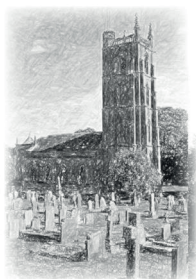


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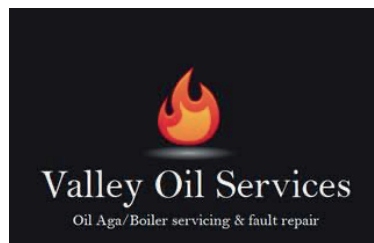
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Dear Friends,

This edition of *Your Village News* will be my last as Rector of these parishes. So, my final message is a simple one—thank you!

It has been a joy and privilege to serve God with you here in the Chew Valley. When we arrived, the Benefice of Chew Valley West was a recently-formed group of four parishes. There was some anxiety as to how things would work, but together we made things work so successfully that the Diocese rewarded us with two additional parishes in 2024!



There have been many memorable moments over the past five years as we marked seasons and festivals together. Harvest Suppers, Concerts, Carol Services, Summer Fetes, Flower Festivals, Teddy Bungees, Jubilee Celebrations and so much else have helped bring our communities together. We have worshipped together faithfully each week and I have shared in your joys and sorrows at weddings, baptisms and funerals.

I have loved being in our church schools each week as well as welcoming our schools to church. For three years I was able to share my ministry with our former curate, Revd Fran, who is now thriving in Derbyshire.

All this has been possible because of the small army of volunteers who keep our parish churches functioning. Churchwardens, PCC members, treasurers, secretaries, magazine editors, flower arrangers, cleaners, brass polishers... thank you! You have made ministry here a real joy.

Kelly-Ann and I arrived as a pair, but we will leave the Rectory as a family of three. We will never forget the hundreds of cards and gifts which we received when Iris was born, or the wonderful occasion of her Baptism in Wells Cathedral.

Finally, a couple of requests. First, that you say a prayer for us as we prepare to leave for Bath. I will be praying for you all during the interregnum. Secondly, please come and say hello if you find yourself at a service in Bath Abbey. We would love to stay in touch with the many friends we have made here.

Wishing you God's richest blessing for whatever He has in store,

Ian K. Mills +

**You are warmly invited to attend the Licensing & Institution of
The Revd Dr Ian Mills
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at Evensong on Thursday 24th September 2026
beginning at 7.00pm**

Services in Your Parish Church in July & August 2026

SUNDAY 5th JULY

9.00am	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter
10.00am	CHEW STOKE St Andrew
6.30pm	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary

Trinity 5

Eucharist
'Sunday First'
Evensong

SUNDAY 12th JULY

8.30am	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary
9.30am	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary
10.30am	BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity
11.00am	FELTON St Katharine

Trinity 6

Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharist
Morning Worship
Eucharist

SUNDAY 19th JULY

8.30am	REGIL St James
10.30am	BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity
6.30am	CHEW STOKE St Andrew

Trinity 7

Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharist
Evensong

SUNDAY 26th JULY

9.00am	FELTON St Katharine
11.00am	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter
4.00pm	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary
6.30pm	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary

Trinity 8

Morning Worship
Eucharist
Evensong
Evensong

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST

9.00am	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter
10.30am	CHEW STOKE St Andrew
6.30pm	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary

Trinity 9

Eucharist
Eucharist
Evensong

SUNDAY 9th AUGUST

8.30am	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary
9.30am	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary
10.30am	BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity
11.00am	FELTON St Katharine

Trinity 10

Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharist
Morning Worship
Eucharist

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST

8.30am	REGIL St James
10.30am	BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity
6.30am	CHEW STOKE St Andrew

Trinity 11

Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharist
Evensong

SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST

9.00am	FELTON St Katharine
11.00am	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter
4.00pm	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary
6.30pm	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary

Trinity 12

Morning Worship
Eucharist
Evensong
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SUNDAY 30th AUGUST

11.00am

FELTON St Katharine

Trinity 13

Eucharist

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

10.30am

CHEW STOKE St Andrew

Trinity 14

Eucharist

Midweek Holy Communion

Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing is celebrated in our group of parishes on the
1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at **10.30am**



Wednesday 1st July – St Katharine's, Felton

Wednesday 15th July – St Andrew's, Chew Stoke

Wednesday 5th August – St Katharine's, Felton

Wednesday 19th August – St Andrew's, Chew Stoke

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Weekly e-Newsletter

If you would like to receive a weekly email Newsletter with a reminder of service times for the coming Sunday, details of readings, and some thoughts on the readings with prayer suggestions, please sign-up via our website: <https://chewvalleywest.org/newsletter>

Mind & Spirit Carer's Café

Run by the churches of Chew Valley West.

