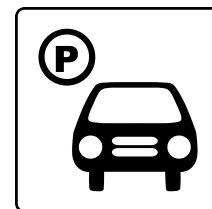


Parish Council Update January 2020

New Parking Rules for School Lane Car Park

During a special Traffic and Parking meeting in early January the Parish Council decided to make some changes to the parish car park on School Lane. With the new yellow line restrictions being installed at some key junctions in the Spring, it is hoped that this will provide some additional parking options to both residents and local businesses.



The planned changes are to make the car park short stay during the day (8am - 6pm) with a maximum stay of 3 hours. Additionally a residents-only parking permit scheme will be introduced to allow parking overnight (6pm to 8am)

The changes will only come into effect once new signage has been installed so please keep an eye on [the PC website](#) for updates and for details on how to apply for an overnight permit.

Traffic Calming Redesign Proposal Sent to SCC

Earlier this month the Parish Council submitted redesign proposals for the traffic calming scheme to Somerset County Council Highways department in preparation for a meeting with them in early February.



Details of the proposals, developed on behalf of the Parish Council by Cotswold Transport Planning can be found on [the PC website](#) and are also recorded in the meeting minutes from 7th January.

50 New Trees for Templecombe?

Templecombe will hopefully be receiving 50 new trees later this year after taking part in the Great Parish Tree Giveaway. This is an environmental initiative organised by SSDC where local councils are invited to apply to win one of 60 free tree packs to plant in their parish. Results will be announced in early to mid February so keep an eye on [the PC website](#) to see if Templecombe has been successful!



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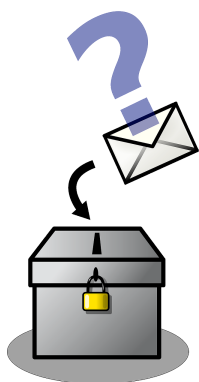
Precept To Rise in 2020

As reported in the December 2019 monthly update, the improvements to the Sports and Social Club building have had a significant impact on the Parish reserves this year. Other major expenditure includes resurfacing the BMX track, replacement of the ageing toddler swings and employing a transport consultant to try to improve the traffic calming scheme.



Looking ahead to the 2020/21 budget the PC wishes to complete the refurbishment of the Sports and Social Club building, support the Village Hall improvement project and may need additional professional advice during traffic calming scheme improvement discussions. All of the above will further impact projected reserves.

The Parish Council has therefore unanimously voted to increase the precept by around £1 per month for a Council Tax Band D property (Bands A to C will see a slightly lower increase and Bands E to H a slightly higher one). The increase will be charged via your 2020/2021 Council Tax bill.



Manor Farm Planning Application Open for Comment

Origin 3 working on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land Development have now submitted the outline planning application to build up to 80 houses on land at Manor Farm in Templecombe. The application is now live on [the SSDC planning website](#) and everyone is invited to send in their views for the South Somerset District Council planners to consider.

For information on how to **support**, **object** or simply just **comment** on the application please see [the news article](#) on the PC website. You have until 30th January to make your views known.

The Parish Council will be holding a separate public meeting to discuss the Parish Council's response to the application in their role as statutory consultee. The meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 29th January starting at 7pm.

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