planning Officer prior to it being sent to the Lead Member for Economic Development Planning and Assets.

West Monkton Parish Council will consider the letter on Tuesday 8 April 2024.

3.0 Recommendation

That the letter is considered and approved.

Andrew Williams
Clerk and RFO
31.03.2025



Cllr Mike Rigby
Lead Member for Economic Development Planning and Assets
Somerset Council
County Hall
The Crescent
Taunton
TA1 4DY

7 April 2025

Dear Cllr. Rigby

Langaller Park Development – Planning Application 14/21/0047

Over the past 18 months the Parish Councils of Creech St Michael and West Monkton have worked collaboratively to support the progress of the application for the development known as Langaller Park (formerly MH2). The Parish Councils are committed to delivering a development that is fit for their communities, is aligned with the Principles of the Taunton Garden Town initiative and integrates well with the existing developments of West Monkton (MH1).

As a result of many discussions and meetings with the Lead Planning officer and the Developer's Representatives, the Parishes have committed to being signatories to the relevant elements of the Section 106 agreements to ensure that the community infrastructure is delivered and is appropriate to the needs of all residents, visitors and employers.

Over recent months the Parish Councils have become increasingly concerned at the pace at which the application is progressing and at the lack of transparency around key issues. In particular, the Parish Councils wish to draw the following to your attention.

- ☹ Progress of Application. Whilst both Parish Councils understand that applications of this scale and complexity present many challenges for developers and the Planning Authority, it is felt that progress toward the re-submission of an application is now drifting and is at serious risk of failing to materialise. In May 2024 the Planning Committee resolved to grant an extension of 6 months to allow the Developer and the Planning officer "to continue working towards a committee date of Autumn 2024." In the Autumn of 2024 we were told to expect an application submission in October and then again in December. At this point, almost 12 months on from the May 2024 Planning Committee we seem to be no closer to a firm re-submission

timetable. We are seeking clarification on the timetable for re-submission of an application and a commitment that the Developer will be held to that timetable.

- ﻻ Viability. In the most recent meetings with the Developer's Representatives and the Lead Planning Officer we were informed that the development was now subject to a viability assessment. A commitment was made by the Developer's Representatives and the Lead Planning Officer to share information on the viability issues and in particular any concerns that were being raised about the value of Community Infrastructure Levy payments or non-delivery of community infrastructure in the development. To date no information has been shared and we have no understanding of the viability issues that are being considered.
- ﻻ Highways. The treatment of the A38 has and remains of significant concern to the two Parish Councils. We have sought to understand the proposed plans for the A38 and to have clarity on the impact of changes to this critical route on the surrounding highways. We have been told that there are a number of highways issues outstanding, yet we have not been made aware of what has been agreed and what has yet to be considered and approved.
- ﻻ As detailed above, both Parish Councils are committed to working with Somerset Council to deliver some of the community infrastructure through the use of Community Infrastructure Levy funds. We are concerned to learn that the substantive element of these funds paid to Somerset Council will not be used to deliver the much needed community infrastructure within the development or its immediate vicinity including the delivery of the school. Instead being channelled in to other pots to balance the budgets of other departments and projects and adding to viability issues in this development. We are seeking an assurance from Somerset Council that a substantial proportion of the Community Infrastructure Levy Funds will be allocated to the Langaller Park development.
- ﻻ Changes in Phosphate Mitigation. You will be aware that the outline plans as they stand include a significant site of wetlands designed to act as a means for phosphate mitigation. The Parish Council's are concerned that recent changes proposed by Somerset Council to the Phosphate Mitigation schemes and the upgrade of the Ham Pumping Station will result in this site being abandoned and replaced with additional housing. We are seeking clarification on this and assurance that the wetlands provision will remain in any proposals.

Both Parish Councils have invested time and commitment to this development and believe that we can and should play a significant role in delivering an outstanding community that will stand the test of time. At this stage there is an increasing concern that the development

will be allowed to drift and potentially fail to deliver without a significant intervention from Somerset Council.

We would welcome an urgent meeting with you and officers to discuss the issues we have raised in more detail and to understand the position of the Planning Authority in respect of this application.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Haskins

Chair

West Monkton Parish Council

Charlie Cudlip

Chair

Creech St Michael Parish Council

CC: Simon Fox, Lead Planning Officer, Cllr. David Fothergill, Cllr. Norman Cavill

Item 12.

Analysis of Data of the Video Surveillance Evidence of the Railway Bridge, Creech St Michael.

1.0 Background

At a meeting in January 2025, the Parish Council approved funding for a project to undertake video surveillance of the Railway Bridge, Creech St Michael with the aim of obtaining evidence of vehicles moving from the highway to the footpath.

The surveillance was undertaken by Somerset Council and took place over a seven day period between the 25 and 31 March 2025.

The data presented in this paper combines data from the Parish Council's Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and the results of the video analysis. The data also excludes bicycle movements.

2.0 Findings

The data presented is based on all vehicle movements, both northbound and southbound, over the period of surveillance. Surveillance was conducted between 07.00 and 19.00 each day of the period.

- The average number of vehicle movements per day between 07.00 and 19.00 was 2,524, with an average speed of 19mph. The median maximum speed recorded was 28mph.
- The average number of wide vehicles using the bridge was 255, 10% of all vehicles. The peak days for wide vehicles was Tuesday and Wednesday of the period with 20% of all vehicles recorded classified as wide. The numbers of wide vehicles using the bridge at the weekends significantly reduced.
- There were 63 recorded incidents of vehicles mounting the footpath across the surveillance period (this does not include bicycles). This represents 0.63% of all vehicle movements.
- Of the 63 recorded incidents of vehicles mounting the footpath, 25 were cars, 26 were classified as light goods vehicles (LGV), 10 were ordinary goods vehicles (OGV1) and 2 were larger ordinary goods vehicles (OGV2).
- During the period there were a total of 955 pedestrian movements across the bridge, averaging 136 per day. The peak day was the Wednesday when 157 pedestrian movements were recorded.

