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RECREATION GROUND

The electricity meter has now been removed from the hut and we are waiting for Western Power Distribution to remove the electric supply. They have given us a lead time of six weeks so once this has been done the huts will be demolished.

Since the National Trust has approved the SSDC planning officer's suggestion of moving the new pavilion to along the fence line near the car park, we have sent them some designs of a more modest building which we hope they find agreeable. If this is the case, we can approach our appointed architect and submit a new application.

The new lease is with the parish council's appointed solicitor who is checking the details and hopefully this will be completed soon.

With regards to the new play equipment, the parish council have submitted an s106 application to SSDC for consideration. Recently, there have been a few housing developments in Stoke sub Hamdon and one of which in East Stoke is eligible to provide s106 funding for community projects such as new play equipment. As this development is close to the parish boundary with Montacute, we may be able to access some of this funding.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

We announced our new website in the last magazine and asked village organisations and businesses to promote themselves or anyone wishing to advertise an event to contact the Parish Clerk but sadly no one has come forward. This is a great opportunity to let residents old and new and the wider community see what this village has to offer. This is a fantastic village and we need to promote all the wonderful clubs, organisations etc. we have.

The website address is – www.montacuteparishcouncil.com

FOOTPATHS

If at any point whilst you are out walking, and you come across a problem with one of the footpaths i.e. too overgrown, broken stiles etc. you have the facility to report this matter directly to the Rights of Way team at Somerset County Council. You can do this by accessing the Rights of Way definitive map through this weblink - <https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map>. Also, if you enjoy walking you can explore the various footpaths throughout Somerset.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The village Christmas tree will be going up at the beginning of December and the parish council invite you to come along to the annual tree lighting ceremony on Friday, 6th December at 6.30pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine at the village hall. Keep an eye out for that 'Special Visitor'!

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Once again, we are asking for help from residents. If you are passionate about how fast traffic is going through the village and have an hour or two spare, please volunteer for the Community Speedwatch team. The task is not too onerous, all you would have to do is record the make, model, colour and registration number of the vehicle and, of course, the vehicle's speed. A designated person will then input the data onto a spreadsheet which is sent to the local Community Speedwatch HQ, and each volunteer will be professionally trained on how to use the equipment etc. by the police.

Just a reminder that there will be an informal get together at the Phelps Arms on Wednesday, 6th November at 7pm if you would like to volunteer. Do please come along, all are welcome. If you are unable to attend but are interested in volunteering, please contact one of the councillors or our parish clerk.

CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: www.police.uk. If you are a witness to or the victim of a crime then it is imperative that

you report it to the police immediately whether it is during the day or at night. When reporting an incident please telephone either 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies only.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings are held on the third Monday of every month in the Village Hall except for August and December. Parish Council meetings are open to the press and public so residents are welcome to come along and listen to what we have to say. There is also a short public session at the beginning of every meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 18th November 2019 at 7.15pm.

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