

## Wrighton Ward Liberal Democrat Newsletter April 2020

Dear Lib Dem member or supporter

We are living in very strange times! I do hope you are managing to keep well. I thought that it would be a good idea to send you a newsletter with helpful information.

### Coronavirus Information

North Somerset Council is constantly updating its website with news on its services – see <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/community-safety-crime/emergency/coronavirus/coronavirus/>

Community resilience organisations in several villages including Cleeve and Wrighton have set up networks with volunteers to help neighbours with shopping etc. Butcombe also has a help network. There are links and useful information on this on the Butcombe, Cleeve and Wrighton Parish Council websites

<http://www.butcombeparishcouncil.co.uk/>

<http://www.cleeveparishcouncil.co.uk/> and

<https://wrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

NSC also sends a daily update to NSC councillors and Parish Councils. The other day this included the information that Wrighton's A5 bus to the airport has stopped. This is there on the NSC website but rather hard to find.

There is also other helpful information on the Wrighton village website <http://www.wrightonsomerset.org.uk/>, eg which nearby pubs and restaurants deliver meals or food boxes.

Politically Liberal Democrat MPs and others are asking relevant questions, and information on this and responses to the coronavirus epidemic can be seen on the national Liberal Democrat website <http://www.libdems.org.uk/> (scroll down).

### **More local news**

#### Airport Plans Refused – for now

In February North Somerset Council made the historic decision to refuse Bristol airport's planning application to increase passengers to 12 million per year, and their decision was confirmed on 18<sup>th</sup> March. This is the first time that NSC has refused an application for a major expansion for Bristol airport, but it is not the end of the story as the application may still be agreed at appeal. However the airport may not appeal against the refusal but instead wait until after the Government's new aviation policy expected later this year, and submit a new application.

#### Coxs Green Wrighton

When Redcliffe Homes won their appeal to build 59 houses at Coxs Green there were 2 planning conditions to be carried out BEFORE the houses could be built.

One condition was to construct a footpath from the Burnett estate to the Coxs Green junction, and this is underway.

But the other condition is to design and implement a scheme to improve drainage along the Cocks Green roads. This is proving more difficult, and Redcliffe Homes has applied to change this condition. The exact change they want is for the drainage scheme to be finished “before the first house is completed”, instead of “no development above ground slab level” before the drainage scheme is complete.

Many residents and Wrington Parish Council objected to this change, since the drainage work is needed to keep residents safe from flooding on the roads.

Redcliffe Homes are a long way from completing the drainage scheme as they have yet to be granted planning permission for the balancing pond needed at the bottom of the site. Water drained from the road would be piped to this pond.

Decisions on the drainage scheme and condition are expected in April.

#### Lord Nelson Cleeve

The Lord Nelson in Cleeve is to be demolished after all, and replaced by a convenience store and petrol station. North Somerset Council refused planning permission last year, but in March Tout Ltd won their appeal against refusal.

The appeal inspector did not consider that the development would cause unnecessary harm to nearby residents or to bats, or that the pub was of sufficient historic interest to save it.

#### Neighbourhood Consultation

North Somerset Council still faces financial problems (even before Coronavirus) and wants to hear from residents what your priorities are for various services.

The Neighbourhood Consultation covers garden waste and composting, sports centres, libraries, parks and open spaces and street cleaning and drainage. The consultation ends on 7<sup>th</sup> May and can be found online at [n-somerset.gov.uk](http://n-somerset.gov.uk) (scroll down on homepage).