We meet every **2nd Wednesday** of the month at **Felton Village Hall** at **10.30am**.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 10th June**.

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Contact Becky for more details **07780 734713**.

**St James' Church, Regil – Cleaning & Flower Rota**

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August – Yvonne Chapman and Trish Laws

Revd Ian's Final Service & Farewell

Please note that the **Rector's final service in these parishes** will be held at **10.30am** in **St Andrew's, Chew Stoke**, on **Sunday 6th September**.

If you would like to make a monetary donation towards Ian's farewell, as an appreciation of all he has been and done for us in his time here, please donate to:

Winford PCC, Sort Code: 40-17-19, Account No: 51012991, with the reference '**lan**'.

If paying by cash/cheque, please give it to our Treasurer, Carol House, Combwell Cottage, 34 Felton Lane, Winford. **07845 916972**.

And keep an eye out in your usual church for details of how we will be marking Ian's departure.

'Farewell' Concert



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Our **Community Choir** and **Children's Choirs** will be performing at a special **'Farewell' Concert** for Revd Ian as he prepares to leave for Bath. This will be held in **Winford Church** at **7.00pm** on **Thursday 9th July**.

The concert will last one hour and will be followed by refreshments.

Admission is free and there will be a retiring collection in support of Winford Church.



Alan Sutton, R.I.P.

Shelagh Sutton and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and cards following the death of Alan, who had lived in Felton for many years.

FELTON CHURCH APPEAL



St Katharine's Church, on the edge of Felton Common, is an important part of the village. Recent years have been challenging for us all and that's the same for our church. Like all homes we need to look after our building and surrounding land. **We don't receive any funding – not from the local authority or the Church of England.** Our challenge is to keep the doors open, not just for regular worshippers but for anyone in the village who values having a local church.

I am writing to you as Church Treasurer. **Our annual costs are £23,000**, which includes heating, lighting, insurance, general maintenance, and a contribution to the costs of our Rector.

We have a very good building that we have cared for well, and we do all that we can to keep an efficient household, but we need to do some building work **and we need help from local people.**

If you are able to make a donation or you are interested in helping us on a practical level, I would love to hear from you.

Thank you, Sam Carrier, email samanthajcarrier@gmail.com or ring **07976 967290**

Winford Coffee Mornings

Held every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the **Prince of Waterloo Pub** from **11.00 am**

Do come along to meet old friends and make new ones.



Welcome Wednesdays

Do come along to the friendly coffee mornings at the **George & Dragon** pub in **Felton** every **Wednesday** from **11-12ish**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Felton & Winford Tuesday Group

Last month was our Supper Party, a good turnout, a lovely selection of food, and of course plenty of chat! Our grateful thanks to Marilyn for hosting it.

This month our outing has been brought forward to Wednesday 1st JULY instead of 8th July – a 2-hour **River Trip with Bristol Packet** to include a cream tea. Please arrive by **2.00pm** for a **2.15pm** departure. The closest parking is at Maritime Heritage Centre short stay (£8.10 for 3hrs, £10.80 for 4hrs, payable in cash, or by mobile through Ring Go). Otherwise free on Park & Ride with a bus pass, and approximately a 5 minute walk to the Bristol Packet.



There will be no meeting in August.

Then it will be our **Planning Meeting** at **Felton Village Hall** on **Tuesday 15th September**. Bring along any suggestions you might have to help put an interesting program together for next year.

Anne Cantwell

Felton Village Hall

100 Club was drawn by Pam at her birthday gathering, and the winners were:

£50 Mr D Walker (number 118) and £25 Mr A Locke (number 204).

The hall is having new replacement windows fitted and also the hall painted at the end of June. The hall Committee would like thank Shaun Hosier also Tony Jarrett for arranging this work and their support in enhancing Felton Hall. Also we are grateful to Bristol Airport as our application from the Airport's Environmental Improvement Fund was successful, which has helped to pay for this improvement.

