

The WiNSpace News



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Our National Lottery Bid Disappointment

Over the summer we've had some disappointing news that our National Lottery bid for £500,000 has been unsuccessful. We've given more details below, but in brief the current lottery's focus is on delivering services not buildings and there are many more 'needy' causes than ours, particularly post Covid. Although this is a blow it certainly doesn't mean the new community centre won't happen. If the Parish Council are able to provide us with the loan and grant (see PC Survey) our current building fund stands at nearly £1.3M of a 'build' cost of £2M (plus £0.2M for contingency). We have yet to make further grant applications as we believe having planning will make a big difference. However, we will be even more reliant on funding from local businesses and individuals to support the project - Please read help needed

The key reasons why we were unsuccessful in our National Lottery bid were (via phone call feedback)

1. Monies are allocated to regions to allocate and £500,000 was a significant amount of the North Somerset allocation.
2. They no-longer have a separate building fund and generally are more supportive of 'service' provision.
3. When they make an allocation the money must be used within 6 months - so we are only likely to be successful if applying later in the project when most other funding is in place

They did not rule out the possibility of us applying again (probably for a smaller amount) and nearer the time when we have most of the funding already in place and planning approved.

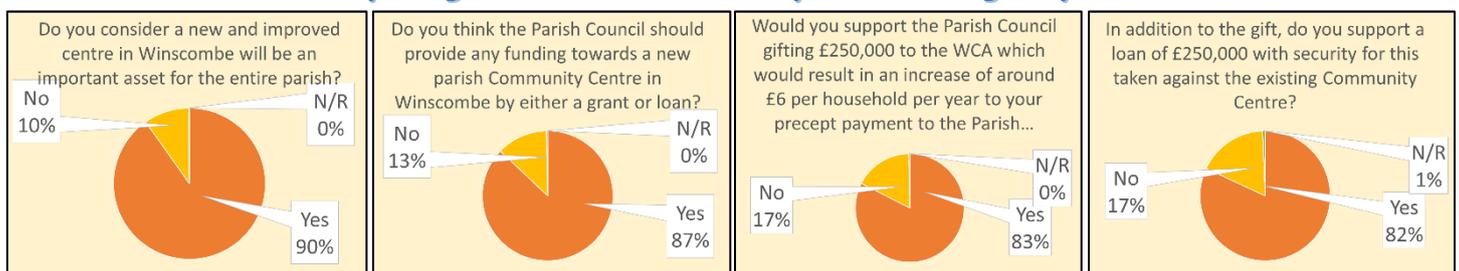
What has happened to the Planning Application?

The planning application is still on going but it is likely to be more of a Christmas present for us than a summer holiday treat. The reason for this additional time is that the Environment, Tree and Ecology officers have asked for additional clarifications, information and surveys. This now seems to be the norm for planning applications these days, as the planning officers want the whole picture before making a planning decision, rather than providing planning approval with conditions. If you want to see any of the NS consultants' comments or look at our new surveys as they come in, you can see them on the North Somerset Planning portal at:



[North Somerset Planning 21/P/1037/FUL](#)

Our thanks for completing a Parish Council Survey? - What a good positive result!



Thanks to everyone who completed the Parish Council Survey about funding the re-development. In all 674 surveys were completed which is around 30% of all households in the Parish. The results were very positively in favour to support. The next steps for the Parish Council will be to look into the details of the funding, with a Parish Council meeting in January to discuss it further as part of the 2022/23 budget work.

We need your help now!! - Send us an email if you can

To get us to our goal of £2.2M we need a strong financing team who can plan, execute and deliver the final £900,000 (assuming support from the PC) we are currently short of. This involves writing letters, completing grant applications or just talking to organisation and individuals who may be able to help. The Survey has shown that the community overwhelmingly wants the re-development, together we need to make it happen.

Don't forget all the planning documents are also on our Website

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