

**Minutes of the meeting of the Pilton Parish Council held  
in the Pilton Village Hall on  
on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Robert Kearle (Chairman)

David Drew  
Jean Foley  
Stephen Kearle  
Joe King  
Roger Noble  
Andrew Shaw  
Debbie Smith  
Angela Wynn

Karen Buckley (Clerk/RFO)

9 members of the public were present.

1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

i Mobile phones should be switched to silent.

2 **APOLOGIES:** None

3 **MINUTES:** of the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were approved.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** Councillors R Kearle, Wynn and S Kearle (dispensation approved), declared a prejudicial interest (employment). Councillors Drew, Foley, King, Noble, Shaw and Smith and declared a personal interest (ticket). Councillor Drew "I do not have a declaration of interest in any planning applications but I might do in the future". Councillor Shaw declared a personal interest in planning application 2018/3176/TCA as a neighbour.

5 **MATTERS ARISING:**

i Traffic Strategy:

- Puffin Crossing: There was no update this month.
- A361 meeting: Councillor King advised that the action group had not held any further meetings but stated that they were investigating getting the route declassified as an HGV route. Councillor King will write to the MP regarding this.

ii Highways: Updates re the following:-

• **Blocked Drains/ Gullies:**

- a) Drains are blocked at Lays Lane: Ref 524665, Gullies were working at the time of inspection on 22/2/18. Query closed by SCC
- b) The Gully was working when inspected 20/2/18. However after an inspection with Councillor R Kearle programme. Due for clearance later this year as part of the next planned works programme.

- c) Overflowing drain in East Town Lane: SCC advised complete however Councillors advised that the drain is full and water is not running away. The drain needs sucking. Still awaiting a details of locations as unable to locate.
- d) The gully at Neat Lane was washed away and not been repaired, it is sharp at the edge of the tarmac. No actionable defects found, item closed.
- e) On the right hand side going up Neat Lane the gully needs repairing as it could damage a tyre. No actionable defects found, item closed.
- f) Blocked drain on road in Neat Lane going across Springfield, it is on the left hand side going up. No actionable defects found, item closed.
- g) Blocked drain at Parsons Batch. Councillor R Kearle showed the SCC representative the defect as he advised that it was not included as part of the cleaning rota and should be added. Confirmed due for clearance later this year as part of planned maintenance programme.
- h) Lower Street down towards Beales House on the left. Inspection arranged ref 531000.
- i) Westholme opposite the Lodge. Inspection arranged ref 531001
- j) Perridge drain needs sucking Inspection arranged ref 531002
- k) Top Street up to Culverwell House water running along the road. Inspection arranged ref 531005
- l) Outside Burford as turn in on upside as turn in. Inspection arranged ref 531007
- m) Opposite Pilton House there is a blocked Drain. Inspection arranged ref 531008

- **Potholes**

- a) There are very bad potholes outside Perridge Farm: Ref 524579. Where actionable defects found were repaired on 20/3/2018, item closed.
- b) It has reported to Councillor Wynn that a resident has tripped over a pothole near the sheltered housing by the Post Office/Village Hall. The resident is fine however this is obviously a concern as this area is busy area and used by the residents in the sheltered housing. Ref:526688, Inspected in 18/5/18 safety defects identified and works ordered to be completed by 15/6/18 Where actionable defects found were repaired on 21/5/2018, item closed.
- c) There are bad potholes East Town Lane by East Town Farm. Actionable defects found were repaired on 25/3/2018, item closed.
- d) There are large potholes going up Neat Lane near the Springfield Crossroads. No safety defects founds ref 530346, item closed.
- e) There is a large pothole on the left hand side at Copse Hill. Safety repairs completed 12/12/18, item closed.
- f) There is a large Pothole at the top of Mount Pleasant. Inspection arranged ref 531013

- **General**

- a) Road Markings on Stoodley Lane and Bowermead Lane: These have been inspected and passed to traffic for inclusion in their works programme.
- b) Overgrown Vegetation: This has been referred to the 'Traffic Section'
- c) Visibility down Lamberts Hill: This has been referred to the 'Traffic Section' *An inspection has been carried out and no actionable defects could be identified.* A Councillor had a near miss due to the visibility at the Lamberts Hill/Shepton Mallet cross roads. There is poor visibility when looking right towards Lamberts Hill into Pilton. Traffic section dealing (SIS submission)
- d) Yellow Lines at the bottom of Totterdown Lane: This has been added to the next Mendip Traffic Regulation Order with the support of Nigel Hewitt-