Note:

LGV are all car type delivery vans and those of the next larger carrying capacity such as transit vans. Included here are small pickups, ambulances which look like vans without windows and milk floats. Most of this group are delivery vans of one type or another and goods vehicles (middle-sized trucks) with single rear wheels.

OGV1 are larger rigid vehicles with two or three axles including larger ambulances with double rear wheels, tractors (without trailers), road rollers for tarmac pressing, box vans, similar large vans and middle-sized trucks which have double rear wheels.

OGV2 are all rigid vehicles with four or more axles and all articulated vehicles. Also included in this class are OGV1 goods vehicles towing a caravan or trailer.

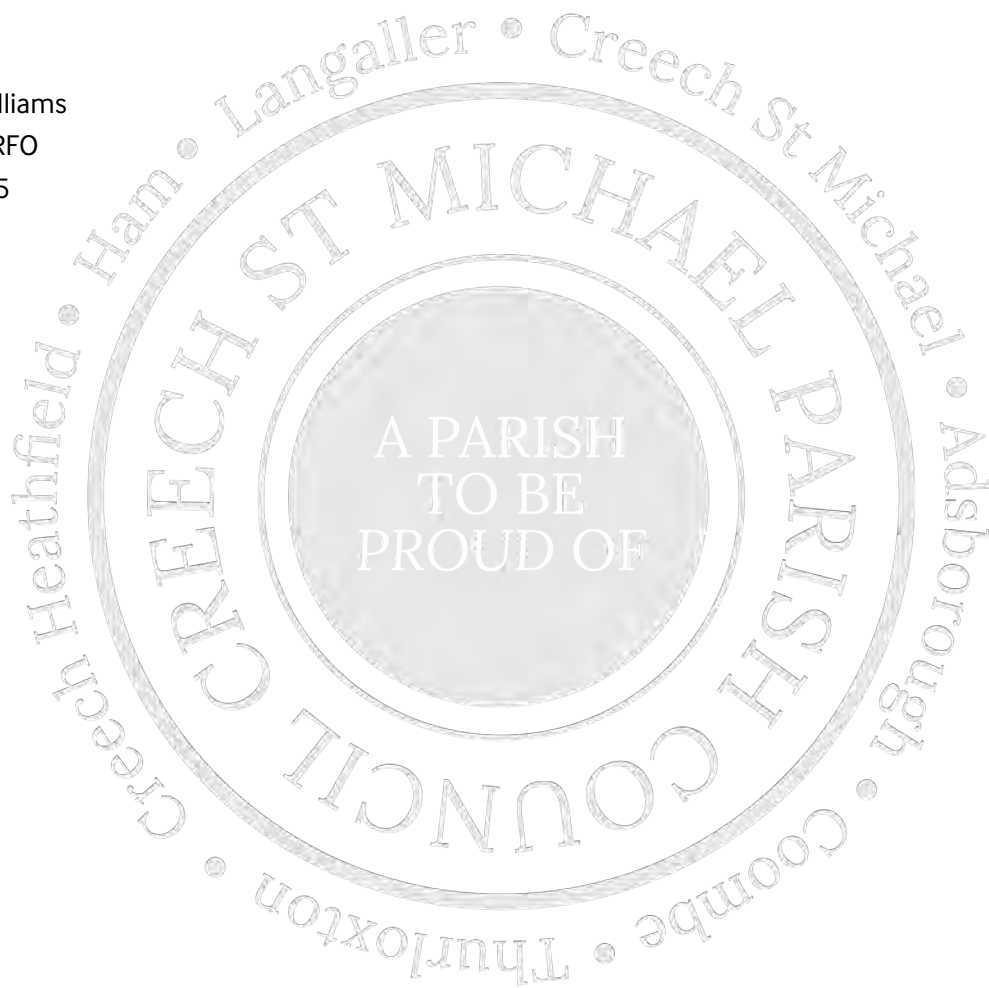
3.0 Next Steps

The Principal Road Safety and Travel Data Manager for Somerset Council has already confirmed that the analysis data will be shared with area traffic engineers and this will lead to an exploration of “additional analysis options to support the discussions”.

A request has been made for further interrogation of the data to determine the numbers of OGV1 and OGV2 using the bridge over the surveillance period.

The Parish Council is asked to approve a proposal to send the letter included as Appendix A of this paper to the Lead Member for Highways at Somerset Council, the Interim Head of Highways for Somerset Council and the Head of Roads Policing and Road Safety for Avon and Somerset Police.

Andrew Williams
Clerk and RFO
12.03.2025



Cllr. Richard Wilkins
Lead Member for Transport and Waste Services
Somerset Council
County Hall
Taunton
TA1 4DY

07 April 2025

Dear Cllr. Wilkins

Safety of the Railway Bridge, St Michael Road, Creech St Michael – Urgent Action Required

Creech St Michael Parish Council commissioned a period of video surveillance of the highway that crosses the Railway Bridge on St Michael Road, Creech St Michael, Taunton during the final week of January 2025. The surveillance was undertaken by Somerset Council's Road Safety and Travel Data department. The surveillance was commissioned as a result of long-standing concerns over the types of vehicles using the bridge, which is narrow and weight-restricted and anecdotal evidence that vehicles were frequently moving on to the footpath that runs alongside the highway, endangering pedestrians.

The route across the bridge is the only direct connection between the north and the south of the village and is also a designated safe walking to school route for children travelling from the south of the Village and beyond to Creech St Michael Church of England Primary School and Monkton Wood Academy Secondary School.

The key findings from the surveillance project are.

- There were 63 recorded incidents of vehicles mounting the footpath across the surveillance period (this does not include bicycles).
- Of the 63 recorded incidents of vehicles mounting the footpath, 25 were cars, 26 were classified as light goods vehicles (LGV), 10 were ordinary goods vehicles (OGV1) and 2 were larger ordinary goods vehicles (OGV2).

