



CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL

Here for you.

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To Whom it may concern,

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North Somerset Council

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Dear Sir/Madam

After being advised of the consultation to remove and disconnect the telephone box on Pound Green, Cleeve, the Parish Council consulted with local residents.

We put information on our Facebook page, website along with posters around the village. Villagers have also spoken to Councillors regarding the plans. We held our monthly Parish meeting on the 10th September where the consultation was discussed further with residents and the members of the Council.

Concerns have been raised regarding the disconnection of the phone line and after some investigating we believe that all three of BT's 'reasonable needs' are met, these are it being the only public call box within 800m, at least 500 households within 1km and that there were 63 calls made from it in the previous 12 months.

The idea that everyone always carries a working mobile phone is simply not the case, not to mention the extremely poor 3G and 4G internal reception and 3G external phone reception within the area.

A former member of the community resilience expressed concerns that if a long term power cut took place they would need to have access to a phone which does not rely on electric (as most household phones do). If the phone line is disconnected, they would solely be relying on a mobile phone which may or may not have mobile reception.

In conclusion Cleeve Parish Council urge both BT and North Somerset Council to investigate further and explore the possibility of keeping the phone line active and maintained by BT for the reasons listed above.



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If however it is decided that the phone line does need to be disconnected due to low usage CPC would very much resist the iconic red box being removed. It would be our intention to 'adopt' the phone box and turn it into something for the community as other villages have successfully done.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Many thanks

Alicia Fox

Sent on behalf of Cleeve Parish Council