

## **County Cllr Napper report Feb 2020**

### **Unitary Council Progress**

There is very little progress to report, only that there is a possible cabinet reshuffle coming on Friday when we may know the Cabinet Member that is given the job of sorting the future Councils.

### **Climate change Emergency strategy**

There is a coming C.C.E event at Mendip District Council offices at Shepton Mallet on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 10a.m. – 4p.m. run by Somerset climate Action Network (scan) to identify the way forward for Somerset to gain the best possible outcome for Carbon Neutral by 2030. The Parishes, Districts and County need to consult on a policy towards a strategy we need to debate things we can do and cannot do and introduce new ideas.

### **Monetary Position**

We are in a much better financial position than last year and the reserves are in better shape. We may be able to increase the Adult and Social Care budget, County Council is responsible for the Health of the County. The Coronavirus is on the horizon and we sincerely hope that its containment is successful although we have to be concerned for any emergency that will implode on Council finances.

### **Free Health Checks**

7000 people had benefit from free health checks last year with delivery from the N.H.S and Somerset County to anyone over 40 to help identify heart disease, diabetis, kidney disease or stroke.

### **Caravans**

Although the Ponsperlis site has reduced it is continuing to be unsightly. Northover site has grown and cannot support the 18 or so living vans and static vans that are on site, tor View looks better with only one van, Bretenoux road is unsightly at the East End with 5 living and 7 unsightly static residence continue to be very upset at the encampment and lastly the moor, a place of beauty and tranquility decimated by occupying vans and encampments that spoil our locality by the minority.

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