

8. Planning		
<p>Consultation of Creating Sustainable Communities in North East Somerset," and the "Active Travel Masterplan" – details of the consultation links will be displayed on the Everything Shoscombe Facebook page</p> <p>24/02314/FUL Lower Shoscombe Farm, Rag Hill – following discussions, it was decided the Council would not submit any objections to this plan proposal but would raise the issue of the potential impact on dark skies with regard to bats and moths. The clerk will be able to submit these to B&NES Planning after gaining an extension to comments deadline.</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>JF</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>By Monday 15th July</p>
9. Climate, Nature and Sustainability Working Group		
<p>Management of the Recreation Ground – TW clarified the reason why the Management of the Recreation Field is listed under this agenda item – it deals with maintaining existing ancient wildlife as per the Parish Plan which lists the importance of this resource for the benefit of the community; 94% of residents are in favour of protecting birds, insects and wildlife in the hamlets and Recreation Field whilst also striking a balance between this and the encouragement of sporting activities. While many ideas proposed would be welcomed, the rotavation suggestion causes concerns. The History Society is also aware the ground needs protecting from any invasive activity. It was generally acknowledged a compromise is needed. It was agreed an update on the management of the Rec will form part of a regular agenda item of input from the VHMC. ***Agenda Item</p>	<p>JF</p>	<p>***Note- next agenda</p>
10. Councillor Reports		
<p>A) Village Hall - Dog mess, the plaque, the metal miner and proposed plans for the Recreation Field already covered. It was confirmed the PC does own the freehold of the Rec in Trust from the Somerset Miners. Receipt of all Village Hall accounts was formally acknowledged and the draft Safeguarding Policy was deemed fit for purpose. The clerk will inform the Chair of the VHMC. It was agreed the school's present informal and occasional use of the Rec does not constitute 'change of use'.</p> <p>B) HELAA/Local Plan – consultations will be forwarded soon.</p> <p>C) PROW – report distributed by FCh. Mr Procter, our B&NES PROW inspector, has undertaken a 'walk round' of footpaths and sent the report to us. Many of the issues have or are being addressed either by B&NES, the Ramblers or the landowner. The clerk will thank him for his prompt reaction to concerns raised.</p> <p>D) School – The Head Teacher is very grateful for the excellent community links between the school, the PC and the residents and asks if there is anything more they can do to contribute. A local resident, Steve Causer, kindly regularly undertakes work in the school grounds; the latest one being the construction of flower and vegetable raised beds in the playground provided at no cost. Also, KS2 pupils attend the Souper Tuesday lunches on a regular basis to help out.</p> <p>E) Highways – Nothing to report</p> <p>F) Church and Burial Board – receipt of all financial reports from the previous clerk was acknowledged. Following her resignation, the Chair of Wellow PC will looking after these until a new clerk can be appointed. It is thought a precept will be required from both Wellow and Shoscombe PCs early next year .</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>JF</p> <p>JF</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>Friday 12th July</p>

<p>11. Restoration of Finger Posts including Action Points, Risk Assessment, updates and authorisation to commence letter to Somerset Forge and ownership</p>		
<p>Sufficient money has now been raised with the Council's approval for any excess funds to be ring fenced for maintenance, a schedule for this will be created. The Letter of Appointment, which was approved and adopted by the Council, will be signed by the PC clerk, scanned and sent over to Somerset Forge to allow work to commence. DW and JD have been liaising with George Bottin at B&NES together with hedge and landowners over the cutting back of foliage to allow this to move forward. The Working Group are keeping informed via social media; it is thought the work will take approximately 2 days. A maintenance policy will be compiled to sustain control of the vegetation.</p>	<p>JF</p>	<p>Friday 12th July</p>
<p>12. Proposal to move/add to Village Signs</p>		
<p>MB reported suggestions that some signs in the Village were not in appropriate locations. Any additional signage, for example signage for the five hamlets, would need to be carefully considered as there have been qualms raised about the volume of signs already in place. A sign at Hang Hill/Stoney Littleton is need some repair, the clerk will report this.</p>	<p>JF</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>13. Record of people from the Village who have given their lives in wars</p>		
<p>This was an item suggested by FCh who had to leave by 8.30 p.m. so will be an agenda item for September.***Agenda Item</p>	<p>JF</p>	<p>***Agenda Item - Sept</p>
<p>14. Request to Install a Metal Miner</p>		
<p>Already discussed.</p>		
<p>15. Expression of Interest in Allotments</p>		
<p>Two people have expressed an interest, one of which has a plot at Braysdown Lane together with five others. The waiting list here is short with Shoscombe residents welcomed.</p>		
<p>16. Asset Register Review</p>		
<p>As distributed. Some small amendments were suggested; these will be completed by the clerk. It was decided the renovated Finger Posts would not be added at the moment as they will technically still belong to B&NES, this will be reviewed should the Council be asked to take ownership. Also, the litter bin at Applecroft should remain.</p>	<p>JF</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>7th September – ALCA – TBC</p> <p>12th September – Parish Council meeting</p> <p>18th September – Parish Liaison</p> <p>7th November – Parish Council meeting</p> <p>9th January 2025 - TBC</p> <p>6th March 2025- TBC</p>		