

Henry Gent report to Broadclyst parish council 6th November

Please excuse my absence.

Some recent activity in relation to the parish:

- LWCIP (Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan) for Clyst Valley. I missed the briefing for local EDDC and DCC councillors but got my own private briefing. Look out for the consultation.
- Poltimore Way. Residents continue to be concerned about details of the slight realignment of their junction with the B3181 in order to accommodate the pedestrian crossing of the B3181, (to assist people using the bus). I have asked for a site visit which is currently being re-scheduled but is imminent.
- Tithebarn Way junction with Honiton Road. Installation of lights in progress.
- Dysfunctional swales at Tithebarn apparently failing to do their job of alleviating run off. As Lead Local Flood Authority, DCC should be pressing the planning authority (EDDC) a bit more, I would have hoped. However I am told by officers that at this stage the onus is on EDDC to enforce the planning conditions on BDW ("Barretts"). This is not happening, and some of the run off from the roads is more or less going straight into the drains which run to the Pinn and thereby contribute to downstream flooding of property at Clyst St Mary. More than a year after a resident raised these issues, no progress has been made. However BDW have got contractors on site....
- Parking problems in and around Town Hill. After meeting with Cllr Liz Straw, I asked for consideration of two measures, as outlined by a resolution of the parish council earlier in the year (July I think). I am disappointed that after a site visit, the Highways team are not prepared to take either of these to HATOC. I am sorry I cannot attend on Monday and discuss the reasons given. I would summarise by saying that to get anything done at Highways, you have to be prioritised to the top of a long list at a time of very limited budget. Every year DCC are facing more requests for parking restrictions and are having to turn down more and more. These two proposed measures were:
 - DYLS installed recently on the B3181/Town Hill corner junction.
Extend eastwards, towards the school. Mitigate the loss of parking by shortening the DYLS further on.
 - *Install DYLS on Town Hill opposite the junction with Hellings Gardens.*
- Project with TCAT at Broadclyst and Westclyst primary schools to encourage pupils and their parents to consider active travel if appropriate. Cllr Sara Randall-Johnson and myself had sourced some funding, which was topped up by the parish council. This paid for the charity Sustrans to go into both schools and run this project. TCAT have been positive and were keen to weave it into their syllabus. It has included:
 - Review of existing measures to encourage active travel
 - An assembly
 - "Dr Bike" safety checks and minor repairs following after the school's Bike Ability sessions

- Air quality work: understanding and monitoring
- Establishing a base line of how many pupils walk, cycle, scoot (work in progress)
- Finally, some data from DCC's recent announcement

DCC Transport Capital Programme

The following excerpts from a recent decision of DCC Cabinet are of local relevance:

	total £,000	2023/24 £,000	2024/25 £,000
Pinhoe Access Strategy	519	475	44
Station Road Broadclyst footway	106	20	86
Exeter-Cranbrook multi-use trail	87	37	50
Langaton Lane	75	75	
Clyst Valley multi-use trail	20		20
B3174 London Road, Cranbrook	20		20
Pinhoe Rail station car park	19	19	
Tithebarn Way signalisation	246	246	
Long lane Clyst Honiton	46	41	5