Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 28th May 2024 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Jon Levenson (Chair), Eric Norman, Roger Foxwell

In attendance: Liz Stitt – Clerk, France Nicholson (Somerset Council), Alison Blackmore (Headteacher of Cutcombe First School), Jill Thompson (Chairman of Moorland Hall & Recreation Ground)

Also Present: 3 members of the public

Item	Minutes	Action
24/77	Parish Council Chairmans Welcome. The chair welcomed everyone to the	
	meeting. Apologies were received from Oliver Yiend, Andrew Forward, Sarah Cook	
	and Steven Pugsley.	
24/78	To Approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held on 4 April	
	2023. These were approved and signed.	
24/79	Chairman's report on the work of the Parish Council during the past year.	
	The chair reported the following:	
	i) There were two elections in the summer where Oliver Yiend and Andrew	
	Forward were elected to the council. We are grateful to Oliver who has	
	also stepped into the role of the Highways Warden for the Parish. He is	
	also the representative for the Parish Council on the Moorland Hall	
	Committee. ii) The 20mph zero was completed at a fraction of the budgeted cost thanks.	
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	to Somerset Councils Capital grant through the LCN. Thanks were given to Linda Atkins who was the instigator of the whole scheme.	
	iii) The Parish Council has managed to keep the precept the same for the	
	past three years.	
	iv) The bus shelter has been fully refurbished and looks rather smart.	
	v) The Local Community Networks is underway which is chaired by Steven	
	Pugsley and Vice Chair is Cllr Mike Ellicott from Exford. This meets every	
	two months, which is a very good network for all the parishes of Exmoor.	
	vi) Four planning applications were discussed over the past year, the land,	
	and buildings on Tabbits Steep which we supported and has since been	
	approved. Chidgey Cottage which we supported but this was refused.	
	Proposal for a replacement farm building on Lower House Farm which we	
	supported but this was permitted development so prior approval was not	
	required. Finally, the council had no objection to the installation of a	
	communication mast at the Farmers Market, which was refused.	
	vii) Despite the wettest February in years Snowdrop Valley still attracted good	
	visitor numbers. Thanks were given to Eric Norman, Jim Winzer and all	
	the volunteers. More volunteers are needed for the next event so we will	
	be looking into this. If anybody would like to volunteer, please let Eric	
	Norman or Jim Winzer know.	
	viii) We have liaised with Somerset Highways a lot regarding the landslip	
	roadworks and diversion which produced better signage for local	
	businesses and good signage for Snowdrop Valley. The work was	
	completed four weeks ahead of schedule. The Exmoor society has	
	reported they don't like the look of the works but hopefully it will weather	
	in.	
	ix) In addition to the LCN meetings we have had representation on the	
	highways working group which Roger Foxwell attends and I chair the	
	eight parishes affordable housing working group which meets every three	
	months, the next meeting is in June. x) Cutcombe has four defibrillators in the Parish, one at Moorland Hall, one	
	at the Rest and Be Thankful, one at the Exmoor Farmers Market and one	
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xi) We have acquired a trailer for Snowdrop Valley which is worth around £10,000 but fortunately Eric negotiated a great deal and got it for £4000, and further than that he has brilliantly got most of the purchase cost sponsored and as it also included a generator worth a few hundred pounds, it is basically a free trailer and a valuable village asset. xii) Funds generated from the previous year's highly successful Snowdrop Valley meant that the council as a whole was able to provide the Coronation Mugs to the children, a donation towards 2x storage sheds for the school, an iPad for the Preschool and a donation to Exmoor Youth Club, and there is now a system in place for Grants & Donations. xiii) The council arranged for hedges to be cut around the 20mph scheme. xiv) There are some subgroups from the Local Community Network, there is the rural housing group which Eric Norman represents us on, and I represent Cutcombe on the Rural Economies subcommittee.	
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Update on Cutcombe First School - Alison Blackmore, Headteacher. Alison Blackmore read through a report from the school. The full report can be found attached. Cllr Levenson said it sounds great fun to be at the school with all the different activities they do. The school has been approached by parents saying they would like one uniform which is being explored at parental request.	
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Community Review Project Launch Information. A written update was read out which was produced by Oliver Yiend, which is attached. It was highlighted that the questionnaire will be going live next week so please complete this as it is for everyone's benefit. The Parish Council have supported an incentive for a prize draw for under eighteens who fill in the questionnaire to win a £30 voucher for Minehead Eye and over eighteens can win a roast dinner in a box. Also, the first 100 people who fill it in will receive a 'message in a bottle' which is a scheme that puts a sticker on your door which allows emergency services to see that all medical and next of kin information is kept in a container in the fridge.	
 i) Football is hopefully going to resume on the Sports ground in September once new showers have been installed in the Moorland Hall. ii) A substantial amount of money is needed to build a new Sports Pavilion and it may not be a good idea to run two big buildings. But we may be able to build a modular building instead which can be added onto as more money is obtained. The most important thing that people want is for football to come back and the Moorland Hall to be used as a Hub which can be used for emergencies if needed. Once the showers have been done, we will then look at what we can afford in the future and what funding is available still. ii) All the lighting, emergency doors and health and safety items have been done in the hall. iii) The Edwin Beckett room is going to be redesigned to look like a proper conference room to make it more hirable. iv) A brand new pavilion that was originally envisaged is still a possibility, but we need to concentrate on what we have got currently, as the day to day running costs also need to be considered of having two buildings. 	
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Roger Foxwell thanked Cllr Frances Nicholson for coming along to the meeting.	
Cllr Nicholson said that as a governor of the school they really appreciate the	
staff in the schools, particularly the heads of the schools and particularly Alison,	
her engagement with the community is just amazing.	