- The average number of wide vehicles using the bridge each day was 255, 10% of all vehicle movements along St Michael Road.
- During the period there were a total of 955 pedestrian movements across the bridge, averaging 136 per day.

Now that the data has been collected, analysed and considered, the Parish Council expects that the Highway Authority should take immediate action to protect pedestrians and motorists from harm. Closure of the footpath is not an option for the reasons stated above, the Parish Council believes that in the short term, a form of traffic management solution needs to be instigated to reduce the likelihood of a serious and potentially fatal accident. A long term solution is also required to ensure that the bridge can continue to serve its purpose of connecting the communities of Creech St Michael, Ruishton, Ham and beyond and to serve as a through route from the A358 to the A38.

As Chair of the Parish Council, I would like to invite you to meet with me and members of the Parish Council on the site of the Railway Bridge, to discuss our concerns and to explore potential short term solutions. I believe that this matter requires the immediate attention of all interested parties to ensure that a serious incident is avoided.

Yours sincerely

Charlie Cudlip
Chair
Creech St Michael Parish Council

CC:

David Jones, Interim Head of Highways, Somerset Council

Chief Inspector Robert Cheeseman, Head of Roads Policing and Road Safety at Avon and Somerset Police

Cllr. David Fothergill, Division Councillor Monkton & North Curry

Item 13.

Community Infrastructure Policy

1.0 Proposal

To consider a policy on the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

2.0 Introduction

The Parish Council's Finance Committee considered at draft policy for the management of Community Infrastructure Levy funds at its meeting held 25 February 2025. The Committee approved the policy for consideration by the Parish Council.

3.0 Community Infrastructure Levy Funds

The Parish Council receives Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds as allocated by Somerset Council under their CIL Charging Policy.

The Parish Council can determine how its CIL receipts are spent, however any expenditure must meet the following criteria as set out by CIL regulations:

- The provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

4.0 The Policy

The Parish Council controls and is responsible for the administration of CIL funds. External bodies can apply to the Parish Council to access the funds, but the Parish Council is not obliged to support these applications.

In the absence of a strategic plan and recent Neighbourhood Development Plan, it is proposed that a policy be established that will guide future decisions of the Parish Council when allocating and expending CIL funds to projects. This policy outlines a series of principles against which expenditure of CIL monies will be judged. In addition, the Parish Council will construct and review a project list of potential projects that are judged to be suitable for CIL funding.

3.0 Recommendation

That the Policy is approved and members submit items to the project list.

Andrew Williams
Clerk and RFO
25.03.2025

Creech St Michael Parish Council

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| Policy Title | Community Infrastructure Levy Expenditure Policy |
| Applies to | All members, employees and applicants for grant funding |
| Date Created | 14 February 2025 |
| Date Approved by Council | |
| Minute Reference | |
| | |
| Author | Clerk and RFO |
| Review Cycle | Annual |
| Review Dates | |



1.0 Introduction

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge on development that allows local authorities to secure funding for a wide range of infrastructure. Local authorities can choose whether to charge CIL within their district and the levy is usually collected by the Local Planning Authority also known as 'Charging Authorities'

Town and parish councils are entitled to a 'Neighbourhood Proportion' (NP), sometimes called the 'Meaningful Proportion' of the CIL monies received by the Charging Authority. Somerset Council has set its Neighbourhood Proportion at 15% and 25% for parishes that have a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) in place.

Creech St Michael Parish Council receives CIL twice yearly. In accordance with the CIL regulations, CIL receipts must be spent within 5 years otherwise Somerset Council may require the repayment of some or all those funds.

The Parish Council can determine how its CIL receipts are spent; however, any expenditure must meet the following criteria as set out by CIL regulations:

- The provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

2.0 Policy for CIL Expenditure

Receipt of CIL funds enable investment into the community and provide the opportunity to deliver a range of long-lasting projects. The Parish Council does not currently have a Strategic Plan and the Neighbourhood Development Plan was published in 2018. Since that point there has been a significant amount of change within the local environment, most significant of all was the merger of the former district councils to one unitary authority in 2023.

The Parish Council controls and is responsible for the administration of CIL funds. External bodies can apply to the Parish Council to access the funds, but the Parish Council is not obliged to support these applications.

In the absence of a strategic plan and recent Neighbourhood Development Plan, it is proposed that a series of principles be established that will guide future decisions of the Parish Council when allocating and expending CIL funds to projects.

2.1 Community Support

Can a project or proposal meet the following tests:

- Does a project deliver the long-held aspirations identified by the Parish Council that are included in strategic plans, the Neighbourhood Development Plan or are otherwise document within Parish Council records?
- Does the project clearly and measurably demonstrate benefit the wider parish community?

- Has a specific need been identified within the community and has it been subject to public consultation that confirms support for objectives?

2.2 Transparency and Value for Money

Projects must:

- Demonstrate effective financial management to obtain optimum value for money.
- Utilise robust tendering processes to ensure contracted services are cost effective and transparently procured.
- Minimise the CIL requirement through use of own funds, third party funding and community fundraising

2.3 Long Term Tangible Benefits

Projects should:

- Safeguard and increase the viability of community assets for long- term community use.
- Have a lifespan more than 15 years.
- Be sustained with revenue expenditure.
- Wherever possible, reduce running costs or increase revenue generation.

2.4 Mitigation of the Detrimental Impact of Development

Projects should:

- Deliver infrastructure identified as being required in the community
- Better connect developments to parish services and assets
- Address issues generated by developments.

3.0 Process for Assessing Projects

Organisations within the parish may put forward costed and deliverable projects in accordance with the information required to constitute a complete application. All projects whether submitted by an external organisation or proposed by the Parish Council will be reviewed by the Clerk and RFO to confirm all required information has been provided and that the applications meet the criteria as set out in this policy.

Complete applications will be submitted to the full council for consideration at the next applicable meeting. The Parish Council will resolve whether to include the application on its future CIL Projects list and its level of priority in respect of other infrastructure projects or previously agreed inclusions.

