

District Councillor Letter for December 2017

Many of you may recall that the original planning application for the housing at Stanchester Way failed to secure any s106 monies from the developers, for our community due to an administration oversight at SSDC. However, earlier this year Summerfield requested a Deed of Variation to their original plans and as such, SSDC has rectified their original error and secured S106 funds for our community. The changes mean the development will now provide five social rented housing and five, discount market housing – 10 units in total from its original plan of 35%. However, although lower than the original number given, this change has now enabled us access to financial contributions for our community hall, equipped play facilities and youth facilities which were previously omitted.

I mentioned a few months ago that South Somerset was involved in the Local Government Boundary Commission review. It was previously assumed, that the Curry Rivel ward (incorporating Drayton) would have the sufficient number of registered electorates to remain unchanged. However, the consultation, which concluded at the end of October, would appear to indicate a preference for amalgamating Curry Rivel with the ward of Langport and Huish making it, a two councillor ward and for Drayton to move into the ward of Barrington. The consultation on the draft recommendations will begin in early January and conclude in March with final recommendations published in May.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year 2018.



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