- Cooper. This is now only done once a year and likely to be done later in the year with all other Mendip sites. Traffic section dealing (SIS submission)
- e) Bank channels to ditch need redigging in Neat Lane: Ref 52476 Not a safety defect as on hill and not traffic impeding. Works will be considered for inclusion in programmed works. Works will be considered for inclusion in future works list subject to budget provision.
  - f) Road breaking up in dip past Winding Lake Farm: Ref 526376, Barriers have been erected in the interim period and any necessary works will be arranged as soon as possible. Safety works completed
  - g) The wall belonging to Orchard House in Pylle Road seems to be unstable, it is along the road that leads to the playing fields and there is concern that children could be walking along side it. Item passed to building control MDC.
  - h) The road down Perridge Hill is veering to the right and the road is cracking up in the middle. No safety defects identified, site subject to Badger excavations. To be monitored when staff in areas.
  - i) The Bridge has now been hit for a third time and the Parish Council think it's in a dangerous state. This has been reported twice previously. SCC advised that this has been passed to the Structures Team in Taunton [bridges@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:bridges@somerset.gov.uk). The bridge at Stoodley has been hit for the fourth time. Urgent action is required
  - j) The Clerk was asked to contact SCC regarding a request for 'Stop' signs at Burford. SCC advised that this has been forwarded to the traffic team for consideration.
  - k) A resident has raised concerns regarding visibility at the Lamberts Hill/ Shepton Mallet cross roads. There is poor visibility when looking right towards Lamberts Hill into Pilton. Site has been inspected and no safety defects found hedge has been cut to boundary, please see item c.
  - l) The sign at the top of Compton Lane (no through road) has been knocked over. Sign has been put back.
  - m) There is a mattress in Ridge Lane between Compton Lane and Canards Grave. Fly tipping is a District Council function and was forwarded to them for action.
  - n) Paradise Quarry, Ridge Road opposite Dungeon Farm there are bags of rubbish near the tip at Dulcott. Fly tipping is a District Council function and was forwarded to them for action.
  - o) Lot of detritus in the drains, a list needs to be compiled of the locations and Councillor King will ask the ASBO's to clear the drains. Ridge Lane into Compton Lane. Noted
  - p) Shop Lane and Top Street, an ambulance couldn't get through. Nigel will chase the painting of the double yellow lines. Forwarded to Traffic Section.
  - q) Toll Cottage and North Wootton Road. Please provide further information as to the nature of the issue.
  - r) The pavement at the bottom of Shop Lane has been damaged since the Water Board was working there. An inspection of the location has been arranged and safety defects identified will be actioned as necessary. Ref 530986.
  - s) Top Street opposite allotments by side of road sinking away. Inspection arranged ref 531010
  - t) Parsons Batch along the Church Wall subsidence. Inspection arranged ref 531012.

- **New Defects:**

- The drain on the drive of Barrowfields House is full and running down towards the ford. It will be extremely dangerous should it freeze.
- Two drains outside The Lodge at Westholme are overflowing and pouring water across the road. Councillor R Kearle showed SCC representative the drain when they reviewed the defects but no action has yet to be taken.
- The drain is blocked by railway bridge going into Shepton Mallet and the water is running across the road.
- There is a blocked drain near Lorien Bungalow at Top Street near Culverwell Cottage.
- There has been flooding in front of Gable House, which has never happened before.
- The road markings at Neat Lane, Copse Hill into Lower Street need replacing, the gravel needs removing and a road sign replacing.
- The weight limit sign at Barrows Hill needs putting back up.

iv Community Speedwatch:

- Update from Councillor King: All is going well and the Speedwatch Team have been in joint action with Speed Enforcement. Cameras were on the A361 and within the village. Sheila Thompson and Guy Dury from Avon and Somerset Police have been out with the Speedwatch Team. During a one hour period on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 99 HGV's were counted, 479 vehicles in total.
- Truck Count for December: Councillor Smith advised that the truck count has increased from 50-70's in December to 90-100 per hour in January. Councillor Smith attended a committee meeting with the CSW. The speed indicator device can be moved closer to the junction if there is an appropriate pole. The police will be joining the Speedwatch Team twice a month. There is a new camera system where cameras do not need to be in a van. The police system can produce a report showing how many vehicles that got caught speeding were from Pilton. Councillor King will need to specifically request this.
- ASC Beat Manager Jane Ellis & Sheila Thompson introduced themselves. Jane is the Beat Manager for over 20 areas.