4.0 CIL Projects List

In the absence of a strategic plan, the Parish Council will resolve to prepare annually a CIL Projects List. Projects identified as being suitable for inclusion on the project list must meet the criteria set out in this policy.

At any point during the year, any member or officer can request that a project is progressed to a viability stage at which a decision will be taken whether CIL monies can and will be allocated.

The Community Infrastructure Levy Project List

- Resurfacing of the Recreation Park Car Park.
- Repurposing of the Engine Shed Building/Pavilion Building at the Recreation Park.
- Purchase of land for the purposes of use of an allotment site.
- Provision of a Pump Track at the Recreation Park.

Last updated March 2025

Item 14.

Hestercombe LCN/Creech St Michael Youth Provision

1.0 Proposal

To approve expenditure of £4,300.00 for the Youth Club provision for the 2025/26 year.

2.0 Introduction

The Local Community Network Children and Young People Working Group has secured commitments from all eight member town and parish councils to contribute toward the provision of cross-LCN provision for children and young people. In addition, £35,000.00 of funding has been secured from Somerset Association of Local Council's Health and Well Being programme.

3.0 Provision for the 2025/26 Financial Year

To enable the LCN to build on the good work that already exists within the LCN area, three hubs are to be established to deliver a programme of activities and events each week throughout the year. These hubs are based in Creech St Michael, West Monkton and North Petherton. The hubs will be supplemented with the addition of a substantial programme of events that will aim to engage as wide an audience as possible. These events include workshops delivered in local schools and activities provided by a number of specialist suppliers. An initial programme will be published in the coming weeks.

This proposal seeks to approve expenditure for the core provision delivered by the Community Youth Project, based at the Recreation Park. Any additional costs incurred by this provision will be drawn from the central fund. The funds of £4,300.00 are allocated within the 2025/2026 budget.

4.0 Recommendation

That the proposal is approved.

Andrew Williams
Clerk and RFO
26.03.2025

Item 15.

Grant Application

1.0 Proposal

To consider an application from Somerset Carers for funds to support the Creech St Michael Carers Group with a grant of £250.00.

2.0 Introduction

Somerset Carers is a commissioned service and part of the Community Council for Somerset, a Somerset-wide charity, established in 1926 that offers a range of personalised support and infrastructure services for communities across the county, often in isolated rural areas.

Somerset Carers provides direct support for carers living in and around the Parish of Creech St Michael via support group that meets once per month. This group was set up just over 12 months ago and has been funded via a grant sourced from the Somerset Community Foundation. This grant funding has now been expended.

The group is typically supporting between 12 and 15 carers and it expects demand to continue and potentially to grow over coming months.

The group will use the granted funds to support the administration of the group and to pay for consumable items. The group have already secured support from Creech St Michael Baptist Church, who host the group, by waiving the room rental charges for the year.

3.0 Financial Implications

No funds were allocated for grants within the 2025/26 budget. Any award would need to be drawn from reserves.

4.0 Recommendation

That the request is considered by the Parish Council.

Andrew Williams
Clerk and RFO
26.03.2025

Creech St Michael Parish Council

31 March 2025 (2024-2025)

PAYMENTS LIST

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| 263 | General Administration Expens | 27/02/2025 | | Unity Trust Bank | | Salary and Expenses Payment | Andrew Williams | E | 99.15 | | 99.15 |
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| 266 | Utilities (Electricity) | 10/03/2025 | | Unity Trust Bank | | Electricity Charges | Yü Energy | L | 35.94 | 1.80 | 37.74 |
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| 270 | Venue Hire | 18/03/2025 | | Unity Trust Bank | | Room Hire Charges | Creech St Michael Village H | E | 110.00 | | 110.00 |
| 269 | Cleaning | 18/03/2025 | | Unity Trust Bank | | Bus Shelter Cleaning | Reflections | E | 75.00 | | 75.00 |
| 268 | PiP Fish & Chip Lunch | 18/03/2025 | | Unity Trust Bank | | Printing Charges | Character Graphics Limited | Z | 60.00 | | 60.00 |
| 276 | Mobile Phone Charges | 24/03/2025 | | Unity Trust Bank | | Mobile Phone Charges | Tesco PLC | S | 15.83 | 3.16 | 18.99 |
| 275 | Pension Contributions | 25/03/2025 | | Unity Trust Bank | | Pension Contribution | NEST | E | 189.33 | | 189.33 |
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| 253 | Salaries | 27/03/2025 | | Unity Trust Bank | | Salary Payment | Andrew Williams | E | 2,154.47 | | 2,154.47 |
| 253 | General Administration Expens | 27/03/2025 | | Unity Trust Bank | | Salary Payment | Andrew Williams | E | 66.00 | | 66.00 |
| 273 | Employee Training Costs | 28/03/2025 | | Unity Trust Bank | | Training Course Charges | The Somerset Association | E | 30.00 | | 30.00 |
| 274 | Security | 28/03/2025 | | Unity Trust Bank | | Locking & Unlocking Service | RelyOn Guarding & Securit | S | 612.00 | 122.40 | 734.40 |
| 277 | Grounds Maintenance (Outsour | 31/03/2025 | | Unity Trust Bank | | Grass Cutting & Waste Disposa | Somer et Council | S | 228.34 | 45.66 | 274.00 |
| 278 | Play Equipment Inspections | 31/03/2025 | | Unity Trust Bank | | Play Equipment Inspection Cha | The Play Inspection Compe | S | 315.00 | 63.00 | 378.00 |
| 277 | Dog Waste | 31/03/2025 | | Unity Trust Bank | | Grass Cutting & Waste Disposa | Somer et Council | S | 813.28 | 162.66 | 975.94 |
| Total | | | | | | | | | 11,117.09 | 726.54 | 11,843.63 |

