

Clerks Report

JULY 2018

1. WESTCLYST COMMUNITY EVENT

The date has been set as Sunday 19th August for a casual afternoon of music and kids entertainment. Activities will include music, karaoke, and face painting.

2. HANDYMAN WORK

The dry spell may have given a break from grass cutting but it's been perfect for cracking on with lots of jobs around the parish. Below are some examples of the work our boys have been up to this month.





The truck continues to more than pay for itself in terms of carrying dirty/wet materials and acting as a barrier between workforce and traffic in the live carriageway.

3. SSSI CONSULTATION

Natural England have recently issued a consultation on bye laws on sites of special scientific interest (SSSI's). The consultation document can be found here: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england/byelaws-for-sssis>

The National Association of Local Councils will be responding to the consultation on behalf of the local councils; thoughts on the consultation questions to inform that response are being sought. These include:

1. Do you agree with the proposed Operational Principles in Annex 1? If not, please tell us how these could be improved, and why.

2. Do you agree with the scope of the Model SSSI Byelaws in Annex 2? If not, please tell us how these could be improved, and why?

3. What additional practical measures do you think Natural England could develop or consider that could help people comply with any byelaws designed to ensure the special features of England's SSSIs are protected?

RECOMMENDATION: that Council considers the 3 questions above and its answers, if any, to the consultation.

4. BT BUSINESS

Council has received notification of a slight rise in BT prices as follows:

GP****8517	Infinity Unlimited and Value Line (Phone No: 01392460008)	£46.90	£48.40	£4.00	16/03/21
GP****8517	Critical Line (Phone No: 01392360269)	£28.50	£30.00	N/A	N/A

The cloud-based phone system has been ordered; note it is a 3-year contract.

RECOMMENDATION: that Council notes the increase, and that this is considered when budget-setting this Autumn.

5. BOWLS GREEN

During the month the Green has had treatments for dry spots, which became apparent as the hot weather took hold. The sward was solid tined, with 3 litres of wetting agents (curative) applied to the whole sward via a boom sprayer. This was washed in, along with the monthly feed. The irrigation has been set to run on night time, each evening this will assist washing the wetting agents through the root-zone. <https://www.pitchcare.com/news-media/wetting-agents-why-what-and-where.html>

Liquid fertiliser has been applied to sward, but unfortunately there is no quick fix to dry spot. Dry spot is a labour intensive task; 6 am soaking of dry spot areas, tining to unseal surface, liquid wetting agents topped up with localised spot treatments of tablet end hose application at 4 bar through a 3/4 inch hose. All forms of natural turf will be under severe stress in current conditions; those without irrigation will be in anaerobic condition whereas those with full time Groundsmen and equipment will be struggling the balance of water management and playing conditions. Further wetting agents have been applied and Noel has syringed high pressure water to dry spots to wash wetting agent into the root zone.

Irrigation is not part of the contract; however, we are grateful that through this dry period the Council has not been billed for extra works.

6. WESTCLYST SPORTS PITCH

Access:

All relevant parties have worked closely to coordinate the wider masterplan design so that it provides an integrated solution between the estate road, sports pitch access, cycle path and school. For the safe sequencing of construction, the ESFA has agreed for the school project (rather than the landowner) to install the permanent sports pitch access road for the Parish. However, this can only safely be done towards the end of the school project's programme of works as the space is needed for the contractor's safe temporary construction access. If the permanent sports pitch access road is constructed now, it would impede the school project and potentially delay school completion by next summer. Therefore, it has been agreed that:

- the landowners will provide a temporary pedestrian access via the footpath on the opposite side of the pitch, so access is safely away from the construction site
- the contractor's temporary access road can also be utilised as access for maintenance machinery for the sports pitch.

The permanent sports pitch access road will be installed next summer; the Sports pitch can be used during the school construction phase. A MOU between the landowner, EFSA, and the Parish Council is being drawn-up to this effect. All parties are aware that the access is to be provided through conditions in the original S106 agreement and not at the expense of the Parish Council; the condition will be monitored by EDDC.

