

Clerks Report

JUNE 2017

1. DCC social care refocus

Devon County Council is to refocus its social care to recognise the importance of early intervention and keeping people's independence as they get older and more frail.

Following the recent concerns as to the future of Clyst Caring, we have written to the portfolio holder, Cllr Andrew Leadbetter, to ask for input into the refocus and for ideas to continue CCF in Broadclyst.

2. Dog waste bin

Council received an email from EDDC EH Officer forwarding a complaint from a resident of Endsleigh regarding dog waste being deposited on his property. His property backs on to Blackhorse Lane and there is an increased number of dog walkers using the lane. Eagle One installed a dog waste bin on their land at the junction with the cycle/foot path and the link road, however it now seems there is need for another further along Blackhorse lane.

Budget: the Council's allocation for waste disposal for 17/18 was £1,300; the bills for the financial year were paid in April and total £1,297. The Council has a pot of funding to support emerging communities and its Lengthsman budget; there would be scope within either of these two budget allocations to fund the purchase, installation, and service cost of a dog bin on Blackhorse Lane.

Location: the Mosshayne side of Blackhorse Lane is likely to change as the Mosshayne and Tithebarn developments progress, however it is unlikely the southern side of the lane will change. Council has a noticeboard at the end of the public footpath which links Blackhorse Lane with Endsleigh Crescent, and so it is proposed that the bin be sited in that vicinity. This is near the house which has recorded the complaint.

3. Dog waste bins servicing

There have been several complaints this month about bins not being emptied.

EDDC/Streetscene have been contacted on 4 occasions as well as directly by residents about overflowing bins and associated smell.

Following liaison with EDDC's waste management department it came to light that the dog bin database was not up to date. We have now updated their records and this has been passed through to the operations team, who will update the collection drivers and organise stickers for the bins which have not previously been recorded.

Hopefully this will prevent future disturbances to collections.

4. Fun Day

The 2017 fun day took place on Saturday 24th June and was attended by approximately 900-950 people and 70 dogs. There were no reported incidents/accident/injuries during the event.

At the time of writing this report the final total is not yet available; it is likely that the event raised in the region of £2,700. This will be divided back between the community groups which took part.

Huge thanks to the event's sponsors: Beaumont vets, Broadclyst Village stores, Heart Pet

Supplies, and Sarah Pepper flowers. There was fantastic support from the National Trust as usual with Killerton lending equipment and man-power, and the effort made by community groups across the parish must not be allowed to go unrecognized either.

We had a great event team on the ground this year which always makes a massive difference, and particular thanks is due to all the staff, Graham and Nathan Cutting, Mike Bird, George and Beth Hurren, and Matt Curwood for their help before, during, and after the day, with thanks to Chris, Henry M, and Andy & Phillip from Killerton on the day. Not forgetting the small Curwoods and Boards for their litter-picking abilities – fantastic community spirit!

The fun day also offered Janvrin the opportunity to engage with attendees about the Broadclyst Neighbourhood Plan and the forthcoming Call for Land. Feedback was positive and provided several leads for the Council and the NP process to follow up.

One such action is the request for the provision of a bench on the end of Woodland Road on the patch of grass beside the junction.

Recommendation: to agree to the provision of a basic bench in this area and to delegate to officers to contact DCC for necessary permissions. There is sufficient allocation in the footpaths budget for this work, which should be no more than £150 in materials and time.

The end of June seems to be a good time of year for this annual event and so preparations for next year's fun day will work on the date of 23rd June 2018. The banners have now seen better days and so a budget to replace 6 will be needed in addition of the usual overheads. This cost will be in the region of c.£90 nett per banner.

Recommendation: for the finance committee to allocate an additional £500 when setting the fun day budget for 2018 to allow for new banners to be made up.

5. Council website

Work is underway on the design and layout of the new website, identifying features we want to include. The home page layout is nearing completion, after which we can start to look at content. The transfer of content will take approximately 3 days; we have removed some of the older content and simplified how other sections of the website work, for example the planning section will link straight to each application on EDDC's planning portal.

The website is responsive (compatible with all devices) and people should find it more user-friendly.

6. Staff induction training

June has been something of a baptism of fire as fun day preparations and the NP Call for Land has dominated Officer time in June and drawn us away from the induction programme.

However, our new ladies have been valiantly wading through exciting reading material like the Localism Act 2011, and have been looking at Agenda-setting and report-writing.

7. External support

Clyst Honiton Parish Council has appointed a new Clerk. We supporting her and the Council through her induction and training period, and continue to oversee their finances until such time as her training has progressed and she is confident to take on this responsibility.

This concludes my report to Council.

Angie Hurren, MILCM.

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