

## Notes for Annual Parish Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Clatworthy Parish Council Review of Year 2023-24

In June 2023, the Parish Council formally joined Exmoor and Dulverton Local Community Network (LCN) within the new unitary authority of Somerset Council. The PC Chair and Clerk attend bimonthly meetings of the LCN where they can contribute local concerns and opinions. The LCN gives them direct access to representatives of the Highways Authority and to senior managers of organisations providing services to the community, such as housing and police, and annually to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

As a result of persistent lobbying, the Highways Authority installed a new village name sign, co-located with repainted road markings. It is hoped that these measures will encourage drivers to go more slowly through the village.

The telephone box housing the automatic heart defibrillator was repainted this year. The defibrillator remains in good working order and is checked regularly. A new chest pad has been installed with an expiry date of 2029.

The PC reviewed three planning applications this year with no objections and followed up on a concern raised about an already approved application. No further action was needed.

Grants were given this year by the Parish Council to support St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, Wivey Link, Wivey Cares and Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

The Parish Council thanked Marcus Blackburn for his work as parish clerk before he moved away from the area and welcomed Norma Martin back as she resumed the role of parish clerk.

Thanks are extended to the parish footpaths officer, Peter Moran, for his work ensuring footpaths and bridle paths remained usable with adequate signage; to Ben Cowling for looking after the church bells; and to Norma for continuing to manage the Council's website which can be accessed online at [www.clatworthy-parish.uk](http://www.clatworthy-parish.uk).

Sally Moran

Chair, Clatworthy Parish Council