



# Wroughton Parish Council

*serving Downside, Redhill & Wroughton*

## Newsletter 2024



### Your Parish Councillors:

- Maria Abdul-Wahab
- Georgie Bigg (Vice-Chair of Planning Committee)
- Trevor Jones
- John Morgan
- Joachim Steinbach
- Barrie Taylor (Vice-Chair & Chair of Planning Committee)
- Sarah Treweek
- Laurie Vaughn
- Toby Woolway
- Deborah Yamanaka (Chair)

### So, what is the Parish Council responsible for?

- Owns and manages, directly or indirectly, buildings such as the Memorial Hall, the caretaker's cottage, the old fire station and open spaces such as the Recreation Field with its Pavilion.
- Owns and is responsible for all the play equipment in Wroughton village. All equipment is inspected regularly, maintained and when needed, new equipment provided.
- Maintains various green spaces in Wroughton such as the Church Walk play area, the Glebe Field, Mike Bush Paddock, the old surgery site and the Wroughton village green in front of The Plough.
- The Planning Committee submits comments to North Somerset Council (NSC) on planning applications in the parish.
- Owns 140 streetlights in the parish.
- Owns the Broad Street public toilets.
- Provides and empties 14 dog bins.
- Provides allotments for residents.
- Provides the Christmas Tree and lights on Wroughton village green as well as the lights for Redhill's Christmas tree.

- The Parish Council submits responses to many consultations. These cover a variety of topics, all of which have a direct local impact.

### So, what else has the Parish Council been doing over the last year?

- Provided assistance, including fund raising, to Prestow Wood Nature Reserve Conservation Group, to enable them to create and develop the nature reserve and restore the old lime kilns in the area of Wroughton Quarry.
- Obtained grant funding from Awards for All to replace both swing sets in the Church Walk play area.
- Obtained grant funding and contributed towards new flooring at the Pavilion.
- Provided funding for Young Bristol to run the Youth Club on Wheels at the Recreation Field.
- Installed a new defibrillator at the Scout Hall.
- Responded to several instances of vandalism at the Broad Street Public toilets and started implementing measures to tackle this issue.
- Continuing to plan for the spending of the Section 106 money from Whiting Way (the Cox's Green development).
- Continuing to monitor and comment on Bristol Airport's expansion plans and airport-related issues.

### Water supply issues in Kings Road

As some residents may be aware there have been ongoing water supply issues in Kings Road. Kings Road has no proper water pipe of its own, just subsidiary pipes from Butts Batch which are reaching the end of their lives. The water supply is not the responsibility of the Parish Council. However, Cllr Abdul-Wahab has been working with residents, NSC, Bristol Water and our MP, Sir Liam Fox, to try and resolve the situation. There are continued discussions and a meeting planned with Bristol Water to discuss the installation of a new service.

## Make a change, become a Parish Councillor!

There are currently vacancies on the Council, particularly from Redhill. This is an opportunity for you to represent your community and help shape it. For more information contact us or see our website.

### Parish Council Staff

Fiona Burke – Clerk  
Judith Bishop – Assistant Clerk  
Eddie Kinsey – Parish Orderly

### How to contact the Parish Council

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Every Parish Council meeting is open to the public and anyone can speak for a short, specified amount of time under public participation. It's helpful to let the Parish Clerk know in advance if possible.

### Parish Council Finances

The Parish Council's finances are strictly regulated and are subject to annual internal and external audits. Our accounts are available on request.

In 2023/24 grants were given to: Wrington Memorial Hall, Redhill Village Hall, YMCA, Young Bristol, Royal British Legion, Wrington Twinning Association, Vine Counselling and Community Arts in Health (Winter Wanderland). The Council welcomes grant applications from local organisations. Please get in touch.

## Finance Report

	2023/24	2024/25
<b>INCOME</b>		
Precept	£127,500	£129,976
Revenue Grant (note 1)	£4,177	£393
Capital Grants (note 2)	£23,725	£0
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) (note 3)	£0	£40,106
Bank Interest	£2,223	£1,100
Allotments	£804	£800
Parks & Open Spaces	£109	£109
Sundry	£500	£20
Total Income	<u>£159,038</u>	<u>£172,504</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Administration (note 4)	£64,773	£72,547
Capital Expenditure (note 5)	£40,553	£43,106
Revenue Expenditure from grants (note 1)	£4,161	£3,000
Allotments	£333	£500
Play Areas & Open Spaces (note 6)	£20,757	£22,930
Street Lighting	£16,148	£15,000
Memorial Hall (note 7)	£15,873	£21,000
Grants & Donations	£3,298	£4,500
Public Conveniences	£3,679	£3,500
Total Expenditure	<u>£169,575</u>	<u>£186,083</u>
Bank account balance at 31.03.24 (minus unrepresented cheques)		£33,820

### Notes on the forecast for the financial year 2023/24

- 1 This includes a grant from North Somerset Council towards the cost of the Parish Orderly and monies from Cox's Green S106 which helped finance the Youth Bus on Wheels.
- 2 This includes a grant from: Bristol Airport Community Fund (for Pavilion flooring and installation of steps in Prestow Wood Nature Reserve), Awards for All (for new swings) and Cox's Green S106 (for work at Prestow Wood Nature Reserve).
- 3 In the financial year 2024/25 we will spend the CIL monies (Gatcombe Farm development) on various items/services to benefit the community.
- 4 Includes: all office running costs, salaries, training, subscriptions, equipment maintenance, audit fees, bank charges, etc.
- 5 Includes: monies mentioned in Note 2 plus the fee for the installation of the 20mph Scheme.
- 6 Includes play areas and open spaces maintenance, seats, bins, dog bin emptying, grass cutting, trees, Christmas Tree on the Village Green and the Parish Orderly.
- 7 Includes the annual grant and buildings maintenance.