Jane Ellis also advised that she is working with the Crown Inn during the Glastonbury Festival period. They will be open and have their own security, not Festival security staff.

Jane then read this month's police report

- v The Crown Inn: Assets of Community Value: Councillor King stated that no further progress has been made as he believes that the leader of the action group has been away as no contact has been made despite trying a number of times.

vi Police Report:  
January Police Report

**10<sup>th</sup> January** – Report of an abandoned vehicle on Whitstone Hill at 2am – Police attend locate owner who arrange recovery.

**16<sup>th</sup> January** – Report of a burglary in the village.

**2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Report of vehicles parked in Conduit Square and Totterdown Lane, likely to cause a hazard/obstruction at 20:26 – Police attend at 20:37 but find no concerns with any parked vehicles.

**2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Reporting a vehicle parked along Ridge Lane Pilton, making it difficult to pass – Police contact the owner and the vehicle was moved.

**5<sup>th</sup> February** – Reporting the theft of a number plate from a property in the village.

- viii Low Cost Housing: The Housing Survey has now been completed. The Clerk was asked to contact Nina Richard of MDC for an official update.
- ix Overgrown Vegetation/ASBO's: A letter was received from the ASBO's lead. It was confirmed that if there was any doubt that a neighbour where the work is being is not happy they work should cease. This will be discussed further at the ASBO's Pre-Season Meeting. It was stated that in all the year the ASBO's have been active there have only ever been two complaints received. The Parish Council stated that they were grateful for the team's hard work.
- x GDPR: The Clerk advised work is ongoing.
- xiii Update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper: Nigel Hewitt-Cooper was not present at the meeting but sent a report the day after the meeting which is attached.

## 6 PLANNING

- i Application Number: 2018/3098/FUL  
Proposal: Refurbishment of existing disused cottage to create a holiday let  
Location: Larkbarrow, East Compton Road, East Compton  
Applicant: Mr Simon Armstrong  
Application Type: Full Application  
Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval  
Councillor King proposed acceptance, Councillor Noble seconded the vote was unanimously in favour of acceptance.  
  
Application Number: 2018/3139/HSE  
Proposal: Alterations to existing farmhouse including replacement of porch, demolition and reconstruction of new garden room, replacement of two kitchen beams and some new replacement windows. Alternations to parking area  
Location: Upper Westholme Farm, Perridge Hill  
Applicant: Ms Louise Pickering  
Application Type: Householder Application  
Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval  
Councillor Noble proposed acceptance, Councillor S Kearle seconded the vote was unanimously in favour of acceptance.  
  
Application Number: 2018/3140/LBC  
Proposal: Alterations to existing farmhouse including replacement of porch, demolition and reconstruction of new garden room, replacement of two kitchen beams and some new replacement windows. Alternations to parking area  
Location: Upper Westholme Farm, Perridge Hill  
Applicant: Ms Louise Pickering  
Application Type: Listed Building Consent  
Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval  
Councillor Noble proposed acceptance, Councillor S Kearle seconded the vote was unanimously in favour of acceptance.  
  
Application Number: 2018/2723/HSE  
Proposal: Demolition and reconstruction of wall (demolition retrospective)  
Location: Deepways, St Mary's Lane  
Applicant: Ms Natalie Hewer

Application Type: Householder Application  
Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval  
Councillor Drew proposed acceptance, Councillor Smith seconded the vote was unanimously in favour of acceptance.

Application Number: 2018/3069/HSE  
Proposal: Refurbishment and extension of existing dwelling. Including new vehicle access.  
Location: Riverdale, East Town Lane, Pilton  
Applicant: Mrs & Mrs Humphrey  
Application Type: Householder Application  
Pilton Parish Council Recommends: Approval  
Councillor Noble proposed acceptance, Councillor Smith seconded the vote was unanimously in favour of acceptance.  
The Clerk was asked to write to the Footpath Officer at MDC and copy Nigel Hewitt-Cooper as there does not seem to be a footpath at the existing entrance at footpath number 42.