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed:	Dated:
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Appendix

- i) Financial Report
- ii) Cutcombe School Report
- iii) Police Report
- iv) Community Review Project Update

Cutcombe Parish Council 2023/24 Financial Report

At the end of Q4 2023/24 Cutcombe Parish Council had £53,911.84 in the accounts, this was split as follows:

Parish Council Current Account: £5,144.90

Reserve Account: £30,682.69

Snowdrop Valley Account: £18,084.25

Biggest Parish Council Expenses:

Cleaning and Maintenance of public toilets - £3,741.40 Election Expenses for two elections - £ £3,364.08

The Parish Council saved over £3,000 on the 20mph scheme thanks to the Local Community Network paying for this out of their budget.

Overall, the total income received was £16,472.00 and the total amount spent was £21,303.70. The council had to transfer £5,000 over from the reserves to make up the shortfall, which was less than anticipated when the budget was set due to saving on the 20mph scheme and the storage facility project not starting. It is due to our healthy reserves that the council have been able to keep the precept the same for the past three years.

Snowdrop Valley Financial Report 2023/24

Snowdrop Valley Received £5,534.53 in total through parking and merchandise sales and had approximately 2,806 visitors.

The biggest expense for Snowdrop Valley was through S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 which gives Town, Parish & Community Councils in England & Wales the ability to spend a limited amount of money for purposes for which they have no other specific statutory power. It's essentially a "power of last resort" and allows Councils to spend money on projects they believe will benefit some or all of their residents. The amount of money that can be spent under Section 137 is capped. This means Councils cannot endlessly spend under this provision; they have to be judicious about its use. The 23/24 limit was £9.93 per electorate. Snowdrop Valley spent £2,026.95 on this which was split out as follows:

£288.00 – Coronation Mugs £859.95 – 2x Storage Sheds for Cutcombe First School £379.00 – iPad for Cutcombe Pre-School £500.00 – Donation for Exmoor Youth Club

Overall, the total income received for Snowdrop Valley was £5,534.53 and the total amount spent was £6,539.85. The expenditure included £922.74 on merchandise which was not originally budgeted for but will not need to be spent next year due to having enough to sell again next year.

Report from Cutcombe School for Parish Meeting

28th May, 7pm at the Moorland Hall

Thank you for inviting me to present this report from Cutcombe CofE First School. As a school we are extremely lucky to have so much support from the local community, this is greatly appreciated.

