

Winterstoke news

LOCKING CASTLE, WESTON & HAYWOOD VILLAGE

HOSPITAL A&E CHANGES GO AHEAD



One of the protests I attended before speaking at the health meeting asking for the A&E decision to be referred to the Secretary of State.

In October the council's health panel met and voted through the Clinical Commissioning Group's proposal which included making the overnight closure of our A&E permanent.

Residents have continuously expressed concern about the proposed changes, which I share.

Alongside attending numerous protests I also spoke at the health panel arguing that they should reject the proposal because it isn't in the public interest, it fails to consider the

benefits of a merger and the evidence of recruiting the GPs needed to support the service is weak.

I urged the panel to seek immediate Government intervention by referring the plans to the Secretary of State. However, the panel voted against this.

I'm disappointed with the decision but I can assure residents I will continue to campaign for a 24hr A&E. I will also closely monitor the impact of the changes and hold the CCG to account.

"I'm disappointed that views of residents have been ignored and the changes have gone ahead to our A&E."

KEEP IN TOUCH



CIARAN CRONNELLY

Councillor for Winterstoke Ward

If you have any questions or issues please do get in touch with me via Facebook, email or phone, using the details below.

If you would prefer to speak to me in person I run two councillor surgeries a month that you can drop-in to.

HUTTON MOOR LEISURE CENTRE SURGERY
Last Friday of each month between 6 - 8pm.

HAYWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNITY HALL SURGERY
First Monday of each month between 6 - 8pm.

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New school in the ward

A new school and sixth form called Winterstoke Hundred Academy will be opening at Beaufighter Road in September 2020. The academy will support 11 to 19 year olds, with an initial intake in September of Year 7 and Year 12 students.



The new Winterstoke Hundred school and sixth form will open on September 2020.

I'm really excited about the new school which will provide fantastic opportunities for our young people. You can read more about the school on their website: winterstokehundredacademy.clf.uk

Winterstoke bridge repair



Repairs to Winterstoke Road Bridge are expected to begin in 2022.

"The need to replace the bridge is long overdue and I'm pleased this is moving forward."

As you may know the Winterstoke Road bridge is in poor condition and has had a weight restriction of 7.5 tonnes in place since 2018. The bridge is owned by the MOD (dating back to the second world war) and North Somerset Council has

reached an agreement that the £14 million cost of replacing the bridge will be met by the MOD.

This is a vital road for the ward so I am pleased we have reached this milestone. Construction is expected to begin in 2022.

Bristol airport expansion - what's your opinion?

In early 2020 councillors are going to be asked to make a decision on whether the expansion of Bristol Airport should go ahead. I'm really keen to hear your views as this ward may be affected by the expansion.

Please get in touch with me directly or visit my Facebook page and complete the poll to share your views.

The airport are planning to expand to allow them to handle 12 million passengers a year. This will mean

more flights, investment and jobs but also increased environmental impacts and noise. They are also proposing to remove the seasonal restrictions on night flights.

Full details can be found on the council's planning website: <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications>

The application number is 18/P/5118/OUT. There are over 3,800 objections and 1,800 letters of support.



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Tackling Weston Village's and Locking Castle's dangerous roads

The roads around Weston Village and Locking Castle are in an unacceptable state and many areas of bricked-based roads are beginning to become dangerously loose. This issue has been going on for years and the council have taken a sticking plaster approach of small patch work repairs, rather than resurfacing the roads.

We need a long-term solution to these roads and the affected areas need to be completely resurfaced! I've walked around the ward taking pictures of the disrepair and mapped the affected areas.

I've submitted this evidence to the council and discussed with the councillor responsible for highways that the roads must be resurfaced and made safe. I've been assured the council are looking into this and I will have further news before the end of the financial year.



"This has been an issue that's been ignored for too long, and since being elected I've been pressing for a solution."

MY RECORD



From 14th May - 30th November I am pleased to confirm I have claimed no expenses.

My attendance record from 14th May - 30th November is 91% which is one of the highest in the council.



Welcome to the jungle: giving Winterstoke ward a trim



Over the last couple of months residents have been getting in touch about areas of the ward that were in dire need of a trim. There have been pavements with weeds growing out, trees and hedges that needed cutting, and leaves that needed clearing up. I've been continually raising this with the council and had driven around with a member of their team pointing out the areas that needed to be sorted.

I'm pleased to say much of the work appears to have now been done, although there are still some areas to do. I'll keep monitoring progress but if you see areas in need of a trim please let me know.



Dirt bikes causing nuisance near Haywood Village

I'm aware bikers have been causing a nuisance on the old airfield as they use it as an off-road trail. Typically these bikes are very loud and often drive through Haywood Village at speed.

Residents from Hutton, Locking and Haywood Village have raised complaints to North Somerset Council, police and Persimmon Homes about this issue. The land is owned by Persimmon and they have agreed to put up signage making it clear that this behaviour is prohibited so police can enforce this when it occurs.

The advice I have received from authorities is that residents should report the antisocial behaviour to the police when it happens by calling 101, and if possible providing a vehicle registration number.

I'm hoping as the police begin to enforce this that the frequency of dirt bikes using the airfield reduces. If the situation doesn't change or action doesn't appear to be happening please get in touch.

Campaign for a second swimming pool

In 2015 we were all promised that Weston would get a second swimming pool and this was going to be built at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre - since then we've been met by silence.

At June's Full Council Meeting I quizzed the council about the second pool and was dismayed to learn that the last administration left behind no plans to build a second swimming pool. The last 4 years have been wasted.

Since June I've frequently met with Hutton Moor Leisure Centre and the councillor responsible for leisure and pressed for North Somerset Council to bring forward a leisure strategy that includes details of how a second pool can be delivered, and put this out for public consultation.

I'm determined to ensure Weston gets a second pool that we are all asking for, and I will keep campaigning for this!

"Weston needs a second pool and I'll keep pushing for it"



LOCAL SPEED WATCH LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

12 months ago residents living near the Maltlands, with support from the police, set up a Community Speed Watch Scheme with the aim of reducing speeding around the area. I've recently joined the speed watch team and can attest to the brilliant work they do but we desperately need more volunteers!

If you're interested in volunteering or setting up a speed watch please visit the website: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply/community-speedwatch/>

Representing residents in Locking Castle, Weston & Haywood Village