

## **District Councillor March 2018**

A consultation has begun by Somerset County Council on their library services, which will conclude on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Under the proposals SCC are looking for 15 of the 34 library buildings to close or seek community involvement for them to remain operational. If this is not possible, either services would instead be provided through community outreach venues or additional mobile library stops. As with all Council considerations, it is a question of balancing challenging economic times, whilst maintaining a long-term sustainable option, which can deliver a modern service. At present, the proposal does not affect Langport Library but as we know, nothing is agreed until everything is agreed. Therefore, to ensure we maintain our local library as an important resource your support is required. Have your say on [www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation).



SSDC is proposing to set a balanced budget for the year ahead with no cuts to services. However, it is recommending to increase its Council Tax. As you are aware, SSDC is in the process of 'transformation', intended to deliver savings of £2.5m by 2019 as well as enter the commercial retail fray in order to generate additional income.

I continue to receive comments from residents regarding the on-going traffic and parking issues on the High Street in Curry Rivel. Both the Parish Council Chair and I have been in discussions with our County Councillor, Clare Aparacio-Paul, about possible solutions and she will be our voice with Highways on resolving this matter. However, if you have any comments, photos or perhaps ideas on how to make the High Street a slower and safer road please do let me know as the more evidence and opinions we can gather the more our voice will be heard.

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