A future date for your diaries is **Friday 9th October** when we are holding a **Bingo Evening** and if you want supper in the middle, a curry will be served but this is optional. More details in the September magazine.

Angela Britton

Chew Valley Gadget Busters – here to help with digital devices

Wednesday 8th July **The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke** **12.30 – 2.30pm**

Wednesday 12th August **The Queens, Chew Magna** **12.30 – 2.30pm**

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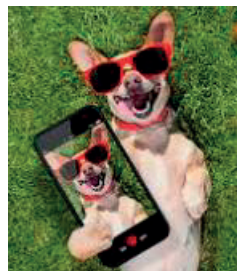


Felton Flower Show Society

Our Annual Flower Show is to be held at **Felton Village Hall, Saturday 29th August, 2.30 - 4.30pm.** There will be many different classes to enter, so please support us as sadly we have lost several of our regular contributors in recent years.

A reminder for some of our **new** classes to help you plan in advance!

Handicraft	Handmade greetings card An upcycled item
Photography	Family pet/pets Stained glass window
Children's Under 5	A leaf rubbing A pirate treasure chest in a decorated egg box
5 - 9 years	A fun selfie (max 13x18cm) An animal made from fruit and/or veg 4 cakes made using breakfast cereal
9 - 14 years	A fun selfie (max 13x18cm) 4 pieces of chocolate brownie A decorated flower pot (max 15cm diameter)



This is the first year that we have resurrected children's classes, so please encourage your children/grandchildren to enter.

Schedules should be distributed in **Felton** by **late July**, additional copies will be available from **Winford P.O** and **The George & Dragon**.

The afternoon will be an opportunity for villagers & friends to meet-up with a cup of tea and a slice of homemade cake.

Anne Cantwell



News from Winford Village Hall (written on 12th June)

***WINFORD VILLAGE HALL IS 100 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR ***

We would like to give it a birthday party – with old photos of the village, people's memories of past events etc., so any ideas will be very welcome. Please let Lizzie (01275 474756) or Karen (07717 664727) know if you have any photos etc., or any interest in helping.

Date to be arranged, so watch this space

We have **2 table tennis tables** just waiting to be used. If anyone would be prepared to set-up a table tennis group (which would involve opening and locking-up and collecting and paying-in the money for the hire of the hall) then please let Joe know on **01275 474270**.

We have decided to hold 2 events as fundraisers this year.

- 1) **Bingo** with Rik Frost and Denise Poole as usual. Children are welcome. This will be on **Saturday 19th September**.
- 2) Another **Murder/Mystery Evening** on **Saturday 21st November**.

Look at the Village Hall noticeboard and on the wall outside, and outside the Shop, for days and times of regular classes in the hall, with contact details for them all.

Goodbye for now.

Denise Poole for the Village Hall

Chew Stoke Bowling Club, Walley Court Road, Chew Stoke BS40 8XN

Come & enjoy a **Shanty Night** on **Friday 28th August, 7.00pm**. Tickets £10 include a curry or chilli meal! Contact Phil Gullam **01275 472605** or Maggie Murphy **01761 462979**.

Community Minibus Trips



<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Departing</u>
Monday 6 th JULY	Bath	9.00am ½ day
Friday 24 th JULY	Frome	9.00am ½+ day
Thursday 6 th AUGUST	Portishead	9.00am ½ day
Monday 24 th AUGUST	Weymouth	9.00am Full day

Bookings: ring Maggie 01761 462979 (leave message) or email maggiemurphy1944@hotmail.co.uk
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JULY

Wed 1*	Felton & Winford Tue Group	*River Trip with Bristol Packet*	2.00/2.15pm	See p6
Fri 3	Craft Group	Winford Village Hall	1.00 – 4.00pm	
Mon 6	Community Minibus Trip	Bath	9.00am	See p8
Wed 8	Mobile Library	Winford, School	10.15 – 11.15am	
		Regil, Regil Green	11.30 – 12.00pm	
Wed 8	Mind & Spirit Carer's Café	Felton Village Hall	10.30am	See p4
Wed 8	Community Choir	Winford Church	7.00 – 8.00pm	
Thur 9	'Farewell' Concert	Winford Church	7.00pm	See p5
Fri 10	Community Shop due to reopen.....if all gone according to plan		9.00am	
Sat 11	Community Fun Day	Winford Church	1.00 – 4.00pm	See p8
Sat 11 & }	Art Exhibition & Sale	Winford Church	12 – 4.00pm	See p8
Sun 12 }				

