

Resolution against hate crime

At a meeting of Chaffcombe Parish Council on Monday 15th August 2016 Councillors considered a request from South Somerset District Council to make the same commitment as that made by the District Council to condemn any form of hate crime.

The motion below was carried unanimously by the District Council on 21st July 2016.

Chaffcombe Parish Councillors considered the motion below and on being put to a vote the following motion was carried unanimously.

"In the wake of the recent killing of Jo Cox MP and the less savoury rhetoric of some in the referendum campaign, this Council wishes to make it clear that we, the councillors, are proud to represent a vibrant and diverse community. We totally condemn any form of racism, intolerance, bigotry or xenophobia. Hate crimes have no place in our society and we will do all we can to prevent them. The residents of South Somerset, whatever their gender, race, creed, age, colour or sexual orientation are treated equally.

And further, that the Council wish to send a clear message stating that we are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. Our council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable. We will work to ensure that local bodies and programmes have the support and resources they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia. We reassure all people living in this area that they are valued members of our community."