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## Kingston Seymour Parish Council

Firstly, the Parish Council expresses its thanks to everyone who has helped the Kingston Seymour community get through what has been an extraordinary period. With only a limited end in sight (the library is back!) and autumn approaching, looking after our fellow villagers will remain as important as ever and I know that you are doing all that you can to keep the “*Kingston Spirit*” well and truly to the fore!

During the period of lockdown concerns have been raised about various ‘*anti-social*’ occurrences which have affected the village. These include an increase in litter, dog mess, and noise from power tools, chainsaws etc.

We would like to thank those parishioners who, as part of their ‘*lockdown walk*’ have been collecting litter from around the village and ask that we all continue to show consideration to our fellow villagers.

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The Parish Council met using Zoom video conferencing for a Planning Application Meeting in June and has just met for a full meeting using the same technology. Personally, I’m looking forward to returning to face to face meetings but at least we have a way of keeping Parish Council business moving forward in the meantime.

Quite high on the Agenda was the situation regarding our roads. We have seen the road markings repainted (at no additional cost) after they were only poorly laid in the autumn. The far end of Ham Lane has been resurfaced and is probably now the best piece of tarmac in the village! There has been work in Back Lane and some pothole filling elsewhere.

Lampley Road has seen all of its drains cleared and some repairs made in advance of resurfacing which may still happen in August. Truespeed and Bristol Water have also been working to bring robust services to the village, not only is Lampley the busiest thoroughfare above the ground but it’s also critical under the ground!

You may have read that Highways England have allocated funds to NSC to let them complete the Tutshill Multi Access Route. Preparation and design is underway this year and it is anticipated that work on site will begin in March 2021 for completion late that year.

An Inspector has been appointed to investigate the objections that have been raised about the coastal footpath. Site visits and hearings about these are expected in the next few months. We are also working on a Rights of Way review for NSC and Councillors will be further discussing this in September.

Our Police team has seen the departure of PCSO Rebecca Budd who has moved to commence study into becoming a full PC and the arrival of PCSO Eleanor Hicks. We were advised that there had been

a spate of thefts from vans in Clevedon and two catalytic converters had also been removed, so please ensure that your property is secured, alarmed and if possible, being watched by your own CCTV.

We have completed the required audit process and the formal period of Public Examination has started and lasts until 28th August. Please contact me if you'd like any information. Financially, the Parish is in good shape with some £8k in our current account and £7k in reserves.

We will be supporting the late season cutting of our hedges and verges again this year and we are looking at ways of tidying other areas of the village through the award of small and focussed contracts.

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Please do contact one of your Councillors or me if you have any comments or questions about any of the above. If you have access to the internet, there is always new village news and (*soon we hope*) events on the Kingston Seymour website and please let me know if there's something you'd like me to put on there to share with the village.

Keep staying safe!

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