



## *Tormarton & West Littleton*

# *Parish Plan 2020/21*

Tormarton Parish Council are committed to supporting its residents on a wide range of community issues, and through the coming year the Council will be working on three key areas that encompass many of these. Of course, we understand that new issues and challenges will undoubtedly develop over the year to come and, as always, we welcome engagement from parishioners on any additional matters that may arise during that time.

One of our major priorities for 2020/21 is to work with South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) and the local Police to improve road safety. We will continue to support the residents of both villages in the monitoring of traffic problems such as speeding and road conditions and, where appropriate, hold the relevant authorities to account and lobby for solutions. We will continue to apply pressure on SGC and the Highway Agency regarding the perennial issue of inconsiderate parking in and around Tormarton caused by the closure of the carpark south of Junction 18. The Parish Council will continue to monitor and report back regarding these matters on a monthly basis, and will seek to identify new methods to reduce the hazards that are identified.

The Parish Council will be exploring ways to build on the strong community networks that already exist through community groups and social networks in both villages. The aim will be to improve communication between the Parish Council and their Parishioners, and strengthen the existing relationships between organisations within the villages. To help facilitate this a parish Facebook page has been setup to provide a hub for local groups and organisations to cross pollinate ideas and bring attention to community matters. The intention is for the page to enhance and not replace existing methods of communication, and for it to develop organically into thriving, self-proliferating community page for our two villages. It will also provide a useful resource for those visiting the villages.

Finally, the Parish Council plans to develop an environmental plan that supports biodiversity in our flora and fauna and maintains the historic setting of our villages and surrounding countryside. We will actively seek ways to encourage parishioners to consider the area in which we live and how they can sustainably support it for future generations. This may include planting events, encouraging residents to develop verges as habitats for wildflowers, and community awareness initiatives. The council has already initiated a program to identify the parish's assets of historical interest and seek to maintain them for the benefit of the community.

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