Application Number: 2018/3070/LBC  
Proposal: Refurbishment and extension of existing dwelling. Including new vehicle access.  
Location: Riverdale, East Town Lane, Pilton  
Applicant: Mrs & Mrs Humphrey  
Application Type: Listed Building Consent  
Councillor Noble proposed acceptance, Councillor Smith seconded the vote was unanimously in favour of acceptance.

Application Number: 2018/2995/FUL  
Proposal: Change of roofing material from clay double roman tiles to natural slate roof tiles.  
Location: Bier House, Cumhill Lane, Pilton  
Applicant: Mr J Clark  
Application Type: Full Application  
Councillor Noble proposed refusal, Councillor Smith seconded  
Councillor Drew proposed acceptance, Councillor Wynn seconded.  
The vote was 5 to 2 in favour of refusal.  
The reason for refusal was it was felt that second hand roman tiles should be used instead of old slate.

Application Number: 2018/3084/FUL  
Proposal: Creation of a Toilet Block  
Location: Tithe Barn, Cumhill Farm, Cumhill Lane, Pilton  
Applicant: R Kearle  
Application Type: Full Application  
Notification was received from MDC that this application has been withdrawn.

Application Number: 2018/2875/LBC  
Proposal: Creation of a Toilet Block  
Location: Tithe Barn, Cumhill Farm, Cumhill Lane, Pilton  
Applicant: R Kearle  
Application Type: Listed Building Consent  
Notification was received from MDC that this application has been withdrawn.

Application Number: 2018/3176/TCA  
Proposal: Works to trees in a conservation area: T1 – Cherry Tree – Cut back 2 lower branches to the boundary wall.  
T2 – Lilac – Cut back 3 branches to the boundary wall  
T3 – Cherry – Cut down to ground level  
Location: Yew Tree Cottage, Whitstone Hill, Pilton  
Applicant: Roger Benner  
Application Type: Works/Felling in a CA  
Councillor Noble proposed acceptance, Councillor Smith seconded the vote was unanimously in favour of acceptance.

Application Number: 2019/0042/FUL  
Proposal: Infill of masonry arch bridge  
Location: Ridge Land Bridge, Shepton Mallet  
Applicant: Mr Matthew Irwin  
Application Type: Full Application  
Councillor King proposed acceptance, Councillor Drew seconded the vote was unanimously in favour of acceptance

#### Withdrawal of Application

Application Number: 2018/2963/PAA  
Proposal: Prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development.  
Location: Barn at Brook House Farm, Compton Lane, West Compton  
Applicant: Mrs B Garland  
Application Type: Prior App CoU Agricult. To Residential

#### ii MDC planning decisions and recommendations:

Application Number: 2018/2966/TCA  
Proposal: Proposed works to a tree in a conservation area:- T1 - Willow - Pollard to 1metre above main fork. T2 - Mountain Ash - Remove deadwood, crown clean, remove any end weight on heavy limbs. T3 - Prunus - Remove deadwood, crown clean and remove any end weight. T4 - Mountain Ash - Remove deadwood, crown clean, remove any end weight on heavy limbs. T5 - Apple - Reduce x 2.5 metres, remove mistletoe, deadwood, crown clean. T6 - Prunus - Fell. T7 - 9 - Field Maple - Reduce x 3 metres.  
Location: Stonecrest Weir, Lane, Pilton  
Application Type: Works/Felling Trees in a CA  
Decision: TPO Not Required (No objection)

Application Number: 2018/2862/VRC  
Proposal: Application to vary condition 2 (Drawing Numbers) of planning approvals 2018/1415/HSE (Demolish part of dwelling and replace with two and single story side and rear extensions on with the addition of a front porch, two windows to rear and alterations to existing dormer windows) to substitute roof design and materials on single storey extension and remove dressed natural stone window surrounds on rear and side elevations.  
Location: Bridge Cottage, Compton Lane, West Compton  
Application Type: Variation or removal of conditions  
Decision: Approval with Conditions

Application Number: 2018/2219/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of land from agricultural to 3 No. Traveller pitches and associated works including hardstanding  
Location: Land at Ridge Lane, West Compton  
Application Type: Full Application  
Decision: Refusal