Creech St Michael Parish Council

31 March 2025 (2024-2025)

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| 254 | Grounds Maintenance (Internal | 26/02/2025 | | SOLDO Debit card | | White Line Paint | Net World Sports Ltd | S | 120.95 | 24.19 | 145.14 |
| 255 | Bank Charges | 03/03/2025 | | SOLDO Debit card | | Bank Charges | SOLDO Software Limited | S | 39.00 | 7.80 | 46.80 |
| 256 | General Administration Expens | 14/03/2025 | | SOLDO Debit card | | Land Registry Search Charges | HM Government | E | 7.00 | | 7.00 |
| 257 | Repairs & Maintenance (Faciliti | 17/03/2025 | | SOLDO Debit card | | Replacement Toilet Roll Dispen | Cleaning Supplies 4 U Limit | S | 43.30 | 8.66 | 51.96 |
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| 27 | Pitch Fees | 20/03/2025 | | Unity Trust Bank | | Charges for use of the Recreati | Ruishton FC | S | 150.00 | 30.00 | 180.00 | |
| | | | | | | | | | Total | 154.00 | 30.00 | 184.00 |



Local Community Network

Hestercombe

13th March: 7pm

Creech St Michael Village Hall
Ryesland Way, Old School Cottages,
Creech St Michael,
Taunton
TA3 5QQ

Agenda

1. **Agree the minutes of the last meeting 22nd January (attached)**
 2. **Updates from working groups:**
 - Cross LCN Active Travel Group (meeting held on 26.02.25)
 - Children and Young People (CYP) Working Group
Cllr David Stripp, Chair CYP
 - Highways Working Group
 3. **Hinkley Point Consultation Feedback**
 3. **Local Plan Engagement:**
Outcomes of local workshop and discussion of future action.
 5. **Focus on Local Business**
 6. **Action, Next steps and Dates of Future Meetings**
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Please note:

We want everybody to have the opportunity to take part in the LCN meeting - fully and comfortably - and have booked this venue with accessibility requirements in mind. If you've specific access needs, and are at all concerned, please contact us so we can provide reassurance, or seek solutions beforehand:

hestercombelcn@somerset.gov.uk

MS Teams Link:

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Meeting ID: 399 972 764 249

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Taunton Garden Town Advisory Board Meeting 14th March 2025

2-4pm

Venue: Taunton Town Council Committee Chamber, 2nd floor, Deane House,
Belvedere Road, Taunton TA1 1HE/ TEAMS

Agenda

1. Staplegrove East- presentation by the developer's design team followed by Q&A and Board discussion

Board observations from their previous presentation at the meeting of 26th January 2025:

1. How does development reflect the garden town principles? There is a need to clearly demonstrate how garden town principles have been addressed.
 2. The need for the development, sustainability and design principles to be established at the outline stage was stressed by the Board. There is a need for further information around how SUDs, rainwater harvesting, and net-zero considerations are to be incorporated into the design.
 3. The proposals must go through resign review (the Somerset Quality Review Panel).
 4. The Board indicated a wish for the promoter to return or submit information for further discussion.
 5. The need for a model to deliver and manage the local centre was identified.
2. Taunton Waterways Strategy and Guidance – public consultation responses
 3. Somerset Local Plan timescale and call for sites
 4. Taunton Masterplan -early thoughts and emerging programme
 5. Notes of last meeting
 6. AOB and next meeting

Item 20.1.

Budget Report Year-to-Date

1.0 Introduction

This report is as close to a year-end report as we can get without generating an actual year-end report.

The report provides a summary of income and expenditure as at 31 March 2025.

2.0 Key Matters

Income

Income, excluding VAT repayments and Community Infrastructure Levy payments is £92,759.34 against a forecast of £93,411.52, a difference of £652.18. The majority of this income came from the precept charge of £90,552.00.

Expenditure

The expenditure budget set for the 2024/25 operating year was set at £141,883.99, with £48,472.47 of this expenditure set against reserves held. At the current point in time, expenditure year-to-date sits at £112,663.05. A further sum of £4,000.00 will be set aside for outstanding costs and it is expected that a VAT repayment of approximately £900.00 will be received.

Significant Variations

- Administration underspend against budget of approximately £8,000.00, of which £7,000.00 was for planning support and to provide for legal support if needed for the Langaller Park Development.
- Capital expenditure of £5,700.00 has not been used.
- Highways expenditure is £10,185.00 below that which was allocated.
- Payroll is likely to end at approximately £1,500.00 below budget.
- Overall costs for the management of the Recreation Park are projected to be £7,000.00 below that which was budgeted.

Andrew Williams
Clerk and RFO
31.03.2025

Creech St Michael Parish Council

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All Cost Centres and Codes

Administration

| Code | Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| | | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 3001 | General Administration Expense: | | | | 1,500.00 | 1,197.91 | 302.09 | 302.09 (20%) |
| 3002 | Venue Hire | | | | 1,000.00 | 872.75 | 127.25 | 127.25 (12%) |
| 3003 | Internal Audit | | | | 200.00 | 170.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 (15%) |
| 3004 | External Audit | | | | 450.00 | 420.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 (6%) |
| 3005 | Membership & Subscription Fee: | | | | 1,500.00 | 1,837.55 | -337.55 | -337.55 (-22%) |
| 3006 | Bank Charges | | | | 400.00 | 394.80 | 5.20 | 5.20 (1%) |
| 3007 | Printing | | | | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 300.00 (100%) |
| 3008 | External Communications (Non I | | | | 200.00 | | 200.00 | 200.00 (100%) |
| 3009 | External Communications (News | 100.00 | | -100.00 | 1,000.00 | 180.00 | 820.00 | 720.00 (65%) |
| 3010 | Postage | | | | 50.00 | 109.84 | -59.84 | -59.84 (-119%) |
| 3011 | Website Hosting | | | | 200.00 | | 200.00 | 200.00 (100%) |
| 3012 | Planning Support | | | | 2,000.00 | | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 (100%) |
| 3013 | Sub Contracted Staff | | | | | | | (N/A) |
| 3014 | Other Income | | | | | | | (N/A) |
| 3015 | Lottery | 60.00 | 52.00 | -8.00 | | | | -8.00 (-13%) |
| 3016 | VAT | | 6,741.63 | 6,741.63 | | | | 6,741.63 (N/A) |
| 3017 | Mobile Phone Charges | | | | 250.00 | 191.33 | 58.67 | 58.67 (23%) |
| 3018 | Langaller Park Support | | | | 5,000.00 | | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 (100%) |
| SUB TOTAL | | 160.00 | 6,793.63 | 6,633.63 | 14,050.00 | 5,374.18 | 8,675.82 | 15,309.45 (107%) |

