

**Glastonbury Town Council**  
**Somerset County Councillor Report**  
**September 2019**

**Hinkley Point C Jetty**

SCC recently issued a press release announcing that the first load of sand had been delivered via the jetty. I have requested the most recent quarterly figures for deliveries from Whatley Quarry to HPC and will continue to monitor the load figures and hopefully compare them with anecdotal evidence on number of HGV lorries on the A361. There is a SCC visit to Hinkley C in October, I will be attending.

**Nuclear Waste**

Last week the Regulation Committee at SCC voted unanimously to reject a proposal to move waste from other nuclear power stations to be stored at Hinkley Point A. You can read more here

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-somerset-49597817>

**Small Improvement Schemes**

The Traffic Regulation Order for the 20mph zone should be advertised in the local paper on 12<sup>th</sup> September. I have asked that the signs to the Tor and Chalice Well be white on a brown background, rather than a blue background. As brown is used for tourism sites, it makes sense to use the same colour background for the pedestrian route signs.

**SCC Financial Position**

The recent spending round announcement from the Chancellor included good news for local authorities, particularly those with social care responsibilities where an extra £1billion was announced. Nothing is certain until it is formalised later in the autumn and the figures announced were all national totals. Somerset usually works on an approximate calculation of 1% of a national figure but there may be different formulas for distribution.

The Government also indicated that 2% would be the maximum increase in council tax (without a referendum) and that there may be a further 2% as an adult social care precept as well.

**Odour Testing**

The odour testing at Beckery is scheduled for this month. It is weather dependent, and I'll update when Mendip receives the results.

**Glastonbury Living Spaces Panel at MDC**

The GLS Panel meets again on 11<sup>th</sup> September and will be considering potential land for traveller sites in and near Glastonbury and also the requirements for both transit and permanent sites. There are very significant numbers of caravans/vans/tents on the roads and verges as well as on the Mendip owned land near Pomparles Bridge, the SCC enforcement officer tells me that the most recent count was 78.

**Road Closure on A361**

Please note that there is a road closure on the A361 at Pilton from 16<sup>th</sup> September for five days.

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