Snagging:

Following a useful site meeting with the MD of Sportsfield, Barret David Wilson, Exe Turf Care and myself, we have amicably reached agreement on snagging. Sportsfields will be released from their maintenance obligations and the Parish Council's contractor (Exe Turf Care) will take responsibility, with Sportsfields carrying out deep tining along the southern run-off area later this year when ground conditions are favourable.

Formal landowners consent will be recorded so the Parish Council and authorised pitch users are authorised to maintain and use the pitch for the period between now and legal land transfer. Site security fencing will be rearranged to allow safe pedestrian and emergency access to the pitch during the school construction phase.

7. WESTCLYST ROADS

Enquiries/complaints about the unadopted roads on the Hillside Gardens estate land on our desk regularly, mainly relating to white lines (or absence of) and parking, especially at pinch-points such as the junction with the B3181 and the 'triangle' on Hawkins Road. Discussions are ongoing within DCC as to the provision of junction lines within the estate and double yellow lines in the bellmouth with the B3181, and as to the source of funding for the relating TRO's¹ as they were not requested in the S38 agreement.

There was no need recognised for the installation of 'Give Way' markings on road junction within the phases of the David Wilson/ Barrett Homes development, nor to the best of the DCC officer's knowledge will they be installed at the adoption stage. This is something we will continue to monitor and further pursue as Phase 2 builds out, which will cause traffic on Hawkins Road to increase exponentially.

8. EXTENDED YOUTH SERVICES PROVISION

Cranbrook Town Council (CTC) provides a weekly youth club at the Younghayes Centre which is run by Youth Genesis Trust <https://www.youthgenesis.org.uk/>. CTC and Youth Genesis are currently looking at ways to extend the youth services to a wider area, in part to address concerns around anti-social behaviour, and would be interested in looking at ways in which the Town Council could partner with neighbouring parishes if that would be of interest. They are also looking at the possibility of applying for Big Lottery funding for any extended youth provision.

I wonder how easy it will be to 'blend' provision as young people's issues in the outlying areas and smaller villages will differ to a degree from those in a growing town, for example we luckily don't have an issue with ASB but our curriculum includes challenges arising from rural isolation and social (not necessarily economic) deprivation. However, the 'bigger stuff' like respect, equality, abuse, county lines, online safety, job preparation,

¹ Highway authorities can place various restrictions on traffic within their areas by way of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) made under Parts I, II and IV of the [Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984](#), as amended. The procedure to be adopted by a local authority for making permanent orders is set out in: the *Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996* (SI 1996/2489) as amended;

interview techniques etc. are vital for all youth settings, and so I feel there is no harm in looking into this further in the first instance. An information evening is being arranged, dates TBC.

9. WARD POPULATION

Accurate population figures were requested in the grant funding application for Neighbourhood Plan technical support. The last census figures (which are given as a recognised source) are obviously out of date as it relates to 2011 occupancies, so help has been sought from EDDC. Figures as at mid-2016 show Broadclyst Ward population estimate to be 8,388; this is the largest Ward in East Devon.

10. AUTUMN BROADSHEET

Space has been in high demand for the forthcoming autumn edition; this will contain an additional 4 pages to carry community articles and paid adverts, as well as pictures from the Fun Day, Scarecrow trail, and aerial shots of Westclyst. Thanks as always to Judy for all her hard work in collating articles and laying out copy which takes a significant length of time each edition.

Thanks are also extended to Blood Homes, Minerva David Wilson, and Exeter Science Park for their co-operation in producing the strategic update, and to Steve Taylor for the aerial imaging.



Above left: Pinn Court phase 1 (Bloor Homes); 27 occupied, 37 sold. Construction commencing on shop/commercial area.

Above right: the hammerhead road at Old Park Farm 1 (Hillside Gardens – Barret David Wilson); sports pitch to the top left and school construction site to the top right of the road. The park and change site is immediately centre left of the road; shop/office block lower left; the care home site to the right.

Photo credit: Steve Taylor (July 2018)



Above left: Moonhill Copse site; 35 dwellings, almost all occupied.

Above right: Old Park Farm 2 (Saxon Brook – Redrow) sitting behind Phase 1; c.25 homes occupied

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This concludes my report to Council.

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