

Parish Council Update February 2020

50 New Trees to be Planted in Coming Weeks

Templecombe has been successful in applying for 50 new trees as part of South Somerset District Council's Great Tree Giveaway and several councillors have been busy identifying suitable locations around the Village for their planting.



The tree species received include Beech, Oak, Redwood, Hornbeam, Scot's Pine, Fir, Bird Cherry, Holly and Walnut.

By the time you read this the trees will have been collected and brought back to the Village ready to be planted when the weather improves! Keep an eye out for these new additions to our green spaces.

Support for Planning Applications from Local Businesses



At the February meeting the Parish Council supported two planning applications from local businesses in the Village. The first of these applications was to build additional storage facilities at equestrian stables on Temple Lane.

The second application, also on Temple Lane, was to open a Glamping site to host a maximum of 10 tents. A previous application for a campsite in this location, which included facilities for caravan and motorhomes, was not supported by the Parish Council. This was due to concerns about caravan/motorhome movements in East Street and Temple Lane which are now no longer an issue with the new proposal.

Although the Parish Council, as a statutory consultee, is always asked to comment on any planning applications in Templecombe the decision on whether to approve an application or not is taken by South Somerset District Council.

Any residents wishing to have their say on any local planning application are encouraged to do so via [the SSDC planning website](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planning).

Please note the above is only a brief highlights summary of the meeting. For a complete and official record please refer to the published meeting minutes on the Parish Council website (<http://www.abbasandtemplecombe.org.uk>).

Traffic Calming Update

In early February representatives from the Parish Council attended a meeting to discuss the Traffic Calming scheme with Somerset County Council (SCC) Highways department. Also in attendance were local county and district councillors,



Please note that the Parish Council has not yet received written confirmation of the meeting outcomes from SCC so the following is an interpretation of events from the Parish Council attendees.

Although some progress was made there are still significant differences between the parties. SCC informed the meeting that their whole design had been based on assumptions which included a community requested 20mph zone resulting in the scheme that is currently in place.

This is very different to the Parish Council's understanding of SCC's original position which was that without the calming scheme the light controlled crossing would have not been implemented.

SCC did however, agree that some improvements could be made in the High Street and perhaps on Church Hill but this would require the Parish Council to engage a traffic consultant to develop a scheme which is acceptable to SCC.

Importantly in SCC's view, buildout 1 (the first buildout when travelling into the Village from Wincanton) is essential to the 20mph zone. This is because they say it is the start of the necessary physical calming measures required by the police in such a zone.

Please keep an eye on [the Parish Council website](https://www.abbasandtemplecombecpc.org.uk) for further updates once a written response from SCC has been received..

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