Application Number: 2018/2530/APP  
Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (external roofing materials) and 5 (joinery details on listed building consent 218/0649/LBC  
Location: East Town Farm, East Town Lane  
Application Type: Approval of Details  
Decision: Approval

Application Number: 2018/3176/TCA  
Proposal: Works to trees in a conservation area: T1 – Cherry Tree – Cut back 2 lower branches to the boundary wall.  
T2 – Lilac – Cut back 3 branches to the boundary wall  
T3 – Cherry – Cut down to ground level  
Location: Yew Tree Cottage, Whitstone Hill, Pilton  
Application: Works/Felling Trees in a CA  
Decision: TPO Not Required (No Objection)

#### **County Matter**

Application Number: 2019/0120/CNT  
Application Type: County Matter  
Proposal: Temporary Stone Quarry, to include temporary use of red barn for storage and stone dressing, green barn for stone breaking and a further temporary storage.  
Location: Worthy Farm, Worthy Lane, Pilton

#### iv Enforcement:

- Cock and Bull Drove: Councillor Noble advised that the owner is still living on the site. The site should have been closed but it has not been. The council unanimously agreed that the Clerk would write the James Heapey MP and copy in Nigel Hewitt-Cooper.
- Beggars Roost: No update
- Friars Oven Farm: No update
- Tanyards Lane: No update
- West Compton: No update

## 7 **FOOTPATHS:**

- i Update: Councillor King advised that a Footpaths Survey is carried out every 10 to 12 years of the footpaths through the county and he has completed and returned the response. The survey is about long term strategy and what we have is working well. Residents can also respond as individuals.

There is no date for the Footpaths Committee Meeting as yet. Councillor King will liaise with the ASBO's as to who they wish to have on the committee.

The ASBO's are to be asked to repair a sign on the top of Copse Hill footpath to Riverdale. There is also a broken finger on the sign by the Tithe Barn.

Comments have been received from residents that the new wooden signs are preferred to the old metal ones.



- vii. Rural Bulletin Network, Rural Services Network 8/1
- viii. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 8/1
- ix. RSN Rural Funding Digest – January 2019
- x. Women in Local Government Conference 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- xi. EvoNorth 10/1
- xii. Public Sector Executive Online 10/1
- xiii. Public Sector Executive Online 11/1
- xiv. EvoNorth 14/1
- xv. Councillor Development Session
- xvi. Public Sector Executive Online 14/1
- xvii. The Rural Services Network, The Rural Bulletin 22/1
- xviii. How can you reduce homelessness and end rough sleeping 22/1
- xix. RCNME10685 – Chilwell Street Resurfacing Scheme, Glastonbury 22/1
- xx. Death of Senior Figure 22/1
- xxi. Mendip District Council Calendar of meetings 2019/2020
- xxii. Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin 24/1
- xxiii. Public Sector Executive Online 25/1
- xxiv. EvoNorth 28/1
- xxv. Public Sector Executive Online 28/1
- xxvi. Recycle Monthly Briefing January 2019

10 **BURIAL GROUND**

- i Maintenance reports:  
Two reports were received both were fine.

11 **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION:**

- i Roundabout report

The next Village Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March meeting at 9am outside the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, refreshments will be provided afterwards.

The Police will be teaming up with the Community Speedwatch Team twice a month so please watch your speed, you have been warned!

12 **GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL:**

- i. Dates of the GFEL/PPC meetings:
  - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019
  - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- ii The following items were discussed with GFEL with answers to be brought to the next GFEL meeting -

- Details of number of passes issued per property/not per person - hoping that a reduction in passes will reduce vehicles in the village. It was confirmed that nobody at Cock and Bull Drove will be entitled to a Festival Ticket or vehicle pass. GFEL are reviewing how many each house will be allocated.
- Stewards need local knowledge
- Traffic management at Conduit Square, Totterdown Lane, Stoodley and Bowermead Lane.
- Crown Inn
- Parking Clearway – To be fully enforced?
- Large vehicles – stewards needed early than usual to deal with traffic at Parsons Batch and Neat Lane.
- A working party should be set up regarding Neat Lane junction.
- Pylle Road to Mary's Gate, confusion regarding who has the right of way and the one way system.

A local resident asked if the temporary speed restriction in Copse Lane could be made permanent along with it being one way.

Councillor King will meet with a resident who has offered his services regarding highway or traffic safety issues and introduce him to Steve Russell-Yarde.