Mon 13	Mobile Library	Felton, Stanshalls Lane	12.05 – 12.25pm	
		Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	12.35 – 12.55pm	
Tue 14	Winford Coffee Morning	Prince of Waterloo	11.00am	
Thur 16	Renew Coffee Morning	Winford Chapel	10.30am	
Fri 17	Craft Group	Winford Village Hall	1.00 – 4.00pm	

Wed 22	Mobile Library	Winford, School	10.15 – 11.15am	
		Regil, Regil Green	11.30 – 12.00pm	
Fri 24	Community Minibus Trip	Frome	9.00am	See p8

Mon 27	Mobile Library	Felton, Stanshalls Lane	12.05 – 12.25pm	
		Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	12.35 – 12.55pm	
Mon 27	Winford Parish Council Meeting	Felton Village Hall	7.30pm	

AUGUST

Wed 5	Mobile Library	Winford, School	10.15 – 11.15am	
		Regil, Regil Green	11.30 – 12.00pm	
Thur 6	Community Minibus Trip	Portishead	9.00am	See p8
Fri 7	Craft Group	Winford Village Hall	1.00 – 4.00pm	

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		Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	12.35 – 12.55pm	
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NOTE *Change of date.*

Don't forget the weekly **Welcome Wednesdays** at the George & Dragon, Felton, see p6.

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Do you enjoy the call of the open road? If you can help to keep the wheels rolling for our Community Minibus Trips, please contact Maggie Murphy 01761 462979 or email maggiemurphy1944@hotmail.com
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Chew Valley Gardening Society

This friendly society meets on the **2nd Thursday** of the month at **7.30** for **8.00pm** at **Stanton Drew Village Hall**, where there is easy access and parking.

We will be holding a **GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME** with **MARY PAYNE MBE** on **Thursday 9th July** in aid of Cancer Research. Do come along with your problems and share them – and hopefully solve them!

There will be no meeting in August as we are taking a summer break.

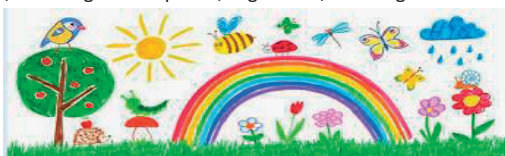
If you would like to become a member please contact Graham Nicol, our Chairman on **01275 333456** or just come along. You are warmly invited. £5 a session.

Cynthia Troup

National Garden Scheme: Stowey Open Gardens

On **Sunday 19th July**, from 2.00 – 6.00pm, the gardens at **Dormers** and **Stowey Mead** will be open, enabling you to enjoy their tranquility and beauty, and our glorious surrounding countryside.

These gardens reflect the increasing importance of being wildlife friendly, providing plants for pollinators and food sources to ensure that birds, bees and butterflies and other insects can thrive. Both gardens are very different in character, reflecting the interests and skills of their current and previous owners. There are many different things of interest, including wildlife ponds, vegetables, cordon grown sweet peas, a salvia collection, beautiful hydrangeas, orchards, exuberant and interesting and shrubs. And there benches where you can relax and enjoy the atmosphere.



An extensive selection of plants, many of them home-propagated and grown, will be on sale at Dormers. Home-made Teas will be available at Stowey Mead. These sales will be cash only, in aid of Stowey Church. It is an easy walk from the car park opposite Dormers to Stowey Mead.

There is ample off-road parking at Dormers in Stowey Bottom (BS39 5TL). WC facilities are available there and at Stowey Mead. Admission to the gardens is £7 per adult, with accompanied children under 16 being free. For entry to the gardens, you can either pay by cash or card (by card at Dormers only) or you can pre-book on the NGS website www.ngs.org.uk. All admission fees are given to the National Garden Scheme, which last year distributed nearly £4m to various health and social care charities, amongst them Macmillan, Hospice UK, and Parkinson's UK.

Please come along for an enjoyable afternoon looking at our two gardens which aren't normally open to the public. We look forward to seeing you!

Jill and Graham Nicol

Watch Out! A Solar Eclipse is due to occur on **Wednesday 12th August**, when upwards of 90% of the sun will be obscured in the UK. The total eclipse will be visible in Greenland, Iceland and some northern areas of Spain and Portugal.

