

Annual Parish Meeting 2022

Clatworthy Parish Council Review of Year 2021-22

The year was less dominated by the Coronavirus epidemic lockdowns than in 2021. This enabled the Parish Council to meet in the village hall for each of its quarterly meetings rather than manage its business remotely.

County and district councillors regularly updated the Parish Council on proposals for reorganising local government in Somerset into a single authority for the county. This is important as it may affect the role of parish councils. The Parish Council thanks them for their attendance. All are contending for re-election to the new authority in the May 2022 elections.

All members of the Parish Council were re-elected unopposed as part of this election.

The automatic heart defibrillator installed in the village phone box remains in good working order with weekly checks made. Monthly reports are sent to the NHS ambulance defibrillator accreditation scheme. The Parish Council thanks Kevin Chesterman for maintenance of the phone box.

After delays to equipment supply early in the year, the Parish Council reports that the rural broadband rollout by 'Technological' has connected several outlying properties and is currently in the village ready to connect those enrolled in the broadband voucher scheme.

The Parish Council responded positively to one planning application this year.

The Parish Council continues to address the issue of traffic speeding through the village. The Exmoor Local Community Network pilot scheme run by Somerset Highways is focussing on how to meet local need more effectively. Actions include developing a Parish Steward post to undertake small works and by improving responsiveness to reported issues affecting the roads. More information is awaited from Highways about any new traffic calming measures that may become available to Clatworthy.

A grant was given this year by the Parish Council to support Wiveliscombe Library.

The Parish Council thanks the parish footpaths officer, Peter Moran, for his work ensuring footpaths and bridle paths remained usable with adequate signage.

The Parish Council also thanks Ben Cowling for looking after the church bells.

The Parish Council is grateful to Norma Martin (previously parish clerk) for continuing to support its work by taking responsibility for the Council's new website which can be accessed online at www.clatworthy-parish.uk.

Thanks are also given to Andrew Cowling who has stood down as a councillor.

The Parish Council welcomes the arrival of several new people into the parish and extends grateful thanks to existing 'Clatworthians' for showing them how welcoming and friendly Clatworthy is as a community.

Sally Moran
Chair, Clatworthy Parish Council

10th May 2022
