

Wrington Surgery

In December the Primary Care Trust approved Wrington Vale Medical Practice's plan to close both Wrington and Churchill surgeries, build a main surgery at Pudding Pie Lane Langford and rent a small branch surgery somewhere in Wrington.

If planning permission is not granted for the Pudding Pie site, the Practice could build somewhere else. But not in Wrington because the Practice considers that roads into the village are too narrow.

It is good that Wrington will still have a surgery, thanks to all those who signed the petition or objected to the closure in the consultation. But there are no guarantees on how long this new Wrington surgery would stay open. And will all patients who want appointments there be able to get them?

More Rubbish!

North Somerset's waste contractors apologised publicly for the problems after Christmas – and rightly so. The snow was not their fault but failing to pick up the backlog for several weeks in some areas WAS their fault. Also at fault was North Somerset Council which manages the contract.



Cllr Deborah Yamanaka asked the Conservative Executive member responsible for waste

- Why was there no effective plan for catching up on missed collections?
- Why were residents not able to get through to Council Connect after Christmas?
- Why did the Executive member not ensure that the contractors had the resources to cope with winter weather and Christmas waste?
- Why did the extra Christmas waste come as a surprise?

We hope that the present situation does not discourage residents from recycling and that the Council does everything it can to make sure that these problems do not happen again.

Budget Cuts

North Somerset Council has to cut £17.5 million from the 2011/12 budget following the reduced Government grant settlement and the directive to freeze council tax.



The ruling North Somerset Conservatives have made severe cuts to Adult and Children's Social Services & the Youth Service as well as grants to voluntary and environmental bodies - all this while spending £17 million on moving to Castlewood and a planned £10 million for improving the Town Hall. This spending should have been stopped or delayed instead of slashing front line services. The Council is supposed to protect vulnerable children and adults, not penalise them.

The Conservatives boast of being "ahead of the curve" when cutting budgets, but their cuts in the last 3 years have made the situation worse, not better. Their aim to have the lowest council tax in the South West has left less money in the budget and led to the cuts this year which will really hurt the vulnerable.

Churchill Sports Centre



Tone Leisure is taking over the running of Churchill Sports Centre from April 1st. There will be several improvements, some paid for by North Somerset Council and some by Tone.

The old youth wing will become a fitness centre and there should be separate entrances for the school and other Centre users, keeping indoor and outdoor users separate.

Many worried sports centre and swimming pool users who contacted North Somerset Council last year will be relieved that their voices were heard and the Centre will not be closed after all.

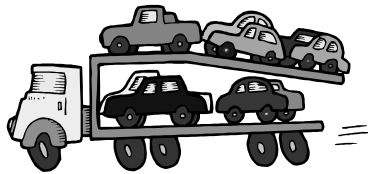
Airport traffic

There have been a lot of complaints about the airport drop-off and pick up car park, where only 10 minutes are free, the price is £4 for 30 minutes and rises steeply after that. It is all too easy to rack up costs when picking up friends or family if there are delays when landing.

The airport proposes to change the charge to a more reasonable £1 for 20 minutes in April, but is ending the free period at that car park. There will be a free 10 minute period at another location on the site – but this will be further away from the terminal and may be too far for some passengers to walk with luggage.

On the plus side, car transporters will soon be able to turn round inside the airport site.

They will then be able to enter and exit from the A38 and will not need to use Downside Rd at all.



Annual Parish Meetings

Come and see your Parish Councillors at your Annual Parish Meeting and ask them questions –

Butcombe:

Thurs 21st April 7.30, Butcombe Village Hall

Wrington (including Redhill & Downside Rd):

Wed 20th April 7.30, Wrington Memorial Hall

For part of Downside Rd & Lulsgate this will be the last year in Wrington parish. In May the A38 end of Downside Rd moves to Backwell & Lulsgate residents move to Winford.

Parish Council elections are on 5th May this year. Anyone interested in their community should consider standing as a Parish Councillor, to represent the views of local residents and improve local facilities where possible. Often too few candidates stand, leaving vacancies in this vital tier of local government.

Nomination forms can be obtained from North Somerset Council electoral services 01934 634909 or from the Parish Clerks:

Butcombe tel 01761 462975

Wrington tel 01934 863984.

Lulsgate Bottom – good news!

Drainage and resurfacing works are currently causing hold-ups on the A38 at Lulsgate Bottom. Work should be finished later in March and this should see an end to the large and dangerous flooded area which has appeared at times of heavy rain in recent years.

Get in Touch

Unlike other Parties, Liberal Democrats work for local people & keep in touch all year round, not just at elections. Over recent months and years Deborah Yamanaka has successfully taken up many issues on behalf of local people. If you would like further information or would like to help please return this form to Deborah, address below:

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Postal Votes

Will you be away May 5th - the day of the local elections and the Referendum for Fairer Votes? If so be sure to ask NSC electoral services 01934 634909 for a postal vote.

Lib Dems in Government

Some Lib Dem achievements since May:

- We have restored the earnings link to the state pension, ensuring an increase of at least 2.5% each year.
- We have increased the personal tax allowance - real money back in people's pockets and 880,000 people out of tax completely.
- Despite what has been said about student grants, the truth is that every graduate will face lower monthly repayment figures.