

Chairman's Report – 17 June 2021

1. Land Behind the Glebe

There is currently no further information to report on this.

2. Website Update

The old website has been migrated from the Old Google Sites environment to the new Google Sites environment using the Google migration facility.

The reason is to ensure that the information held in the old website is not lost. This will enable all the old documents to be retained and an Archive can be created for future reference.

The level of access of the new website is good – 392 different users over the last month. As lockdown will ease not far in the future, albeit with a slight further delay, we need to move ahead with bringing the old content up to date.

3. Community Renewable Energy

BWCE are to set the date for a project initiation meeting.

4. Bristol River Avon Bioregion Group

Bristol River Avon Bioregion Group are undertaking a local walk to provide an ecological insight into the area, and have extended an invitation to Limpley Stoke, Winsley and Freshford Parish Councils for 2 councillors to attend. Nature Chain is also being invited to attend.

The local walk will be led by ecologist and botanist David Green.

Request: For the PC to agree the names of 2 Freshford PC councillors to attend and represent Freshford Parish Council.

5. ALCA

The next ALCA meeting is planned for Wednesday 30th June. The ALCA chair, Dawn Drury, is standing down.

6. Communications

Now that the new website environment is up and running and we are nearing the end of lockdown restrictions – hopefully just weeks away – there is a need to get The Bulletin up and running again.

Request The PC agrees to look for a communication resource from the community to help set up an online Bulletin and then run that communications channel on behalf of the PC and community.

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7. The Tynning

A number of emails have been received about The Tynning road and its environs.

7.1. Safety

The grass along the hump has grown to become quite thick and high. This creates zero visibility for anyone driving along The Tynning. There was a near accident when a dog came through the long grass and was very nearly run over by a passing vehicle.

The issue is that the grass along the hump means that drivers do not have any visibility of what is happening, and dogs have no visibility of vehicles.

The same issue applied to young children. There is concern that small children have no sight if what is coming along the road until they get to the top of the hump. This is not the most stable situation for children.

7.2. Speed

There are concerns that the speed of some vehicles is increasing when using The Tynning road.

Whether this is actual or perceived is unclear, but there is certainly a problem in that there are reduced places for people to avoid vehicles. Walking across 'the hump' can be problematic and it can be not particularly easy to leave the road onto the grass due to the logs. In certain circumstances the logs can provide a barrier – such as when wheelchairs or pushchairs are involved especially when there are also small children.

With tall grass on one side and log barriers on the other side, this does change the psychology of the road space.

To counterbalance this, perhaps it might be worth considering changing the psychology of the road from being a vehicle space that can be used by people, to being a people space that can be used by vehicles.

Request: That the PC considers whether The Tynning road should have pedestrian priority, and what it would take to achieve this.