Allotments

| Code | Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|------------------|--------|---------------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------------------|
| | | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 7001 | Rental | 800.00 | 800.00 | | 800.00 | 800.00 | | (0%) |
| SUB TOTAL | | 800.00 | 800.00 | | 800.00 | 800.00 | | (0%) |

Burial Ground

| Code | Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|------------------|---------------|----------|--------|----------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------------------|
| | | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 10001 | Burial Ground | | | | 685.00 | 685.00 | | (0%) |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | | 685.00 | 685.00 | | (0%) |

Bus Stops

| Code | Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|------------------|-------------|----------|--------|----------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|
| | | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 11001 | Cleaning | | | | 350.00 | 525.00 | -175.00 | -175.00 (-50%) |
| 11002 | Maintenance | | | | 200.00 | | 200.00 | 200.00 (100%) |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | | 550.00 | 525.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 (4%) |

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Canal Car Park

| Code | Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|------------------|-------------|----------|--------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| | | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 6001 | Maintenance | | | | 1,500.00 | 936.00 | 564.00 | 564.00 (37%) |
| 6002 | Security | | | | | 296.98 | -296.98 | -296.98 (N/A) |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | | 1,500.00 | 1,232.98 | 267.02 | 267.02 (17%) |

Capital Expenditure

| Code | Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|------------------|------------------------|----------|--------|----------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|------------------------|
| | | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 12001 | Tools | | | | | | | (N/A) |
| 12002 | Waste Bin Installation | | | | | | | (N/A) |
| 12003 | Other | | | | 5,700.00 | | 5,700.00 | 5,700.00 (100%) |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | | 5,700.00 | | 5,700.00 | 5,700.00 (100%) |

CIL

| Code | Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|------------------|------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|
| | | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 16001 | Pavilion Refurbishment | | | | | | | (N/A) |
| 16003 | CIL Receipts | | 45,409.94 | 45,409.94 | | | | 45,409.94 (N/A) |
| 16004 | CCTV Purchase | | | | | 1,138.83 | -1,138.83 | -1,138.83 (N/A) |
| 16005 | Mower Purchase | | | | | 961.69 | -961.69 | -961.69 (N/A) |
| 16006 | CIL Defib Installation | | | | | 300.00 | -300.00 | -300.00 (N/A) |
| SUB TOTAL | | | 45,409.94 | 45,409.94 | | 2,400.52 | -2,400.52 | 43,009.42 (N/A) |

Events

| Code | Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| | | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 15001 | PIp Ticket Sales | | | | | | | (N/A) |
| 15002 | PIp Event Sales | | | | | | | (N/A) |
| 15003 | PIp Concession Fees | | | | | | | (N/A) |
| 15004 | PIp Expenditure Event Costs | | | | | | | (N/A) |
| 15005 | PIp Fish & Chip Lunch | | | | 1,375.75 | 300.63 | 1,075.12 | 1,075.12 (78%) |
| 15010 | Christmas Fayre | | | | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 300.00 (100%) |
| 15011 | Easter Fayre | | | | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 300.00 (100%) |
| 15012 | Other Events | | 255.16 | 255.16 | 1,000.00 | 455.16 | 544.84 | 800.00 (80%) |
| SUB TOTAL | | | 255.16 | 255.16 | 2,975.75 | 755.79 | 2,219.96 | 2,475.12 (83%) |

Grants

| Code | Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|-------|------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------------|
| | | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 13001 | Community Development Fund (| | | | 3,000.00 | 5,000.00 | -2,000.00 | -2,000.00 (-66%) |
| 13002 | S137 Grants | | | | 1,500.00 | 200.00 | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 (86%) |

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| 14003 Donations & Grants | 350.00 | -350.00 | -350.00 (N/A) |
| 17002 Parish Grant | | | (N/A) |
| SUB TOTAL | 4,500.00 | 5,550.00 | -1,050.00 (-23%) |

Highways

| Code Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|
| | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 19001 Maintenance | | | | 3,000.00 | 4,815.00 | -1,815.00 | -1,815.00 (60%) |
| 19002 SID Site Installation | | | | 2,000.00 | | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 (100%) |
| 19003 Shared Costs Highways Warden | | | | 10,000.00 | | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 (100%) |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | 15,000.00 | 4,815.00 | 10,185.00 | 10,185.00 (67%) |

Insurance

| Code Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|------------------------|----------|--------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 4001 Insurance Premium | | | | 4,200.00 | 3,984.63 | 215.37 | 215.37 (5%) |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | 4,200.00 | 3,984.63 | 215.37 | 215.37 (5%) |

Payroll

| Code Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|----------------------------|----------|--------|----------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 1001 Salaries | | | | 50,180.99 | 39,723.76 | 10,457.23 | 10,457.23 (20%) |
| 1002 Tax & NI | | | | 2,931.77 | 7,661.21 | -4,729.44 | -4,729.44 (-161%) |
| 1003 Pension Contributions | | | | 1,011.48 | 2,298.12 | -1,286.64 | -1,286.64 (-127%) |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | 54,124.24 | 49,683.09 | 4,441.15 | 4,441.15 (8%) |

Phone Boxes & Defibs

| Code Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|---------------------------|----------|--------|----------|---------------|--------|---------------|----------------------|
| | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 8001 Phonebox Maintenance | | | | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 100.00 (100%) |
| 8002 Defib Consumables | | | | 200.00 | | 200.00 | 200.00 (100%) |
| 8003 Defib Maintenance | | | | 200.00 | | 200.00 | 200.00 (100%) |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 500.00 (100%) |

