

Clerks Report

SEPTEMBER 2019

1. GROUNDSMAN REPORT

01.09.2019 We called today at the Bowling Green and cut the sward also applied fertilizer on the sward and applied herbicide to weeds.

03.09.2019 We called at the Westclyst Football Pitch today and cut the steep bank, strimmed the fence line and cut the pitch twice. No issues with entry to the Westclyst site, I have put my own lock on one gate that was pending a new lock from when they moved the fence line, should the school require access to the pitch I will remove temporary lock and replace with Council lock.

05.09.2019 We called at the Bowling Green today and cut the sward. Also called today at the Westclyst Football Pitch and cut the pitch twice.

08.09.2019 We called today at Westclyst Football Pitch and applied fertilizer to the pitch also applied selective herbicide, the conditions were perfect for carrying out this task.

10.09.2019 We called today at the Bowling Green and cut the sward.

13.09.2019 We called today at the Bowling Green and cut the sward also called in at Westclyst to carry out inspection.

16.09.2019 We called today at the Bowling Green and cut the sward, edged Green and spot treated weeds in ditch and in sward.

17.09.2019 We called today at the Westclyst Football Pitch and collected litter, cut steep banking, cut the pitch, cut tight to the boundary fence, applied seed and dressings to sward, applied selective herbicide to weeds

19.09.2019 We called today at the Bowling Green and cut the sward.

24.09.2019 We called today at the Bowling Green and the sward was waterlogged, also inspected the Westclyst site and the pitch had drained well.

The Groundman was asked how soon and what was needed to make the Westclyst pitch ready for hire:

Works on the Westclyst pitch to make it ready for hire could start from next week, Tues 1 October. My contract already includes 2 cuts for October. The other tasks to get the pitch up and running would be at extra cost i.e. Measuring out pitch, line marking, putting up nets and corner markers.

The following is needed to make Westclyst pitch ready;

I need to get the height of cut to 40mm it needs cutting again, weather permitting early next week, this sward grows extremely well, two cuts in sections. I need to re treat persistent broad-leaved weeds again 3rd time, this will be an ongoing task as there is a bank of weed seed not germinated within the root zone also new weed seed blowing in from a national collection of weeds held in the Orchard school grounds. Measuring out football pitch, then line marking, putting up Goal nets and corner markers it may be advisable to leave the nets and markers in situ, your decision. Continue with monthly schedule of works also advise extra cuts may be required, only two cuts in October 1 cut in November 0 December 0 January 0 February 1 March, grass is growing around 20 mm to 30 mm per week and will slow down in the winter to 10mm to 20mm per week. Also advise no vehicles to be used on the grounds as this will cause waterlogged pitch and prevent play, Foot traffic only.

27.09.2019 We called today at the Bowling Green and cut the sward.

2. WESTCLYST DOG SHOW 2019

Last year Broadclyst Parish Council hosted a Westclyst Fun Day in the Swale. The event turned out to be a hit with the residents of Westclyst. This year, after a Facebook survey, Broadclyst Parish council hosted a community Dog Show. This was a low - key event with local advertising. This was to encourage residents to walk to the Swale, without cars from further afield adding to the parking congestion.

The day of the show started off with lovely weather. A few residents turned up with their four pawed friends. With more following along. This resulted in a couple of hours in the sunshine with a lovely group of happy residents and approx. 20 well-behaved dogs. The East Devon "Devon loves Dogs" in partnership with South East Devon Habitat Regulations Partnership, very kindly provided free doggy goodie bags for all contestants.

There were 13 different classes, with a mix of beautiful furry contestants. Everyone's eye was on the main prize of "Show Champion" being announced at the end of the show with all the winners of the classes in with a chance. The prestigious trophy was awarded to brothers Oscar and Frazer with their show champion "Mabel" (picture below). Residents expressed their thanks for hosting the dog show and asked if next year there could be some form of refreshments. So, all positive feedback after a great community event.

Photos L to R: Westclyst Dog Show Champion - Mabel with her owners Oscar, Frazer and Judge Trudi; The start of Westclyst Dog Show 2019; Judge Trudi's glamorous assistant Ellis Curwood; Best Puppy. Bailey and Skye



3. CRANBROOK FC

Council has received notice that Cranbrook FC will be playing on Cranbrook pitches for the 2019/20 season and thereafter. The Captain has asked for his thanks and appreciation to be passed on to the team at the Pavilions, which has been the home of Cranbrook FC for its first 4 years. The slot will be taken by Broadclyst Seniors second team.

