

Clerks Report

NOVEMBER 2019

1. GROUNDSMAN REPORT

04.11.2019 We called at the Bowling Green today to carry out inspection, the Green is waterlogged disease is still in the sward, we noted delivery of fungicide and Turf marker, and will apply when conditions allow. Westclyst Football Pitch is looking good and draining well. The steep banking is waterlogged, we will cut when conditions allow.

05.11.2019 We called today at the Bowling Green and cut the sward, we noted Fusarium disease and red thread disease which will be treated as soon as environmental conditions allow.

15.11.2019 We called today at the Westclyst Football Pitch and carried out aeration and cut the sward. We are still waiting for a weather window to treat the Bowling Green.

The Bowls Green sprinkler system has been shut down for the Winter season with padlocks attached to the isolators for the sprinkler pump and control unit, so it doesn't get accidentally switched on.

2. LAG MEETING (LOCAL ACTION GROUP)

The last LAG meeting for this year was held on the 20th November at the Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook with the Deputy Clerk in attendance.

The new Community Development Worker for Cranbrook Town Council, Aynsley Jones was introduced to everyone alongside Cranbrook's new Country Park Ranger Alice Lloyd.

Discussions took place about the following topics:

1. Foodbanks – Food Action and FareShare were two other Food suppliers that might be of interest to the group as well as the Food Bank.
2. Exeter Food Action rescues excess food from shops and suppliers and redistributes it to charity organisations that feed people in Exeter, sharing food, stopping waste. Based in Marsh Barton this charity is a free service and are financed entirely by grants and donations. For any more info please see link; <http://exeterfoodaction.org.uk/>
3. FareShare South West supplies over 150 charities across the South West with fresh, tasty, in date food from the food industry. For any more info please see <http://faresharesouthwest.org.uk/>

- Tour of District Heating Energy Centre. Cllr Bloxham confirmed a date will be made shortly and will inform everyone nearer the time.
- The Cranbrook Education Campus explained workshops delivered to the children about parking were well received. Also, the children issued fake parking tickets to badly parked car with the support of teachers from the school.
- Cllr Bloxham explained about the Cranbrook Town Council's project to purchase CCTV cameras with the help from the OPCC Office (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) which could be linked in to the main Exeter CCTV hub.
- Christmas Tree chipping – The same arrangement as last year with a chipping point at Victory Hall carpark. Dates for this service to follow. A new chipping point will happen at Cranbrook. Final details to follow.
- David Whelan explained about the opportunity for Cranbrook and Axminster to become part of the new Devon Safer Town collaboration with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). This is a community safety partnership which has been successful in Cornwall and rolled out in 9 towns. Safer Towns aim to improve community safety and reduce crime and anti-social behavior. The partnership is made up of statutory organisations and a wide group of public sectors, voluntary, community and private organisations. More details to come at the next meeting.
- Cranbrook Town Council are proposing to invoice residents who damage grass verges with inconsiderate parking. The Town council has until now absorbed the cost of repairs to grass verges.
- Discussed Cranbrook's and Broadclyst crime figures for the past year. Cranbrook's have increased by 14.5% from 01/11/2018 – 31/10/2019 and Broadclyst for the same time period has come down by - 35.4%

3. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Broadclyst VIP's put on a fantastic community event on Friday 22nd November with their first Christmas tree light on ceremony. Carol singers entertained the public in the rain, whilst inside the Victory Hall had free mulled wine and squash for the little people. A craft area for Christmas decoration making was available, with the man in red making a timed appearance after the light switch on. A well turned out event with lots of local families coming together to enjoy the Christmas festivities. Well done to the VIP's.

4. PLAY PARK EQUIPMENT

The new piece of play equipment; the Choo Choo train picked out by the public/children at Funday 2019 has been installed. The eagerly awaited new addition has passed its post-installation inspection. The insurers have been notified of the new equipment; the annual additional premium due is £42.76 including Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) which has increased the future annual premium payable to £1,937.20 including IPT (NB: no pro rata additional premium due until the next renewal date on 8th June 2020).