Precept

| Code Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|----------|--------|----------|----------------------|
| | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 17001 Precept | 90,551.52 | 90,552.00 | 0.48 | | | | 0.48 (0%) |
| SUB TOTAL | 90,551.52 | 90,552.00 | 0.48 | | | | 0.48 (0%) |

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Recreation Park

| Code | Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| | | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 5001 | Grounds Maintenance (Outsourc | | | | 5,800.00 | 4,925.08 | 874.92 | 874.92 (15%) |
| 5002 | Grounds Maintenance (Internal) | | | | 800.00 | 316.29 | 483.71 | 483.71 (60%) |
| 5003 | Utilities (Electricity) | | 126.31 | 126.31 | 1,499.00 | 727.15 | 771.85 | 898.16 (59%) |
| 5004 | Utilities (Water) | | | | 100.00 | 68.49 | 31.51 | 31.51 (31%) |
| 5005 | Utilities (Gas) | | | | | | | (N/A) |
| 5006 | Utilities (Waste Disposal) | | | | | | | (N/A) |
| 5007 | Waste Disposal (Septic Tank) | | | | | | | (N/A) |
| 5008 | Waste Disposal (General Waste) | | | | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 100.00 (100%) |
| 5009 | Consumables | | | | 1,200.00 | 551.88 | 648.12 | 648.12 (54%) |
| 5010 | Maintenance Equipment | | | | 500.00 | 41.22 | 458.78 | 458.78 (91%) |
| 5011 | Repairs & Maintenance (Play Eq | | | | 5,000.00 | 4,656.92 | 343.08 | 343.08 (6%) |
| 5012 | Repairs & Maintenance (Building | | | | 1,250.00 | 429.53 | 820.47 | 820.47 (65%) |
| 5013 | Repairs & Maintenance (Facilitie | | | | 1,000.00 | 101.25 | 898.75 | 898.75 (89%) |
| 5014 | Improvements | | | | 4,500.00 | 3,906.76 | 593.24 | 593.24 (13%) |
| 5015 | Security | | -7.50 | -7.50 | 8,000.00 | 8,726.78 | -726.78 | -734.28 (-9%) |
| 5016 | Play Equipment Inspections | | | | 2,500.00 | 660.00 | 1,840.00 | 1,840.00 (73%) |
| 5017 | Pitch Fees | 800.00 | 375.00 | -425.00 | | | | -425.00 (-53%) |
| 5018 | Stage Hire | 100.00 | | -100.00 | | | | -100.00 (-100%) |
| 5019 | Safety Clothing/Equipment | | | | 100.00 | 9.58 | 90.42 | 90.42 (90%) |
| 5020 | Rental Charges | 1,000.00 | 606.37 | -393.63 | | | | -393.63 (-39%) |
| SUB TOTAL | | 1,900.00 | 1,100.18 | -799.82 | 32,349.00 | 25,120.93 | 7,228.07 | 6,428.25 (18%) |

Recruitment & Training

| Code | Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------|----------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| | | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 2001 | Recruitment Costs | | | | 250.00 | | 250.00 | 250.00 (100%) |
| 2002 | Employee Training Costs | | | | 500.00 | 240.00 | 260.00 | 260.00 (52%) |
| 2003 | Member Training | | | | 500.00 | 556.70 | -56.70 | -56.70 (-11%) |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | | 1,250.00 | 796.70 | 453.30 | 453.30 (36%) |

Waste Disposal

| Code | Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|------------------|---------------|----------|--------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|
| | | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 9001 | Dog Waste | | | | 3,500.00 | 3,253.12 | 246.88 | 246.88 (7%) |
| 9002 | General Waste | | | | 200.00 | | 200.00 | 200.00 (100%) |
| SUB TOTAL | | | | | 3,700.00 | 3,253.12 | 446.88 | 446.88 (12%) |

Youth Provision

| Code | Title | Receipts | | | Payments | | | Net Position |
|-------|--------------------------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------------------|
| | | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | Budgeted | Actual | Variance | +/- Under/over spend |
| 14001 | Service Delivery Charges | | | | | | | (N/A) |
| 14002 | Venue Hire | | | | | | | (N/A) |

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SUB TOTAL

(N/A)

Summary

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| NET TOTAL | 93,411.52 | 144,910.91 | 51,499.39 | 141,883.99 | 104,976.94 | 36,907.05 | 88,406.44 (37%) |
| V.A.T. | | 215.92 | | | 7,686.11 | | |
| GROSS TOTAL | | 145,126.83 | | | 112,663.05 | | |

Subject: Neighbourhood Plans

From: colin fisher <colin2654@gmail.com>

Date: 10/03/2025, 20:13

To: ashcottpc@googlemail.com

CC: Rob Hossell <rob.hossell@gmail.com>, Jim Claydon <jim.claydon1@gmail.com>

BCC: clerk@creechstmichael.net

Good evening

Please forward this to your Chair. Thanks

Colin Fisher

I am Chair of Stoke St Mary Parish Council. I am writing to enlist your help again.

There are 54 Neighbourhood Plans in Somerset (all Bccd). They should be at the centre of the Somerset plan. The recent planning enquiry in Ruishton (Brookfields Nursery) shows that they are not. Not only did Somerset fail to base their rejection on the Neighbourhood Plan, they abandoned their principal objections in the course of the inquiry.

The Inspector acknowledged the plan. He couldn't avoid it since it was so well presented, but balanced it against lack of housing provision in Somerset's presentation.

The recent inquiry at Midsomer Norton shows that Somerset is reluctant to defend their decisions. So, we are on our own in resisting opportunistic applications from developers with the money to go to an inquiry. The Somerset plan is now due in 2029.

