

Addendum to the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 17th of May 2018.

After approval and publication of the minutes of the 2018 Annual Residents' meeting it came to the notice of the Chair that some of the commentary regarding the support to the Chair of the Council from previous Chairs could be misconstrued by residents who did not attend the meeting.

I felt it appropriate to reiterate the context to the section of the minutes that reads –

Over the years more and more work has rested on the shoulders of your Chair, in part because of changes in the support of North Somerset, but also it has to be said that Councillors have been gradually less willing and able to take on some of the responsibilities of looking after our Parish. This is no-one's fault, it has just been a slow and progressive process. I think the past 2 retiring Chairs have therefore been very relieved to give up the job and have not stayed on to lend any support to the new Chair.

For the avoidance of doubt, the reference to retiring Chairs not staying on to lend support refers to the fact that they did not remain on the Council. It was not intended to suggest that previous Chairs have not been supportive, in fact both past Chairs have been willing and able to give support, and this has been both welcome and useful. Any inference taken otherwise was not intended and is regretted. The point being made at the ARM was that the Chair of your Council needs more support to run and administer the Council, else the task becomes very time consuming and unattractive to "new blood".

I trust that this clarification will help readers to understand the message that I as your Chair was giving at the ARM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M A Phipps', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

M A Phipps

4th October 2018