



# Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council Newsletter



Edition 46

**The Parish Council** will be temporarily located at the Cask Hovel at Thatcher's Cider Main Office in Sandford. If you would like to see the Parish Clerks please arrange an appointment using the contact details

- Use the Contact Us form via our website: [www.winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk/ContactUs](http://www.winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk/ContactUs)
- Send us a message on our Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/winscombeandsandfordparishcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/winscombeandsandfordparishcouncil)
- email: [clerk@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk) or [deputy@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk](mailto:deputy@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk)
- phone the Parish Council Office on 01934 844257
- write to the Parish Office, Winscombe Community Centre, 11 Sandford Road, BS25 1JA

## Community Recognition Award - WINNER 2024

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to nominate their local hero.

Congratulations to MIKE TURNER who received the most nominations, One of the comments Mike received was: "Volunteering in the community for many years – including the Scouts and the amazing job he has done securing the Winspace community centre for generations to come."



## Annual Meeting of the Full Parish Council

The Parish Council is made up of 15 Councillors - all of whom are volunteers. The period of office of a Councillor is normally 4 years, but if they have been co-opted or elected at a by-election, they will serve until the next normal election.

The Chair is voted in annually at the Annual Meeting of the Full Parish Council which took place Monday 20/05/24. I am pleased to announce that Archie Forbes has been voted in as Chair. Archie has been Chair for the last 6 years and a Parish Councillor for more than 20 years!

# Council Tax Precept 2024/25

## **What is the Precept?**

Parish councils are funded by a small part of the Council Tax known as the parish precept. The Parish Council does not receive any direct funding from Central Government. The funding collected pays for the running of the Council and the services it provides.

## **How is the precept calculated?**

The Parish Council makes an estimate of income and expenditure for the next financial year, including some for future planned projects and/or unexpected events. It is then calculated as an amount per Council Tax Band D Property and added to the Council Tax Bill for all the dwellings within the Parish area.

## **How is the precept raised?**

North Somerset Council collects your Council Tax on behalf of themselves, Police, Fire and the precepts for any Parish/Town Councils in their district. It is important to note that our Parish Council's precept is just a small percentage of your overall Council Tax Bill.

## **How is the precept spent?**

Your precept is spent on maintaining the facilities and services the Parish Council offers.



## Winspace Update

### Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who completed the WiNSpace - Parish Council Financial Support Request Survey - your feedback was greatly appreciated.

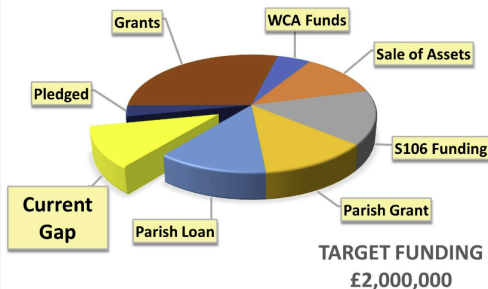
80% of the parishioners who completed the survey felt the Parish Council should provide funding towards a new parish Community Centre in Winscombe.



### Funding News

Close on the heels of the Community Ownership Fund Grant of £300,000 - WiNSpace recently heard that they have also obtained £200,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund. With Community Support, the Parish Council will be applying for a loan of £250,000 – that will be called on in the next few months. This is a huge step for the project. They have also been informed that they will be receiving a further £60,000 in grants from providers once the digging starts.

With 89% of funds identified, it's will start very soon, although there's still lots to do and more funds to find.

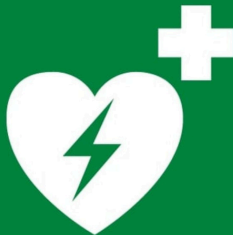




# PARISH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR 2024

June	17 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>	Environment Working Group <b>Full Parish Council</b>
July	8 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	Employment, Finance & Policies Committee <b>Full Parish Council</b> War Memorial Advisory Committee (AGM)
August	12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cemetery & Allotment Working Group Planning Committee
September	9 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Environment Working Group <b>Full Parish Council</b>
October	7 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Committee Employment, Finance & Policies Committee <b>Full Parish Council</b>
November	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	War Memorial Ground Advisory Committee Environment Working Group Planning Committee <b>Full Parish Council</b>
December	2 <sup>nd</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cemetery & Allotment Working Group Planning Committee

Parishioners and members of the press are welcome to attend all meetings and a time at each meeting is set aside for public participation.



## Location of Defibrillators

Sandford Primary School - Greenhill Rd

Railway Inn - Station Rd, Sandford

Thatchers Offices - Station Rd, Sandford

Winscombe Community Centre - Sandford Rd

Winscombe Recreation Ground - Cricket Club

Winscombe Rugby Club - Longfield

Sidcot Arms - A38 Bridgwater Rd

## Banwell, Winscombe and Sandford Ward Councillor Surgery Timetable

Your North Somerset Councillors are Tom Nicholson and Joe Tristram. We are available to ask questions and hear concerns by phone or email (see below) and also in person once a month:

July 24th: **Banwell Scout Building, 10-11**  
 Sept 21st **Winscombe Saturday Market, 10-11**  
 Oct 23rd **Banwell Scout Building, 10-11**  
 Nov 16th **Winscombe Saturday Market, 10-11**  
 Dec 18th **Banwell Scout Building, 10-11**

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