13      **NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 6th March at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.55pm

### **Update from Nigel Hewitt-Cooper**

**Winter Gritting:** SCC continues to grit around 720 miles of highway on a precautionary basis for when the temperature is expected to drop below freezing. Secondary gritting routes are then deployed as and when the weather worsens. Following concerns being raised by some Conservative Councillors a detailed review of the impact of changes to gritting routes this winter will be carried out in May ahead of the policy being agreed for the 2019/20 winter period.

**Schools funding:** As part of the annual budget setting process for Somerset's schools, all will receive an increase in their funding in 2019. However, Somerset remains in the lowest 40 funded local authorities for education in England; SCC will continue to lobby the Department for Education and the Treasury to recognise and re-balance this in the 2019 funding reviews.

**Ofsted** visit: Ofsted, recently visited SCC to undertake a Focused Visit (Inspection) of the front door Children's Social Care services, including aspects of early help. The Inspectors visited the Early Help hub, First Response and Assessment teams in Taunton, Bridgwater and Yeovil. Whilst not as detailed as a full inspection, the Focused Visit was important in giving guidance on the journey to 'Good'. Whilst the official report is awaited immediate feedback was both positive and encouraging.

**Time to Talk:** Mental health problems are more common than most realise, affecting one in four people. This February, SCC Public Health are encouraging people to talk about their mental health problems in a way that is comfortable for them. Either with a friend or in a group of folk who are all challenging the stigma of mental health. Having conversations about mental health helps break down stereotypes, improve relationships, aids recovery and takes the stigma out of something that could affect any one of us. For more information contact: Rethink mental illness advice hotline 0300 5000 927 or Mind infoline 0300 123 3393.

**How to get involved:** Volunteering can open up career opportunities, provide valuable experience, help adjustment from work to retirement and bring a great sense of personal achievement and self-worth by contributing to the community. The new SCC volunteer web address is <https://volunteering.somerset.gov.uk/> where people can find opportunities that suits themselves and allow them to make a difference.

**SEND provision:** Whilst work on the new Hazelbrook campus of Selworthy special school is well on track, and students will take up their places in September, two further investments into Special Educational Needs in Somerset have been announced by SCC. The first scheme will see the £400,000 expansion of a centre to support pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder conditions (ASC) at Preston School in Yeovil. The facility will be able to cater for an extra eight pupils, in addition to the 12 it can currently support. The second scheme is for a £200,000 remodelling at Oaklands Autism Base in Yeovil, to provide enhanced facilities for up to 14 pupils. This investment programme is to make sure that SCC have the right places in the right parts of the County that will meet the needs of children with Special Educational Needs.

**One stop shop:** An online one-stop-shop for education, health and social care information for children with Special Education Needs is being promoted at road shows across Somerset. The events in Frome, Bridgwater, Compton Dundon and Wincanton are highlighting, for anyone looking for advice guidance, services available through the website [www.choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/local-offer/Adult Social Care](http://www.choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/local-offer/Adult%20Social%20Care): 'Somerset Direct' continues to improve its performance in the resolution of Adult Social Care issues where over 90% of all contacts are resolved satisfactorily at the first contact. In addition the Adult Social Care team have achieved an 89% reduction in the number of people waiting for a social care assessment down from 2,857 in June 2016 to 316 in Dec 2018 .

**Economic Boost:** A £293m contract to provide support for the British Army's 50-strong fleet of Apache helicopters has been awarded to Leonardo Helicopters (UK) in Yeovil. The news follows the award of a further £388m contract securing 175 skilled jobs in Yeovil and a further 500 across the Somerset supply chain.

**Major road investment:** Following the announcement late last year of an additional £9.9 million pounds to maintain roads in Somerset the following resurfacing and improvement schemes have now been announced and will be implemented by the end of March.

- A38 Huntworth Roundabout (Junction 24)
- A358 between Thornfalcon and Southfields Roundabout, Ilminster

- A367 Bath Road, Ashwick
- Chilkwell Street, Glastonbury
- A361 Frome Bypass Berkley Roundabout
- A361 Frome Cemetery Roundabout
- A39 East Quantoxhead
- Admiralty Way and Creechbarrow Way, Taunton
- A358 Hankridge Roundabout, Taunton
- A358 Sampford Brett
- A30 Snowdon Hill, Chard