In September 2023 we were very pleased to make Dunkery Pre-School formally part of the school. By doing so we were able to develop our curriculum further from two-year olds up to Year 4, ensuring there was a consistent and clear progression of knowledge and skills across all year groups. Pre-School quickly became the heart of the school with pre-school children joining the main school for snack and lunchtime. The children have become familiar with all staff, not just those who work in pre-school. This all helps to ensure smooth transitions for when the children move into Reception. At October, half term, we were also able to extend the hours open to include a Tuesday in addition to Monday, Wednesday and Friday already available.

We currently have 16 children on roll in pre-school and 30 children on roll at school. As we know numbers can fluctuate, over the course of the academic year so far, we have had four families relocate out of the area (6 children across the school and pre-school) and one family move into the area, (1 child).

In addition to pre-school there are two classes. Robin Class and Owl class. In the mornings Robin Class consists of Reception and Year 1 children with children in Years 2, 3 and 4 being taught in Owl Class. In the afternoon, Year 2s return to Robin Class to access the delivery of the foundation subjects within their own Key Stage. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard working and dedicated team of staff who go above and beyond to ensure the children have a wonderful educational experience.

Through our knowledge of the children as individuals we are able to meet their needs, providing support and challenge to ensure children achieve their academic potential. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum which encourages children to be self-motivated learners. All our children make good progress from their starting points and we are proud of their achievements. Through our delivery of phonics, children become confident and fluent readers with additional support in place for those children who need it. In addition to a maths lesson, we deliver Mastering Number which helps children to become fluent with the fundamental elements of the number system, increasing their fluency which can be applied to other concepts of maths.

I would now like to tell you about some of the events which have taken place since the start of the academic year in September 2023.

<u>Autumn Term</u> (including some events which happen throughout the year)

During the Autumn term (and Spring term) we held stay and play sessions with pre-school parents. This was a good opportunity for parents to see the new room and to meet the staff working in pre-school.

Outdoor learning is very important to us at Cutcombe, and we are very proud of our Forest School sessions in school for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as well as our work with Exmoor National Park as part of Generation Exmoor. This year, Timberscombe, Years 3 and 4 have joined Cutcombe and Exford Schools to become part of Generation Exmoor.

Pre-school and reception children took park in a 6-week Balancability bike course, developing their gross motor skills, coordination, balance, perseverance and confidence. In the first half term pre-school children enjoyed Forest School sessions with Ema Rowe and in the second half term they enjoyed Fundamental session helping the children to develop core physical skills.

Our Year 4s took part in a mini police programme, consisting of 9 sessions. This was a collaborative project with Exford and Timberscombe Schools and covered a range of aspects including Farm Safety. The sessions concluded with an amazing trip to the Wilford Centre in Clevedon, where the children were able to see the mounted police and dog handling section as well as learn more about drones and road safety.

Throughout the year, I have held coffee mornings with parents, which is an opportunity for parents to share their thoughts on the school over a cuppa and piece of cake.

The Moorland Federation, with the support of the different Friends of groups purchased a class set of Lego Coding kits, complete with Chromebooks. The children had great fun learning more about coding using Lego.

We also celebrated European Languages Day, where the children were invited to dress as a country to celebrate the fact we are all different and all wonderful.

Friday Catchball started in the Autumn term and continued into the Spring term. This is an opportunity for children in Year 3 and 4 to take part in friendly football games at Dunster First School with other First Schools in West Somerset. Due to our small numbers in Years 3 and 4 we were able to open this up to our children in Year 2.

The Harvest Service was a success with all children, including pre-school taking part and it being well supported by families and the wider community. Children in Years 3 and 4 also took part in a Harvest Experience led by Lynne Barton from the Exmoor Youth Project at Timberscombe Church.

Throughout the year, children in Years 2, 3 and 4 have enjoyed learning to play the ukulele as part of their music lessons. Through Somerset Music we are also able to offer individual and small group music lessons for the piano, violin and guitar.

