# HINTON BLEWETT PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the third edition of our Parish Council newsletter. There have been a number of changes to Parish Council personnel. Pamela Young and David Cox were elected as new Councillors, replacing Angela Mills and Teresa Bowler, David Elliot has also left the council creating a vacancy. We would like to thank all the leavers for their service to the community.

### OUR ONGOING RESPONSIBILIES:

- Acting as a consultee and lobbying force with BANES to put forward the wishes and needs of the local community
- Providing comments to BANES on local planning applications
- Managing maintenance of the Barbury, Prospect Stile, the playing field and the fingerposts.

For further details please see our website:

hintonblewettpc.co.uk

#### **RECENT FOCUS:**

- Communicating our concerns about the drainage, landslips, unstable trees and road surfaces to BANES.
- Debating and commenting on more contentious planning applications.
- Discussing arrangements for the Jubilee & Coronation celebrations, and the installation of the commemorative bench on the Barbury.

#### **COLEY HILL CLOSURE**

Although the lengthy closure of Coley Hill has been inconvenient, we hope that it will be worth it in the long run. The work is being undertaken in two phases, the first concentrating on the lower part of the hill below New Chapter Farm. This involved upgrading and installing 7 new gullies to collect surface water which connect to a new 130m pipe under the middle of the road. Emergency repairs to a collapsed culvert and upgrades to reduce blockages were also included.

In addition we have asked BANES to deal with the incursion of the banks and land slippage and to check the safety of trees which have the potential to fall into the road. Hopefully the road will be resurfaced at some point! As yet we do not have any further information on timescales for the remaining work.



#### **CRIME/ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

We are aware of some concerns raised on social media regarding criminal activity in the village. The statistics for reported crimes in the Chew Valley show only one crime reported in Hinton Blewett in the last twelve months. The village Facebook group is a useful way of quickly alerting villagers about suspicious activity or anti-social behaviour, however, these messages are not monitored by the police.

It is very important to report any incidents to the police.

We now have a new local beat manager, PC4297 Stephen Carey. The PCSO for the village is Jess Comer PCSO8477.



Always call 999 if you or someone else is in immediate danger, if the crime is in progress or if the suspect is detained

For non-emergency matters call us on 101, or visit www.avonandsomerset.police.uk to make an online report

Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

#### CORONATION BIG LUNCH

It was wonderful to see so many villagers at the playing field for our Coronation celebrations on 6<sup>th</sup> May. We were certainly very lucky with the weather! Many thanks to all who helped with setting up the field and especially to Liz Lomas for organizing the children's races which were thoroughly enjoyed. It was good to make use of our field for a community event.

