

Parishes Liaison Meeting 24th February 2016

Specific issues raised by Parishes for resolution - Briefing Note

a) Parish Sweeper Scheme: Update

Written update from Carol Maclellan, Head of Waste Services, below:

We would like to thank parishes for their contributions and ideas on this so far. Regrettably, this review has taken longer than anticipated due to unexpected pressures on the waste service. We hope to be in a position to circulate findings at the end of March.

b) Other items

In recent months a working party of Parish Council clerks have been developing detailed proposals to further improve communications, consultation and liaison. A survey of all parish clerks in the area has been undertaken which has yielded useful feedback on how joint working can be improved. It is proposed that this group be tasked with reviewing and updating the Parish Charter in the light of changes since its last review in 2008 and bring back proposals to Parishes Liaison. The working party will also consider items (i)-(iii) below, as raised by the Parishes, in more detail:

(i) Issues relating to publicising road diversions

Council response: Roadworks are wherever possible advertised in advance through roadside signs, traffic regulation order notices and on the [Elgin road report](#) website which is regularly updated. It must be noted however that in the case of unplanned emergency works by utility companies, notification is not forwarded in advance of works being started.

(ii) Poor search engine of B&NES website

Council response: 64% of people arriving at the Bath & North East Somerset Council website do so via google search. However, the Council is aware of the need to maintain an effective search mechanism on its website. We are currently also working with Parish clerks so they can quickly share information and updates through an online community hosted by the Council.

(iii) Quality of planning drawings

Council response: Detailed information on how to get the best out of the system for viewing planning applications electronically is available [online](#). It is considered that generally the quality of drawings on line is sufficient but parishes will continue to receive paper plans of major applications as these are supplied by the developer.