Trips during the Autumn term;

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 visited Allerford Museum linked to their learning about the past
- Years 3 and 4 visited Cobbaton Combat Museum linked to their learning about World War Two.
- Reception and Year 1 visited Horner Farm to pick apples and make apple juice and they were able to take a bottle home with them.
- Pre-School and reception children visited Minehead Library
- Both classes visited St John's Church linked to their learning in RE lessons
- East Quay art space at Watchet, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 visited and then Years 3 and 4

We held a Moorland Federation Photo Competition. Children from each school were invited to enter a photo with a theme of science. The top three entries from each age group from each school were then judged against each other to establish an overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd from each age group. We had a really strong number of entries at Cutcombe, with Jessica coming 1st overall in Key Stage 2 and Rowly coming 3rd overall in Reception and Key Stage 1.

As always, the build up to Christmas is a wonderful time in schools. We welcomed Rev Weir into School to make Christingle Oranges with the children in preparation for our Christingle Service in the Church. We enjoyed a whole school trip to the Tacchi Morris Centre to enjoy the pantomime, Robin Hood, and had an excellent Christmas Lunch in the Rest and Be Thankful - thank you Eric and Caroline. The Nativity is always a highlight, and it was great to include the pre-school children in our day time performance - thank you Peter and everyone at Exmoor Livestock Market, it really is the perfect venue. Carols around the Campfire was successful again this year with most families coming back when it was dark to sing Christmas Carols and nativity songs around the campfire while enjoying hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows. Due to the amount of rain, we held this in the playground rather than the garden. A number of children joined in with the community event of "Singing in the Ring", with children from Cutcombe and Exford Schools standing in the ring to sing the first verse of Once in Royal David's City.

Spring Term

Following on from the success of last year's opera project with Jackdaws Music, children in Years 3 and 4 visited Langford Budville School along with children from Exford and Timberscombe to take part in an event called "The Year of the Recorder". Here the children saw and heard the many different types of recorders being played and joined in with a choral workshop.

Children in Year 3 joined with Exford, Timberscombe and St Dubricius for the annual residential trip to Bristol. This really is an amazing opportunity for our children and for some it provides many firsts (first time on a train, first time visiting a city, first time staying away from home). While in Bristol we enjoyed a boat tour of the docks, visited an inner-city school, visited the Aquarium, watched Wicked at the Bristol Hippodrome, explored the Cathedral and MShed museum, had a guided tour of S.S. Great Britain. We definitely packed a lot into the two days, and everyone had a great time.

Pre-School had another half term session of Fundamentals and Forest School building on their skills from the Autumn term. In addition, they also had two sessions of Farm School at Coombe Farm in Exford which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Following on from the success of the Moorland Federation Photo Competition, we held a Moorland Federation Science Fair. This time the children from each school were invited to undertake a science project, either an investigation or research based and present this on a board and talk about it in school. Again, the top three entries from each age group went on to be judged against the other schools. This time, everyone came together at Dunster School for a Science Fair. Here the top three winners from each age group from each school, displayed their projects and talked about them to the judges. It was a wonderful event with everyone enjoying coming together and enjoying the food provided by Dunster School. We had no overall winners from Cutcombe, but Ben did win the tallest tower challenge using spaghetti and marshmallows, thank you to Will from Singers in Roadwater for supporting this event.

Friends of Cutcombe School provided refreshments on a number of days during Snowdrop Valley, helping to raise funds for the school. Thank you to those parents involved and to the Snowdrop Valley committee enabling this to happen.

Lynne Barton from the Exmoor Youth Project led a collective worship and delivered an after-school club. This also took place in the Autumn term, Lynne also came into school and delivered the Easter Experience to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

The Lent lunch kindly organised by Richmond and Lilian Harding was well supported benefitting the school funds, at their request.

It was wonderful to see so many families at the school Easter Service where the children told the Easter Story, performed an Easter poem, displayed Easter crafts and sang Easter Hymns. Many of these families returned to Church for the Good Friday Service led by Rev Weir during the Easter Holidays. We are extremely grateful for the support Rev Weir and the church community offers the school. After the Good Friday Service, the children enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt on the recreation ground organised by Friends of Cutcombe School.

