District Councillor Report July 2017

Some of you have been in touch to ask what is happening at The Bell Hotel as work appears to have ceased of late. I can report that this is only temporary. The owners are currently in the process of obtaining quotes from both local and London contractors to begin the main building works and they will recommence once this has been finalised. In the meantime, they have made the building watertight and secure.

A question I would like to ask you is do we need any further social housing provision in Curry Rivel? If you have any views on this matter then please could you get in touch via email: Tiffany.osborne@southsomerset.gov.uk.

All District Councillors recently attended a two hour briefing, on the process of Transformation at South Somerset. All local authorities have to start making savings, as there simply will not be the same funding available in the future. We were assured that Transformation would not simply be a case of cutting personnel and expecting those left to do more work for the same pay but rather a case of looking at the activities currently undertaken and required in the future and assigning specific work time and personnel around those requirements. It is going to take some time but we have been reassured that customer service will remain at the forefront of their priorities during and after the process has been completed.

Finally, thanks to the organisers of Curry Rivel Live for a fantastic day. And what with the new pub open in Drayton, Britain in Bloom in July and various activities taking place during the summer such as fetes, the flower show and the playday, etc., there are opportunities to support all things local this summer.



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