

Glastonbury Town Council
Somerset County Councillor Report - February 2020

Small Improvement Schemes

The 20mph zone for the Town Centre – we are still waiting for a site visit with traffic engineers on the extent of the zone in Chilkwell Street and Coursing Batch. I spoke to Rebecca David recently (traffic engineer) and she informed me that their concern is with signage in adjoining roads eg Wellhosue Lane.

SCC Improving Lives Fund

Cllr Napper and I have been informed that as well as the oak bench for St Dunstans House garden, the application for garden tools and garden shed furniture at the Red Brick Community Garden has also been successful. That means the entire £2,000 for Glastonbury will be spent with the monies being channelled through the Town Council. (There is a separate £2,000 fund for Street and that has also been successful).

SCC Scrutiny Meeting – 5G

The 5G item at the March Scrutiny meeting at SCC has attracted expert speakers and a high number of requests from members of the public to speak. The date is 11th March at 10am, venue to be confirmed.

Glastonbury Living Spaces Panel at MDC

The GLS Panel will meet again on 13th February. I have recently been able to make contact with the Planning Liaison officer at Wessex Water and have explained to her the necessity of answers on odour testing and mitigation works because of the opportunities presented by the Town Fund.

Major Road Network

There has been no update from SCC since end November and I have in writing from SCC that no further work is being undertaken at present as there is no Government funding for advance work. The Council is waiting for a clear steer from Government before progressing any work or potential routes.

Future of Local Government in Somerset (FOLGIS)

The four Districts in Somerset are taking their preferred route to a new format of Local Government in Somerset through Cabinet and Full Council at each Council during February. The County Council is adamant that it does not need to take a similar route, that the Government will not require evidence of a democratic process.

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