Trips during the Spring term:

- Reception and Year 1 walked around the village as part of their geography learning of the local area and maps
- Each Key Stage returned to East Quay art space in Watchet for an art workshop linked to their learning in school and explored the latest art exhibition.
- Reception and Year 1 visited Horner farm
- Forest School and Generation Exmoor continued throughout the Spring term
- Kennisham Woods
- Reception and Year 1 went to the Community Library in Minehead

Summer Term

We started the summer term with children in Year 4 taking part in the annual residential to Pinkery with Exford, Timberscombe and St Dubricius, spending three days and two nights at Pinkery outdoor centre. Due to the weather the itinerary needed to be adapted but we still managed to complete all the planned activities. On day one, we walked to Pinkery Pond learning about the history of the pond and discussing the landscape of the area. The children were also helped to go through the tunnel. For some this took them out of their comfort zone as it is narrow, dark and has water at the bottom, it was wonderful to hear them talk about the sense of achievement when they came through the other side. In the afternoon, the children rotated activities including, grass sledging, archery and problem solving. In the morning of day two we split into two groups with each group having the chance to go stream dipping and orienteering. We then headed to Lynmouth and the Valley of the Rocks. Here the children were able to experience rock climbing and abseiling at Castle Rock and were able to go on the Cliff Railway. On day three we headed to Simonsbath Sawmills where we had a very informative talk, learning about the history of the Sawmill and how it is used today. Thank you to everyone at Pinkery Outdoor Centre and Tree Atop (Simonsbath Sawmills). It was a pleasure to take the children away and watch their confidence grow as they tried new things, made new friends and created lasting memories.

Molly H and Ottilie represented Cutcombe as part of a Moorland Federation team which took part in a gymnastics competition in Wellington, competing against schools across Somerset. The Moorland Federation Team came third overall. Well done Molly H and Ottilie.

After a successful Friday Football gala in the Spring term, the sporting event on a Friday changed from Football to Catchball which continued into the summer ending with the Catchball Gala at Minehead Middle School. Well done to everyone who took part in both the football and catchball events.

Children in Years 2, 3 and 4 have started learning songs with Wren Music in preparation for their concert as part of the Simonsbath Music Festival. They will be performing here on Wednesday 26th June at 1.30pm (with doors open at 1.15pm), everyone is very welcome to attend.

Year 3 and 4 children visited Exford church to take part in a Pentecost Experience led by Lynne Barton and supported by Rev Weir and Chris Richards.

Trips so far in the Summer term:

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 went to Dunkery linked to their geography learning about physical geography
- Pentecost Experience at Exford Church for Years 3 and 4

I'm sure there are other things I have missed. We try to include as much as possible in the Parish Magazine.

We have a number of other events planned before the end of term, which include:

- Visit to RLNI station and Minehead Harbour
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- Year 4 Multiplication Timestable Check (MTC)
- Cutcombe Horse Show raises money for a chosen charity and various organisations within our community. FOCS are fortunate in being a part of the day by providing refreshments and raising money for the school.
- Y4 Pilgrimage to Taunton Minster
- Moorland Federation Pilgrimage
- Simsonbath Festival concert as already mentioned
- Transition events with Exford school in preparation for the changes from September 2024
- Water sports at Wimbleball Lake
- Sports day
- Beach trip
- Swimming
- Fossil beach
- Leavers' Service

As many of you may have heard from September 2024, Cutcombe and Exford Schools will be changing the way we operate. Both schools have had fluctuating numbers for a number of years, that along with increasing financial pressures on schools meant an alternative way of working was required. Cutcombe and Exford Schools have worked very closely for several years developing their curriculum. Both schools follow the same two-year rolling programme which will allow for the planned progression of knowledge and learning to continue without repeating units of work or gaps in learning. The changes will mean the two schools will work even more closely than they currently do to provide the best educational experiences for all children and increase the long-term sustainability for both schools.

Children in pre-school, reception, Years 1 and 2 will be educated on site at Cutcombe and children in Years 3 and 4 will be educated on site at Exford. There are discussions around whether we will be able to offer education to children in Years 5 and 6 in the future. As a result of the changes, we are able to offer pre-school provision over five full days. The adult:child ratio remains high and has stayed the same for some year groups and improved for others. We will be able to provide more age specific provision on the sites without having to stretch our resources (human, physical and financial). There are a number of children electively home educated in West Somerset for various reasons. As part of the future outlook of Cutcombe and Exford First schools, we are now able to offer from September 2024 a flexi-schooling pathway, this may help support some of those children being electively home-educated transition back into school. During the Summer term, staff from both schools will be working closely to ensure a smooth and successful transition.

