

## Hestercombe LCN meeting notes – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024, held at Cheddon Fitzpaine Village Hall

### Attendees:

Phillip Spencer – Chair of LCN/North Petherton Parish Council  
Cllr Norman Cavill – Somerset Council  
Cllr Andy Bradford – Somerset Council  
Cllr Dixie Darch – Somerset Council  
Andrew Pritchard – MIND Somerset  
Hannah Snowdon – Youth Alliance  
Linda Hyde – North Petherton Parish Council  
Mike Batch  
Fodo Higginson – Somerset Association of Local Councils  
Robert Marchant  
David Stripp – Chair CYP working group  
Alex Mountain – Somerset Council  
Emily Window – Somerset Council  
Michelle Brooks – Somerset Council

### Virtual attendees:

Lora Bray – Avon & Police  
Bill Revans – North Petherton PC/Somerset Council  
Emmaline Kay – Somerset Council  
Sammie Millard-Jones – Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council  
Marion Nieuwenhuizen – Taunton Area Cycling Campaign  
Ian Groves

#### 1. Introductions and apologies

The chair welcomed all to the meeting and advised of apologies, they were: -  
Stuart Haskins – West Monkton Parish Council  
Sam Bushen – Avon and Somerset Police

#### 2. Agreement notes and actions from AGM held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024

All present at the Hestercombe LCN meeting agreed the actions and notes of the previous Hestercombe LCN meeting held 19 June 2024.

The main action from the AGM was to invite a leader of micro providers to a future meeting, see actions attached to the notes of this meeting.

It was suggested to consider having a health and well-being focus in another meeting.

### 3. Update about Anti-social behaviour from Avon and Somerset Police

PCSO Lora Bray, Avon and Somerset Police provided, provided an update on antisocial behaviour (ASB) in the area:

- **ASB Statistics:** ASB statistics for various areas, including North Petherton (84 calls), Broomfield (6 calls), Kingston St. Mary (2 calls), and West Monkton (1 call) over the last three months.
- **Types of ASB:** ASB can be against an individual, environmental, or nuisance behaviour in the community. It can start as a small issue and escalate into criminal offences.
- **Interventions for ASB:** The ASB process includes several interventions, including information letter, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC), a civil injunction.
- **Challenges and Successes:** emphasised the importance of education and working with partner agencies to re-educate young people. The goal is to avoid criminalising young people and to offer robust support packages. The ASB process is systematic and can be used alongside any criminal investigation.
- **Community Involvement:** highlighted the importance of community involvement and reporting incidents of ASB to ensure accurate data collection.
- **County Lines:** Laura addressed the issue of county lines, stating that there are not many county lines in the area, and the police work hard to stay on top of it.

### 4. Children and Young people and anti-social behaviour

The Chair, Hestercombe LCN Children and Young People Working Group, David Stripp, gave a presentation of the work in progress, including work from a collection of organisations as well as Parishes.

The presentation included the aims of the project, outcomes they would like to achieve, surveys they have completed, and fund aspirations.

This presentation also included a talk from Robin Marchant on his work for the West Monkton Summer Food Project and what they managed to achieve over the summer - a great example of what young people can achieve when given the opportunity.

### 5. Highways working group

The Hestercombe LCN received an update of the Highways Working Group.

#### Discussion:

- **Adoption of Highways:** The group discussed the adoption of highways from government companies in the Road Surface Alliance.
- **Enhanced Highways Maintenance Pilot:** There was a discussion about the enhanced highways maintenance pilot and the issue of professional indemnity insurance.
- **Insurance Concerns:** There was a discussion about whether parishes have professional indemnity insurance or just ordinary insurance. The group decided to gather more information and feedback from parishes.
- **New Guidelines:** The group discussed new guidelines for working on highways, including a volunteer handbook that was recently received.
- **Planning Application:** A significant planning application for a large residential development was discussed. The development has implications for traffic movement across the rural area, particularly affecting the A38.

The group expressed concerns about the potential increase in traffic and the impact on local roads.

- **Northern Relief Road:** The group discussed the potential for a northern relief road, which has been a topic of discussion since 2009. The developer's revision to the planning application includes a single access point, which the group believes will lead to increased traffic in rural areas.
- **Concerns from Other Councils:** The group shared concerns from other councils about highways decisions and the impact on local traffic.

#### 6. Theme for next meeting

Hestercombe LCN members are to take away and feedback to Hestercombe LCN Link Officer

#### 7. Date and Venues of future meetings

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 – North Newton Village Hall**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Creech St Michael**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – North Petherton Rugby Football Club**

Date	Action	Completed by
11/09/2024	Attendees encouraged to report incidents of ASB to ensure accurate data collection	Everyone/ongoing
11/09/2024	The need for continued collaboration with local businesses and community members.	Everyone
11/09/2024	Invite a leader of micro providers to a future meeting	Link officer
11/09/2024	Consider having a health and wellbeing focus in another meeting	Everyone
11/09/2024	Each parish to research their area to find all business within the parish and bring the information to the next meeting	Everyone
11/09/24	Add Fodo to the CYP working group invite	Link Officer – 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
11/09/24	Share data from Frodo about Parish Precept with CYP notes to CYP working group	Link Officer – 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
11/09/24	Lora Bray to send ASB statistics to Alex M (Link Officer)	Lora Bray – 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
11/09/24	Continue enquiry about professional indemnity insurance for SIDs	Link Officer and Parishes/ongoing