

Statement to Cabinet 2020 – 13th February

2020/21 Budget – Will Peasedown St John be included?

Dear Panel Members,

Each year we see millions of pounds being spent on numerous projects across the local authority.

All of which are carried out with the desire to invest in our communities and to improve the quality of life of our residents.

I'm grateful that the council uses a budget setting and discussion process that allows all councillors to contribute and make representations on behalf of their constituents.

It's for this very reason that I'm submitting this statement, and these items for consideration in the 2020/21 council budget.

Each week, I, along with my fellow ward councillor, spend time out in the community knocking on doors, meeting residents, and finding out what their desires and aspirations are for Peasedown St John.

This is their 'wish list' for the forthcoming council budget:

- *£25,000 for play park improvements in Eckweek Lane Play Area*

We have now received information that works should be finished, once the consultation period with local residents had been completed.

- *£50,000 for Resurfacing of Carlingcott road*
- *£50,000 for Lower Peasedown road resurfacing*
- *£50,000 to resurface Braysdown Lane*
- *£5,000 For VE Day Celebrations*

Sarah & Myself received an email from the cabinet member Richard Samuel advising us that funds for events had been cut, by the previous administration, and there was no intention to reinstate funding for events.

The statement for Peasedown st John wish list was sent to Cabinet members and officers on 22nd November, asking them to consider our request.

According to the cabinet papers you have included Skinners hill as part of Peasedown St john, of which it is not, Skinners hill is apart of Camerton Parish.

You have allocated £160.000 to Peasedown st John Primary school for education, of which we are ready pleased to see

Just one question I am little confused.

Children services: Re-phasing of £3.2m basic needs improvements schemes, £2.5m of which £2.3 relates to Peasedown st John?,

But you have not included our requests for resurfacing 3 roads in our Parish.

We would still like you to consider these financial requests from Peasedown St John residents for the 2020/21 council budget.

Yours,

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