



## New Surgery

At North Somerset's Planning and Regulatory Committee the proposed plans for the new surgery at Smallway were deferred for further highway investigations.

Residents and the District Councillor for Congresbury argued strongly that pedestrian access and safety had not been given serious consideration.

Smallway is always busy with a 40m.p.h. speed limit. The proposed surgery needs safe and convenient access for pedestrians. At the very least there should be a new, controlled, pedestrian crossing, tactile paving and renovated public footways. We wait for Highways to reconsider their proposals. Watch this space.....'

## More and more houses

Two more housing developments are coming up for discussion. The developments at the end of Chescombe Road are now being consulted on and the old Titan Ladders site revised plans have been put forward. And so it continues.....



## North End Primary School

At the time of going to press four Trusts have held meetings in the village to describe what their particular organisation will do if they are granted the right to build the new school.

The Regional Commissioner with advice from North Somerset Officers will finally decide who gets the bid. All bids have to be in by the end of September. It is hoped that whoever succeeds will provide an excellent education for the children.

## BREXIT - Give the people the final say



Everyone can see the Conservatives are making a mess of Brexit. Theresa May's negotiations on the deal are getting more chaotic and confusing.

Meanwhile Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour Party leadership sits on the fence, leaving the Conservatives to deliver a destructive Brexit that will be bad for Britain.

The Liberal Democrats believe Britain deserves better. That's why they're calling for the people – not the politicians - to have the final say on the Brexit deal.

Go online to sign our petition at: [Libdem.org.uk/Brexit](http://Libdem.org.uk/Brexit)

## Inequality

North Somerset has the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest inequality gap out of all the 326 authorities in England.

A motion was put to the District Council at the end of July to address inequality and introduce measures to improve outcome for people across the authority.

This Council has created a situation where the poorest members of society have had the greatest percentage increase in council tax in recent years. This cannot be right.

Unsurprisingly the motion was rejected.

# Social Care Crisis

Social Care for elderly and disabled people is under increasing pressure and threatens to make Councils bankrupt, but the Government keeps delaying proposals to improve the situation.

Local Government Association Lib Dem Leader Howard Sykes said:

*"The LGA, with cross-party support, has launched a nationwide consultation to kick-start a desperately-needed debate on how to pay for adult social care and rescue the services caring for older and disabled people from collapse, following the Government's failure to act. We can't wait any longer.*

*"Years of significant under-funding of councils, coupled with rising demand and costs for care and support, have combined to push adult social care services to breaking point.*

*"Increased spend on adult social care - which now accounts for nearly 40% of total council budgets - is threatening the future of other vital council services, such as parks, leisure centres, and libraries, which help to keep people well and less in need of care and support and hospital treatment."*

The LGA consulted on the following options for paying for adult social care in the long term, including:

- Increase income tax by 1p on the basic rate, raising £4.4 billion in 2024/5
- Increase National Insurance by 1p, raising £10.4 billion in 2024/5
- Charge a contribution such as NI or extra tax from people over 40yrs including working pensioners, raising £1 billion at a cost per head of £33.40 a year
- Means test universal benefits such as winter fuel allowance and free TV licences, raising £1.9 billion
- Increase Council Tax, where 1% increase would raise £285 million in 2024/5

When the LGA publishes their consultation results they hope it will lead to Government action.



## Your Parish Needs You!

All Parish Councils have elections next May. Parish Councils need a range of people of all ages (over 18) and different views, interested in their communities, to provide and maintain facilities for the Parish and represent residents' views to North Somerset Council.

Could you become a Parish Councillor?

Contact your parish clerk for nomination forms in March.

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