

Full Council 20th June:

- Council received an update from Somerset Waste Partnership on the 'Recycle More' waste strategy:
 - Suez appointed as the waste contractor for Somerset from April 2020 for 10 years.
 - Wider range of materials uplifted from roadside collections: plastic pots, tubs & trays; Tetra Paks and other food and drink cartons, small electrical items and household batteries.
 - Food waste is processed at the anaerobic digester in Bridgewater to generate natural gas.
 - All residual waste which cannot be recycled will be incinerated at the new Resource Recovery Centre in Avonmouth, generating electricity which will be sold back to the National Grid. Waste will no longer go to landfill.
 - There will be changes to the waste collection schedule with bin collections every three weeks. Recycling & food waste will be collected weekly as now.
 - Roll out will be phased over 2 years starting in June 2020.
 - Somerset Waste Partnership will be providing publicity, education and support in the run up to changes.
- The Council voted to ban the use of hedgerow 'netting' on development sites to prevent unnecessary wildlife deaths.

Area North Committee 26th June:

- 120 home planning application for Martock referred to Regulation Committee for decision.
- I am concerned about the additive effects of large scale developments on surrounding infrastructure, particularly the secondary school which has not benefited from any s106 funding.

Ham Hill:

- I met with Rachel Whaites, Countryside Manager for SSDC to discuss plans for the the enhancement of the Country Park.
 - A National Lottery bid is being prepared which will help to boost tourism and improve the facilities, including the potential for a new visitors centre and cafe.
 - A stakeholder workshop is going to be held on Monday 15th July at 6pm.

Casework:

- Little Mead:
 - I have spoken to Yarlington about parking and the state of the carriageway and pavements.
 - A site visit is being arranged with a surveyor.

Upcoming Events:

- Ham Hill Stakeholder Workshop, Rangers Station. Monday 15th July at 6pm.
- Full Council, Brympton Way, Yeovil. 18th July Evening.
- Area North Committee. 24th July PM.

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District Councillor
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