Chew Valley U3A

Our **AGM** is on **Monday 17th August**. We also have **Emily Larson** talking about the **Bristol Suspension Bridge**. Do come along to **Ubley Village Hall at 10.00 for 10.30am** and support both!

Diana Elsmore

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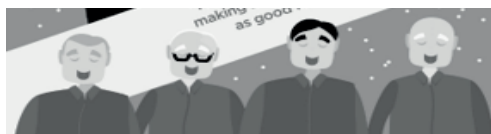
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- **Tues 28th July / Open Mic, 7.45pm, The Pelican, Chew Magna BS40 8SL.** Ages 14+.

For more info and tickets, see valley-arts.co.uk

UNAUTHORISED PARKING ON FELTON COMMON

Winford Parish Council are working alongside North Somerset Council to prevent unauthorised parking on Felton Common. In particular, users of the Common are encouraged to report vehicles that are suspected to be associated with Airport car parking. Please send photographic evidence and registration numbers to the Parish Clerk: clerk@winfordpc.org.uk

What Keeps Me Awake at Night



People sometimes ask me what keeps me awake at night as a councillor. The cheeky part of me wants to say 'night flights' – something I think anyone in our ward would recognise. But other than that, the honest answer is that it's rarely council meetings, committee papers or planning applications. It's what they represent: decisions about the future of our area.

As North Somerset's Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment, I spend much of my time thinking about the long term. What will North Somerset look like in twenty, fifty or even a hundred years? What sort of place will we leave for future generations?

One fact is never far from my mind: around a quarter of North Somerset lies at, or below, sea level. Our landscape has always been shaped by water – but climate change means we must think differently about the future. More intense rainfall, rising sea levels and more frequent extreme weather events will affect where and how we build, how we manage our countryside, and how we protect our communities.

At the same time, we face another challenge: providing homes. We all know how difficult it can be for young people to find somewhere affordable to live close to where they grew up. We need homes for the next generation. We need thriving communities. But we also need to ensure that growth is planned well and respects the character of the places we love. That's why proposals such as the 3,000 homes planned at Woodspring are so important. Whatever people's views on the development, it raises questions we cannot avoid. How do we create homes while protecting green spaces? How do we ensure new communities have access to nature, not just roads and buildings? How do we leave space for wildlife as well as people?

These questions matter to me because of another responsibility in my portfolio: the nature emergency. Readers of this magazine will know that I have often written about biodiversity and the importance of places such as Felton Common. These spaces are valuable not only because they are beautiful, but because they provide habitats for wildlife, help absorb carbon, support pollinators and give people a connection with the natural world. What worries me is that once nature is lost, it can take a very long time to recover. A mature hedgerow, species-rich grassland or established habitat, cannot simply be recreated overnight.

Yet despite these concerns, I remain optimistic. One of the privileges of being a councillor is meeting people who care passionately about where they live. I see volunteers restoring habitats, planting trees, maintaining footpaths and standing-up for local green spaces. I see communities working together to protect the things that make North Somerset special.

The challenge facing us is not whether we choose homes or nature. We need both. The real question is whether we are thoughtful enough to achieve both. When I think about climate change, the future of Felton Common, developments such as Woodspring and the kind of North Somerset we will leave to our children and grandchildren – those are the things that sometimes keep me awake at night.

They are also what get me out of bed in the morning.

Annemieke Waite

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Winford Parish Council Meeting – held on Wednesday 20th May 2026

Open Forum. One member of the public shared their concerns regarding the recent Planning Application by Bristol Airport to increase passengers to 15 million. The Chair expressed their gratitude for the work that had been undertaken to formulate their objections, and for sharing them with the Parish Council.

