



19 New Buildings
Broadclyst
Exeter
EX5 3EX
28/04/2017

Clerks Report

APRIL 2017

1. P3 Public Rights of Way

Council has been awarded £1,300 towards the general cost of cutting and furniture maintenance.

2. Westclyst bus stop

Following resolution at April's meeting, works have been arranged with the contractor to make short term improvements to the shelter. These works are booked in for wk/com Tuesday 3rd May

3. Community Helipad

Planning consent has been granted for the community helipad on the recreation ground, with the condition that lights are only used in relation to the helipad and not as a general spotlight for the playing field.

Grant offer letters will be going out in the next few weeks, and a site meeting will be arranged with DAAT, their electrical contractor,

4. Parish Vehicle

The contract hire of a Ford Transit 350 L2 has been arranged following the decision of the Council during its budget-setting process to procure a parish small commercial vehicle for its handyman/lengthsman maintenance work. The beacon has been ordered but is still on back order. Vospers will arrange for it to be fitted locally once it has been received. Until such time as the Clyst Room compound is progressed the truck will be parked overnight at the Pavilions under the CCTV camera. Delivery was arranged for 26.04.2017

5. Bowls green

The seasons starts shortly with cutting moving to 2 cuts per week, one by the contractor and one by the bowls club. Moss treatment and removal works are part of the quotation sent earlier in the year; he has started works early as there is a great deal of continue.

6. Exeter Gateway / Hayes Farm liaison group meeting

I attended the quarterly meeting of the liaison group on 25.04.2017 where matters relating to the delivery of the commercial/industrial sites in the West End of East Devon were discussed. Progress on the Lidl site is to schedule; the senior management team has been appointed with general recruitment in progress locally. Outline planning consent for commercial development on the second Hayes farm site is being progressed and relates to matters such as use, height, landscape, drainage, and highways as opposed to the final site layout, for which there are 2 scenarios under consideration.

The area to the rear of the site will be an ecology zone, with green buffers around the perimeter of the site and a cycle route. Access to/from the site will be signal-controlled, provision of which is dependent on an occupancy trigger point in relation to floor space in SkyPark.

Concern was raised by Broadclyst and Clyst Honiton Parish Councils as to the impact on the road infrastructure by removal of the freight terminal, which would have reduced freight movements on the surrounding roads by up to 50%. Jamie Hullah (DCC) will give the parishes further detail on traffic modelling as it is reviewed to reflect the railhead terminal removal and the current planned land-usage at Hayes Farm with the strategic residential sites of Mosshayne and Tithebarn.

Broadclyst stated that as Station Road provides a vital arterial north-south route, there is a pressing need to identify improvements to it as a CIL project and / or to seek strategic funding to address documented safety issues associated with the road. Traffic on the road is already heavily congested at times, and this can only be exacerbated with the creation of new jobs in the Growth Point area.

7. Mapping software

Maps are a powerful tool for not just recording data but presenting information to the public.

Following a brief demo at the Practitioners Conference in February, Janvrin and I had an in-house demo of the software and its use in relation to local council business. The basic map editing software adds layers of the users choice over a background map, enabling creation of visual record and options / future proposals. Areas can be identified (i.e. green space) or specifics can be recorded (i.e. location of street furniture, dog bins, grit bins etc.). These can be linked with a database to record parish assets and additional detail such as forthcoming works.

Additional programmes and data sets can be bought individually to build a customised software package, for example linked to environmental, flood risk, and land registry data sets and can be used as a tool to manage assets and cemeteries.

The software and background maps are one-off costs, with an optional annual cost for technical support and updates should they be required. Purchase price can be spread interest-free over a period of up to 5 years. A quote is being prepared based on Council's requirements identified by officers. It is likely to be in the region of £700 for all software, £200 for the background map, £100 for any additional maps showing the wider area (this may be something for a Growth Point Parish Together Project). Training for up to 6 users will be in the region of £500, add-on datasets relating to flood risk, environmental data and land registry c£400. Payments can be spread over 5 years interest free. There is an ongoing cost after the purchase is an annual amount of c.£250 to cover technical support and receipt of updates.

Recommendation: To agree the purchase of the mapping software and support/updates up to a maximum of £2,500.

Reason: To support the Neighbourhood Plan and to provide an asset management system for the Council.

8. Traffic matters

The long-term ongoing issue with school parking in and around Town End / Hellings Gardens has escalated during the last month, with residents contacting the school regarding inconsiderate parking and verbal abuse from drivers when confronted. There is a drive amongst residents to form a pressure group and to ask the Traffic Committee to look at potential solutions.

The parish council has been approached to survey the area around School lane with the PCSO. Cllrs Bromley and Gent as Traffic Committee Members will meet on site with representatives from the school and the police.

Local residents are asking the parish council to look at the situation however the Council's Traffic Committee has been somewhat dormant for the last year since Mollie (Assistant Clerk) left the Council's employ. The Council will need to consider how the expectations of the residents can be balanced with its current staff workload capacity.

This concludes my report to Council.

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