

# WITHYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC OPEN SESSION ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, WITHYCOMBE at 7pm.

### PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

For future reference Councillors and the Clerk will be referred to in these, and subsequent, reports by their initials:

Emma Wright (Chairman) EW / Chris Thomas (Vice Chairman) CT / Richard Barnham RB / Amanda Gardiner AJG / Susan Gill SMG / Brenda Maitland-Walker (West Somerset District Council) BMW / Christine Lawrence (Somerset County Council) CL / Sam Rawle (Clerk) SR.

The meeting was digitally recorded

These notes formulate a record of the Public Open Session held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm. She reported that apologies had been received from DT, SG, CT

#### 1. Somerset County Councillor Report

*Flu Jabs* – Asda currently offering jabs for £5 and £10 at Tesco. Over 65 are free from GP surgeries.

*Winter weather advice* – Check [www.travelsomerset.co.uk](http://www.travelsomerset.co.uk) for updates on travel and adverse weather conditions.

*Domestic Abuse* – Shortlisted for award for work done in partnership with Knightstone Housing Association. See [www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk](http://www.somersetsurvivors.org.uk)

#### 2. District Councillor Report

*Somerset Waste Partnership* – The contract for kerb side waste collection is being ended 18 months early to increase flexibility and to be able to recycle more. No effect on the current service.

*District Council Finance* – The projected budget gap has reduced from £1.22m to £120,000.

*Proposed Council Merger* – Secretary of State, Savid Javid announced mindful to merge. Consultation until 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

*Parking* – Shoppers to receive free parking across West Somerset on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2017.

The Chairman thanked both the County Councillor and District Councillor for their continued support.

The Public Open Session ended at 7.30pm.

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Chairman

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