One member of the public expressed their disappointment and frustration at the perceived lack of any feeling of anger expressed by the Parish Council towards the Airport's Planning Application. They expressed further frustration that the Parish Council's recent communication, which included a mitigation survey, was the first communication they had received from the Parish Council. This was, in their opinion, premature, inadequate and gave parishioners the wrong impression. They explained that they had received communication from the Airport stating that the Airport had *"begun discussions with Winford Parish Council to acquire the small part of Felton Common where they proposed to erect approach lighting, but the discussions were at an early stage"*. The member of the public requested that the Chair explain what communication had taken place between the Parish Council and the Airport. The Chair explained that the Parish Council were not prepared to sell Felton Common and the only way the Airport could acquire this was through the compulsory purchase process. He explained that this was a complex legal process that would take some time and would likely result in a public enquiry. The Parish Council had requested several times that the Airport write to them setting-out their plans and proposals. This had now been received by the Parish Council, but only as recently as 14th May, and was currently with the legal team to review and respond. It was explained further that the Parish Council's Airport Association (PCAA), who had a vast amount of experience in airport related planning matters, and had commissioned experts to support them, would be reviewing technical aspects of the planning application and would be providing a response on behalf of all members of the PCAA, including Winford Parish Council. The Parish Council were working very hard to formulate their own objections in response to the planning application but were constrained by legal framework. However, a key role for the Parish Council would be to prevent the Airport from acquiring Felton Common. In addition, it would not be practical for the Parish Council to publicise the on-going work that was taking place. It was also not practical for all Parish Councillors to be present at additional, non-public meetings regarding the matter, and so the meeting of the Parish Council provided the opportunity for members to be updated regarding the progress made between Parish Council meetings.

The Chair, with the support of District Councillor Waite, briefly explained the planning process and provided justification for recent communication from the Parish Council requesting suggestions for mitigation. It was reiterated that it was extremely important that, in the event that the application was approved *despite* the objections of the Parish Council and others, that the best outcome for residents of Winford was secured through mitigation measures. The planning process allowed mitigation requests to be made without any detrimental impact on the objections that may be raised. It was explained that the Parish Council would be sending further communication regarding the matter imminently.

One member of the public shared their concerns that not all parishioners were aware that a Planning Application had been submitted by Bristol Airport. The Chair highlighted that this had been covered extensively in the media; the Airport had conducted two public consultations which involved an information session at Felton Village Hall; Save Felton Common had been raising awareness in the local community with demonstrations on the Common, and those demonstrations had attracted a large number of people; the issue had been discussed at every Parish Council meeting since the landing lights consultation had been announced; and information had been shared within the Village Magazine, on the Parish Council's website and across their social media platforms. It was resolved that there were no other reasonable steps that could be made by the Parish Council in order to raise awareness of the Planning Application amongst the parishioners.

Footpaths & Highways Footpaths. The Clerk would seek an update from North Somerset Council (NSC) as to the maintenance work at previously reported broken steps where footpaths LA19/27/30, LA19/27/40 and LA19/28/40 meet.

The Clerk would report a missing gate at footpath LA19/55/10.

There had been no updates from NSC regarding progress of the road safety improvements in Winford.

A contractor would be instructed to spray weeds in the centre of Winford Village around the triangle/brook, the steps leading up through Market Place, and around the large green and monument at Higher Winford.

A quote would also be obtained to clean the monument at Higher Winford.

Felton Common. NSC's Enforcement Team provided an update on the wording for a proposed enforcement notice on the Common and considerations for how this may work in practice. However, they would need evidence that unauthorised parking was still taking place on the Common. The Parish Council were supportive of the process and over the coming months they would gather as much evidence as possible, and report this to NSC for their consideration. The Clerk would encourage residents to report any unauthorised parking on the Common to the Clerk and via social media channels. [See update p11]

The Clerk had received a complaint regarding overhanging branches from the occupant of a property adjoining the Common. Cllr Bye had attended the location and confirmed that the tree was the responsibility of Winford Parish Council. The Clerk would obtain a quote for remedial work to be conducted.

It was noted that despite the best efforts of the Parish Council, not all property owners were in agreement with track repairs on the northern side of the Common. The offer by the Parish Council to facilitate the improvements therefore had been withdrawn.

The Parish Council were still in the process of sourcing boulders for the Common. The placement of the boulders would be considered once more had been sourced.

Airport. Representatives from the Parish Council met with representatives from Bristol Airport and their subsequent Land Agents. A report from a specialist regarding alternative options to the Common would be received by the Airport imminently, and the Airport's representatives would share this with the Parish Council once it had been received. Following multiple requests from the Parish Council, the Airport had formally written to the Parish Council on 14th May 2026 setting-out the options for Bristol Airport to acquire aspects of Felton Common. This had been sent to the Parish Council's legal team for an appropriate response.