4. BROADBAND BOOSTER

Council received notification of an 8m pole to be installed on the B3181 under permitted development. Concerned that this is a tall pole to be placed at the village gateway, contact was made with Openreach who responded:

"Currently the Pinhoe/Broadclyst area has what we describe as superfast broadband. The new premium product which is being served by these said poles is ultrafast broadband with speeds of 50mb as a minimum and speeds up to 300mb at the top level. We have undertaken the project for the whole of Exeter and surrounding areas,

obviously this will be a great unique selling point for anyone looking to move to the area. Every household will be able to order this once we have completed the project.”

The field-based coordinator for the project has offered to respond to any questions the community wishes to raise.

5. WORK AROUND THE PARISH

The parish handymen have been busy these past few weeks with fixing and replacing the kissing gate on footpath 65 (Mosshayne/Blackhorse) which had completely rotted through and needed replacing.



This routine work is part-funded through the P3 (Parish Paths Partnership) grant from Devon County Council Rights of Way Department and part-funded by the Parish Council precept.

New signs are on order for the BMX track and Broadclyst Play park as well as new Dog poo signs for the playing field and in Westclyst to remind all dog owners of their legal responsibility to pick up after their dogs. The new signs will be put up as soon as they are ready. A fire assembly point sign has been replaced at the Pavilions due to sun damage.

6. LAG MEETING

On Wednesday 18th September, the Deputy Clerk attended the Local Action Group meeting at the Younghayes Centre in Cranbrook. At the meeting, the Deputy Clerk discussed with the group the report taken to Broadclyst Parish Council about the Community Safety Accredited Scheme. It became apparent that the members of the group – including the local police and other Councils - had not heard of / did not know enough about the scheme. The Deputy Clerk suggested it might be a project to explore with East Devon and to work collaboratively with the wider community in the future. The Deputy Clerk has forwarded the Community Safety Accredited Scheme links to the other members of the LAG group.

Devon & Cornwall Police published the crime figures and incidents recorded for 01.09.2018 to 31.08.2019. The area of Broadclyst had a drop of crimes recorded by 22.6% and 0.7% drop from Incidents recorded from the previous year 01.09.2017 to 31.08.2018. The Deputy Clerk asked for clarification on the area the figures covered, and that detail was not available.

7. DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

Council will be shortly installing a defibrillator at Westclyst Primary School; this will be the fourth defibrillator in the Parish. The Pinhoe Community Defibrillator Group expressed an interest in joining Broadclyst's package deal to install defibrillators in Pinhoe, a proposal which has been discussed and agreed in principle with the providers.

Additional defibrillators added to the original agreement are bound to the original agreement period, so the Pinhoe Community group would lose a year's support. There may be cross-boundary complications when renegotiating agreements and processing payments/reclaiming VAT.

Recommendation: for the Council to determine if the Pinhoe Community Defibrillator Group joins the Broadclyst agreement/MOU, or if it feels the Pinhoe Group would be better to have their own agreement and benefit from a full three-year support package.

8. PLANTING SCHEME

To tie in with the Great Trees project, to provide habitat for wildlife, and to offset carbon in Broadclyst village, officers have been liaising with the NT about planting on the Holly Close triangle and are currently trying to resolve its ownership. The land registry map is inconclusive, so we need to think carefully about not just planting but potentially using public money to maintain trees on what could turn out to be privately-owned land. Once ownership is established (or it is concluded that it is unable to be established) trees can be sourced. An enquiry has been submitted to the Woodland Trust about their community packs and am waiting for a response. There is a bee pack <https://shop.woodlandtrust.org.uk/treesforbees> which come as 4 very small trees (15-60cm); options for community packs can be viewed here <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>. The NT rangers have offered advice and practical support for the planting, which is gratefully noted.

Recommendation:

- a. that the Council approves, subject to necessary consents and agreements, to plant a copse of trees on the triangle of land at the top of Holly Close, opposite the Pavilions;
- b. that the council identifies additional areas suitable for tree planting across the parish.

9. WILL FOWLES

Several councillors and council staff were affected and deeply saddened by Will's death last week, but it is heartening that his closest friends have established a Facebook "just giving" page to raise money for Pete's Dragons: <http://gf.me/u/vq7nmr>. If you are unfamiliar with Pete's Dragons, it is a registered charity of nine years' standing based in Exmouth which provides specialist support to those affected by bereavement after suicide; it is part of a wider network named the National Suicide Prevention Alliance. You can find details of its work on its website www.petesdragons.org.uk.

We have also learned that Will's family will be collecting donations for The Coastguard Association charity, which supports serving and retired coastguards and their families in times of need. Information is on www.coastguardassociation.org.uk. This information is shared with all due respects to his family so that any member of the community who knew Will, his family, or has just been touched by what happened, can contribute in his memory if they wish to do so.

Recommendation: The Council has been approached by different members of the community for a memorial for Will; it is suggested that Council enables the community to plant a tree to provide a living memory.

This concludes my report to Council.

Angie Hurren,
Principal, SLCC.
Broadclyst Parish Clerk 30.09.2019