Thank you once again for inviting me to present this report on the school. We do enjoy being part of such a supportive community. Apologies if I have talked for too long, we are incredibly proud of what we are able to offer our children and look forward to developing this further in the future.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Cutcombe/Wheddon Cross area -Police Update 2023/24

Good evening

In this local area I'm happy to say we have had a low level of crime.

There is an ongoing investigation regarding a trailer that was taken from the car park in Wheddon Cross last October, this is ongoing so no updates currently.

We had an attempted and successful attempt of theft of bicycles in and around the area and others on surrounding beat areas. A vehicle was suspect vehicle was highlighted to us, and intelligence work is being submitted regarding this.

As your local PCSO's for the area Michelle and I have been out and about on rural patrols and conducted farm visits as a way of keeping in touch with our farmers and offer sign ups to Farm and Horse watch if they are not already registered. This is a free service and acts like a neighbourhood watch for farms and small holdings. If you or someone you know is interested in the scheme, please get in touch. It's a quick and easy sign up you will be provided with signage, and you get added to our data base and will receive updates concerning any Farm related crime in the area.

We regularly attend the Farmers Market at Cutcombe once a month. With a crime prevention stall offering advice and signs ups there. So please feel free to pop in and see us there if this is more convenient, we can also come to you.

We are aware of a sheep worrying incident in the surrounding parishes and this is being investigated by one of our officers. Please report any incidents like this to 101.

We have also been out and about visiting local campsites and offering leaflets for the visitors to advise them not to leave valuables in cars when out at local beauty spot areas. The reports of this nature have gone down over the years, so this is positive that people are thinking more about their belongings and not leaving them on show. This is very important especially the more remote areas. Included in the leaflets is advice from the Exmoor Rangers in relation to keeping dogs on leads around livestock etc.

We are continuing our visits to villages to meet the community and to offer cycle registering.

You may be aware of the recent Raves that occurred around the area, we have held multi agency meetings with National Trust and The Forestry Commission to try and help each other in positive prevention planning. Police had no prior knowledge of the events, but work is ongoing with partner agencies and to identify any intelligence indicating any future events. We are improving our communication with the neighbouring force. Kennisham woods have now got Dumpy bags blocking access to the clearing and this will be replaced with Boulders to block access for potential vehicles.

Cutcombe School were fortunate to be chosen alongside Exford and Timberscombe school to take part in the Mini Police programme with Michelle and I.

The Children really enjoyed the experience and got to learn about what we do and get involved with a project. They also were very lucky to attend our Wilfred Fuller department in Clevedon where the Police Horse are trained. They had an input form the Police Dogs and road safety and the Drone unit so it was really exciting day for all.

Overall, the area is a very safe place to live whilst we have a low level of crime, we ask you to always remain vigilant and keep in mind security such as outbuildings and home security.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to the Farm or Horse watch, please contact us on the below emails.

<u>Linda.Moden@avonandsomerset.police.uk</u>

Michelle.Haimes@avonandsomerset.police.uk

James.Calloway@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Thank you

PCSO's Linda and Michelle, and PC James Calloway.

Community Review Update

Sorry I can't be there tonight; I am pleased to inform you of the community review that we are undertaking. I have outlined a brief overview and for anyone who would like further information please contact me.

- We have a steering committee of people from across the parish to conduct a community review.
- The aims are to understand the important matters of the parish to enable us to ensure the parish council is thinking about the long-term future of Cutcombe Parish.
- Included topics:
 - Communication
 - Young People and Children
 - Community Facilities and services
 - Health & Wellbeing
 - Community safety
- The questionnaire will be going live next week, and we will be asking all members of the parish living working or participating in the parish to complete the survey
- To encourage participation there is the option for anyone who completes the questionnaire to be
 entered into the prize draw, for over 18s this will be a Roast Dinner Box, for under 18s this will be a
 voucher for Minehead Eye
- Results will be ready in September for the Steering Committee to pull together a proposal for the parish council as to how we can help deliver to the needs of our community