The wording for a statement to be publicised via social media, the Parish Council's website, and the Village Magazine [see p15] in order to update parishioners about progress made and to reiterate their stance regarding the Common. Since the Parish Council wished to share the letter they received from the Airport dated 14th May 2026 with Parishioners, the Clerk to contact the Airport for their consent before doing so, due to data protection implications. There would be a dedicated page on the Parish Council's website for updates regarding the Airport's 15mppa planning application.

A response to the Airport's recent Planning Application to increase passenger numbers to 15 million was in the process of being drafted by the Clerk. This would be circulated to members for comments ahead of approval at the June meeting.

A survey has been sent to residents to gain their views on mitigation options if the planning permission were to be granted. A deadline of 10th June was provided to allow enough time to analyse the data ahead of the planning consultation deadline on 28th June.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding possible suggestions for mitigation. This would be included in the draft objection statement for review at the next Parish Council meeting on 22nd June.

Following a request for feedback from NSC regarding measures implemented as part of their Parking Action Plan, the Parish Council agreed that there appeared to have been a reduction in nearby fields being used for off-site parking and had seen a reduction in parking companies using residential streets as 'staging areas'. However, there was still a large amount of individual holiday-makers parking in residential streets which continued to cause a nuisance within the Parish. The Clerk would provide the appropriate feedback to NSC.

Parish Property. The Clerk would instruct the chosen conveyancing firm with the instructions that full 'Commercial Standard Property Enquiries' were not required in this case.
Following a request from the tenants of the Cricket Club to sub-let the Club for offices when not in use, the Parish Council did not agree to this request as this would not meet the terms of the lease.

Finance. The Internal Financial Audit had been completed and there were no recommendations.

Next meeting: Mon 22nd June. **Upcoming meeting: Monday 27th July, 7:30pm at Felton Village Hall.**

Louise Burgess, Clerk

STATEMENT FROM WINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council are members of the Parish Councils Airport Association (PCAA) who have a vast amount of experience in airport related planning matters. The PCAA will be reviewing technical aspects of the planning application and will be providing a response on behalf of all members of the PCAA, including Winford Parish Council.

Winford Parish Council would like to reassure residents that they have been working very hard to formulate their own objections to Bristol Airport's planning application to expand to 15mppa and erect landing lights on Felton Common. This is a large undertaking, requiring a significant amount of time and resources.

It is however, extremely important that in the event that the application is approved, despite the objections of the Parish Council and others, that the best outcome for residents of Winford is secured through mitigation measures. The planning process allows mitigation requests to be made without any detrimental impact on the objections that will be raised.

A key role for Winford Parish Council is to prevent Bristol Airport from taking ownership of aspects of Felton Common in order to erect landing lights. This is a separate and legally complex process and one that Winford Parish Council will continue to strongly object to. The Airport have been asked on multiple occasions to submit this request in writing, however it is only very recently (14th May 2026) that the Parish Council received the first letter outlining the Airport's plans to acquire the land.

A copy of this letter can be found on the Parish Council's website **winfordpc.org.uk**

This is currently being reviewed by the Parish Council's legal team for an appropriate response.

This is the Parish Council's strategy and where we are to date.

Thank you for your understanding in the matter.

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Winford, Prince of Waterloo	0735	0955	1545	1545
Dundry, Church	0747	1007	1557	1557
Hartcliffe, Imperial Park (d)	0801	1021	1611	1611
Bedminster, Parson Street Stn (d)	0808	1028	1618	1618
Bedminster, East Street (d)	0811	1031	1621	1621
Bedminster, Bedminster Parade (d)	0814	1034	1624	1624
Temple Meads, Temple Meads Stn (T7) (d)	0820	1040	1630	1630
Broadmead, The Horsefair (B20) (d)	0827	1047	1637	1637
Cabot Circus, Penn Street (S7) (d)	0830	1050	1640	1640

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Broadmead, The Horsefair (B20) (p)	-	1245	1715
Cabot Circus, Penn Street (S7) (p)	0837	1247	1717
Temple Meads, Temple Meads Stn (T1) (p)	0844	1254	1724
Bedminster, Bedminster Parade (p)	0849	1259	1729
Bedminster, Dalby Avenue (p)	0852	1302	1732
Bedminster, Parson Street Stn (p)	0856	1306	1736
Hartcliffe, Imperial Park (p)	0905	1315	1745
Dundry, Church	0917	1327	1757
Winford, Prince of Waterloo	0929	1339	1809
Felton, Post Office	0937	1347	1817
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