

SOMERSET COUNCIL

Rode Parish Council

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Somerset Press Releases: You can view all the Somerset County Council press releases for the last month using this link: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/newsroom/>

Speeding on A361: Highways has said that speeding needs to be dealt with by the police. I suggest considering a SIDS to reduce the speed on this stretch of the road.

A36 slip road: no news. I have chased again and not heard anything back. I will chase using the generic email address again.

Conservation area extension: I have not heard anything back, but I will keep exploring.

Fire Strategy: I am waiting for a contact through the Fire Authority to get someone to come along and brief the parish council about a village-wide fire strategy.

CALM Engineering: I was told there would be an answer about when the work would continue in Rode, but I have heard nothing. I have chased again this month.

Waste Contracts: The Executive have a week to consider waste collection options in Somerset after SUEZ disclosed that they are running at a loss on its Somerset contract. If payments don't increase, SUEZ has said it will break its contract and Somerset council will need to cover the financial penalty. The decision needs to be made this week.

Domestic violence during international football games: People facing domestic abuse are being strongly encouraged to seek support, especially during periods when incidents are anticipated to surge. Research from the National Centre for Domestic Violence reveals that domestic abuse incidents increase by 26% when our national team plays, 38% if they lose, and 11% the day after, regardless of the outcome. The Somerset Domestic Abuse Service, provided by Somerset Council, offers support and advice to anyone experiencing domestic abuse, with services tailored to meet individual needs: <https://somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk/>

Best wishes,

Dawn