I have asked Jim Claydon, who presented Ruishton's case at the inquiry, if he would be prepared to share his learning with others who will be in the same situation. Provided I can put together an audience he is prepared to talk to us. Jim is immensely experienced in matters planning (look him up) and an engaging speaker. Chatham House rules.

There is no convenient central place for us to meet (unless anyone can suggest one) but tea and biscuits will be provided if we meet in Stoke St Mary village hall.

I am thinking of a Tuesday in April, probably the 15th. Zoom or Teams if I can get someone who knows what they are doing to moderate.

Please email me if you can attend.

Thank you

Colin Fisher

Subject: Development at North End

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 07/03/2025, 14:09

To: clerk@creechstmichael.net

Good afternoon

Having read the Parish Councils comments on the planning application for 100 houses off of North End I find it very disappointing that you have failed to mention the proximity of plots 91, 89, 90, 9 and 92 to our bungalow, Pomarium, bearing in mind that the soil level is being raised by 1.5m which is higher than our bedroom windows, houses being approximately 3m higher and over bearing and yet you've mentioned the pumping station and LEAP which are low level interference in our opinion and some distance from existing properties.

There is no green area between us and the above mentioned plots, all other existing properties have a wide green area protecting their privacy.

I look forward to your reply.

Nicola Boobyer

Subject: Planning Application 14/25/0002 Bellway Homes Ltd

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 13/03/2025, 21:02

To: clerk@creechstmichael.net

Dear Andrew,

1. Are there any plans for Bellway Homes, perhaps supported by representatives of Highways and the Planning Authority, to show their approved plans to the residents of Creech St Michael?

Given the significant opposition that there has been to this development over many years and the continuing concerns, especially around traffic, pedestrian access and flooding, such an event could be good public relations.

If not, could the Parish Council perhaps request such an event?

2. There are specific local concerns about the potential impact of the proposed footpath and cycleway on the parking situation in the area between Cheds Cottages and the funeral directors.

Kind Regards

Ted Ewens

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: New message from "Creech St Michael Parish Council"

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 03/03/2025, 20:06

To: Andrew Williams <clerk@creechstmichael.net>

Thank you for your reply Andrew .

I appreciate the challenges set , but can you understand how many people feel given the history of inflation busting hikes . And now this ! Would it not be more prudent to reduce spending . As you stated maintenance of large amounts of play equipment previously installed costs a great deal . Would it be more sensible to reduce the amount of equipment rather than simply spending more . I will study your budgets . I feel the press need to made aware of this. I am sure they will need some bad news to report on . Election promises of not raising taxes seem far in the past . A political process of let someone else tax the population .

I wish to and will make my protest known to the council and other parties.

Wayne Hitchcott

Sent from my iPhone

On 3 Mar 2025, at 13:57, Andrew Williams <clerk@creechstmichael.net> wrote:

Dear Wayne,

Thank you for your message. We publish all financial information on our website. You can view the budget breakdown for the 2025/26 year via this link <https://creechstmichael.net/financial-information/> we also publish all transactions each month so that there is full transparency on all Parish Council income and expenditure. The reason for the increased precept request was two-fold. First, the Parish Council has drawn from its reserves over recent years to balance its budget and it was agreed that this could not continue. The second factor is the impact of the changes being imposed by Somerset Council to deal with their financial situation. Increasingly Somerset Council is withdrawing services and Parish and Town Councils are expected to pick up some of these services. We expect that to have the greatest impact on highways and have allocated £10,000.00 to ensure that we can undertake key works as and when they arise.

We continue to allocate reserves to fund important elements of our work, including a substantial sum to cover the repair or replacement of play equipment at the Recreation Park. Again, this information is available via our website under the policies section in a document titled Reserves Policy. The Park is our most significant asset, but also our most challenging element to manage. The quantity of play equipment that was previously installed results in significant maintenance costs and whilst we have taken steps to mitigate this, the costs will continue to put pressure on our budgets.

The decision to increase the precept was taken over a period of time and given the appropriate amount of scrutiny. It was a difficult decision, but a necessary one given the circumstances faced by the Parish Council.

If you require more information please do ask or feel free to give me a call to discuss any matter you wish.

Best wishes

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On 03/03/2025 11:58, Creech St Michael Parish Council wrote:

Name: Wayne Hitchcott

Contact number: [REDACTED]

Message: Hello,

Could I ask about the precept proposed . A rise of over 30% is an extraordinary amount considering some households are struggling with the cost of living .

Could I request a full breakdown of spending to justify this rise . Especially considering over the past few years the parish has applied inflation busting increases.

Email: [REDACTED]

councillor: Is your message for a specific councillor? (select one)

reason: General enquiry

newsletter:

Date: March 3, 2025

Time: 11:58 am

Page URL: https://creechstmichael.net/contact_us/

User Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (iPhone; CPU iPhone OS 18_3_1 like Mac OS X) AppleWebKit/605.1.15
(KHTML, like Gecko) Version/18.3 Mobile/15E148 Safari/604.1
Remote IP: 94.9.174.175
Powered by: Elementor

Re: Wheelchair access on bus

Subject: Re: Wheelchair access on bus

From: peter ives

Date: 20/03/2025, 14:29

To: Andrew Williams <clerk@creechstmichael.net>

Hello Andrew, thank you for your email, please find attached 2 photos of the north bound bus stops in Creech Heathfield, as you can see neither are suitable for the use of a wheelchair. Regards Peter

On Tue, 18 Mar 2025, 09:48 Andrew Williams, <clerk@creechstmichael.net> wrote:

Dear Peter,

Thank you for your message. I am sorry to hear that you are experiencing issues with the bus stops. Would you be able to be more specific in terms of your experience and which bus stops are causing you an issue?

Best wishes



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On 11/03/2025 11:15, peter ives wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam, I live in Creechheathfield, and with deteriorating health I now have to use a wheelchair more often, I am concerned about the bus stops in our village which are not suitable for wheelchairs. Can you please let know if there are any plans to rectify this situation in the near future.

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Andrew Williams
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

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