5. CLIMATE EMERGENCY / CARBON PLAN

Broadclyst and Cranbrook have both set up working groups to look at this at a local level; it has been mooted that these groups join to share resources and expertise.

RECOMMENDATION: To consider if to merge the Broadclyst and Cranbrook groups.

6. HIGHWAYS

Station Road: Ref. recent complaints regarding commercial traffic on Station Road: DCC recognise the Cranbrook DPD will be the vehicle of change to re-route Station Road as part of the Cranbrook western expansion zone. Commercial transport businesses are operating lawfully with consent in terms of Planning and in Operators Licensing; while there is sympathy for the residents, the consents are not likely to be reversed.

Amazon: Issues are ongoing with litter in bus stops near Amazon, and casual van owner/drivers parking in Clyst Honiton and driving through Blackhorse rather than using the bypass. There is no operational travel plan, so Amazon will be invited to attend the SkyPark Liaison Group and to introduce a voluntary travel plan.

Fords footway: noted that new wooden sleepers are very slippery when wet. The Parish has some footpath funding that could be used to apply non-slip surfacing; Division Members have some locality money left.

Fords fencing: damage to western side fencing from RTA. The reclaim of repair costs through insurance has been raised with the County Division Member, as has the issue of plastic barriers becoming dislodged when Fords are in flood.

RECOMMENDATION: To consider allocation of P3 monies to improve the surface of the Fords raised walkway.

7. P3 FOOTPATHS

It's that time of year again for the annual footpath survey; submission of surveys to be completed by 17th February 2020. Please could all Members volunteer to walk paths and note defaults for reporting.

8. NOVEMBER 2019 FLOODING

A burst of wet weather caused localised flooding over the weekend 22-24th November, with the Parish flood / road warden team managing closures from Friday night to midnight Sunday.



9. COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS FORUM

The Devon Countryside Access Forum is seeking new members.

The Forum is a statutory local access forum under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. It has seventeen members who advise on the "improvement of public access to land for the purposes of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of the area.." The Forum gives independent advice to a number of Government bodies in addition to Devon County Council, district and borough councils and parish and town councils.

Appointments are made by Devon County Council and applications from anyone with an interest in recreational access are warmly invited. No formal qualifications are required. All applications will be considered and we would love to hear from landowners and managers, access users and people with other relevant professional interests such as planning, education, sport, sustainable transport and business. Although membership is voluntary, a generous mileage rate is paid. Formal meetings are held three times a year. There are occasional small working groups and a yearly training day.

In this round of appointments applications from walkers, women and those with a knowledge of the Definitive Map review process would be particularly welcome.

During 2019 the Forum responded to a number of local and national consultations including proposals for management of Fire Beacon Hill, and visitor access and management on the Pebblebed Heaths. It will be looking at the Natural England coastal access reports (the England Coast Path) on stretches between Kingswear and Cremyll and Combe Martin and Marsland Mouth early in 2020.

At one of its meetings in 2019, Forum members had a presentation from a Public Rights of Way warden and discussed how the network is managed and maintained. This theme was part of its Training Day when members visited the Granite Way and Pegasus Trail to talk about development of recreational trails, different use patterns, surfacing and maintenance.

Forum members participate in Parish Paths Partnership (P3) events and are always keen to learn about improvements that P3 groups have made locally.

Why don't you consider applying to join the Forum? It's an interesting opportunity and you can:-

- contribute to the debate- share your experience and expertise from your specific area of interest;
- meet and work with others- listen to and share ideas on solving access problems;
- help make a difference- influence local and UK policies which impact on access;
- be informed- receive regular local and national access information updates.

For details and an application form please see www.devon.gov.uk/dcaf The closing date is Friday, 21st February 2020.

This concludes my report to Council.

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Broadclyst Parish Clerk

26.11.2019