

CLERKS REPORT FOR 03 FEB 2025

1. **Dog waste bins:** we had a positive encounter earlier in January with the operative and fed that back to EDDC, asking for a further look at capacity / service. We have suggested what the invoice should be for 24/25 based on the service frequency stated by the operatives, and are waiting for that to come through. We intend (and have had agreement in principle) to relocate one bin from the northern end of Mosshayne lane to the northern end of Langaton Lane, and await feedback from Barratts as to their plans for the Minerva area to see if/where a second bin can be placed at the southern end of Langaton lane.
2. **Food bank:** we have seen an expected seasonal increase in food bank referrals; the level of purchasing and donations from Tesco and Co-Op remains sufficient for current output.
3. Play Area Operational Inspection qualification renewal for myself and Natasha is due before June 2025. The renewal price from the same company we did the training with in 2022 is within clerks delegation and budget provision; this is reported to Council in line with Financial Regs.
Recommendation: that the council agrees the quote of £515 examiners fee and £185 per candidate renewal fee.
4. **Summer events:** Broadclyst Fun Day will take place on Saturday 28th June 2025 and an initial event planning meeting took place in January. Various actions have been allocated to committee members. Additional community summer events were also discussed. It was agreed that small community events offer a great opportunity for residents to come forward and plan their own afternoon, with council officers supporting and facilitating, rather than leading.
5. **Westclyst allotments (Bloor Homes site):**
Bloor is ready to transfer the allotments and raised beds to the Parish Council, with conveyance plans for the Food Growing Area being drawn up and the first draft with council's solicitors for review/comment.
It is anticipated being able to arrange for the transfer in Spring 2025, subject to legals.
6. **Tithebarn allotments:**
Similarly, following on from point 5, Cavanna has asked if the Parish Council will take the Allotments in the Equinox III site at Tithebarn. From an officers perspective, we would repeat the process that has worked well in Broadclyst and at Hillside Gardens (Westclyst) where we initially let the plots then support the first plot-holders to set up their own Allotment Association and self-manage, with the parish council remaining the superior landlord.
Recommendation: Allotment provision is one of the very few statutory duties of a parish council. It is therefore recommended that the Council resolves to accept the transfer of these and additional allotments across the new developments.
7. **Street naming:** Royal Mail and Persimmon Homes have accepted suggested names for the next set of streets in Tithebarn. We have always ensured local &/or historic connection to road names. This set of seven roads will take their names from potato varieties as a lasting record of crops grown in

the fields: Kestrel Grove, Osprey Row, Vivaldi Way, Pentland Drive, Russett Close, Marfona Gardens, Marris Place. (Marris and Pentland were/are UK potato 'breeders' whose varieties have made significant contributions to British agriculture and culinary traditions. Well-known varieties include Marris Piper and Pentland Dell).

8. B3181 field surface water run-off

Regular travellers of the B3181 between Broadclyst and Westclyst will have noticed a worsening of the pooling of water at Withy Bridge. During the January storms this caused danger to traffic, especially at night as the standing water is not easy to see.



Where surface water runoff discharges onto a public highway and causes flooding, responsibility typically lies with the landowner or occupier of the field who has a duty to ensure that their land does not contribute to flooding on public roads or highways. This has been raised with DCC Highways and EDDC Planning; there is a concern that a serious accident could happen with vehicles aquaplaning.

9. B3181 closure 28.01.25/29.01.25

On Tuesday 28th Jan, the office was alerted to a road closure associated with a SWW emergency that had potential to cause a significant amount of disruption to private and public transport. Although the signage was set out for a road closure, work did not commence. Comms from SWW and DCC Highways were conflicting and confusing, with nobody on site to provide clarification.

Eventually after a great deal of to-ing and fro-ing, work took place the following day and was completed in a couple of hours, *with no need to dig up the carriageway at all*. Complaints have been made.

10. Clyst St Mary & Sowton (Bishops Clyst) Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

The Clyst St Mary & Sowton (Bishops Clyst) Neighbourhood Plan (First Review) has been formally submitted to East Devon District Council, in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Comments on the Plan are now invited.

The Neighbourhood Plan document itself and supporting documents are available to view on/via our website at: [Neighbourhood Plans being produced in East Devon - Bishops Clyst \(Clyst St Mary and Sowton\) \(made\) - East Devon](#)

The consultation is now open and will run for just over the minimum 6 weeks, closing **9am 17th March 2025**.

11. Play area consultation

We ran a community consultation for the Equinox III LEAP (play area for 4-8 yr olds) on Friday 31 Jan 25. It was well-attended by 64 VIP 'voters' who gave serious consideration to where they wanted to place their sticker to indicate their chosen design.

With two exceptions, people were very appreciative of the opportunity to choose rather than have a top-down approach as so often seen in the planning and delivery of strategic infrastructure. Of the two exceptions, their complaints were around the equipment in the NEAP (next to Tesco) not being suitable for younger children and the intended LEAP being quite a distance away from the NEAP.

It was explained that play provision is deliberately chosen and set out for targeted age-groups for the safety of the children (imagine, if you will, a group of year 6 & 7 children charging around playing while there are toddlers using the same area). The location of the play provision by each developer was determined many years ago.

This concludes my report to Council.

Angie Hurren BEM
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NB: please note I have switched to new working hours for the winter which see the contracted 37hrs delivered flexibly in this pattern: Mon-Thurs 07:30-15:00hrs; 18:00-20:00hrs.

Please note that I do not work for the council on Fridays; however, I am contactable for emergencies only via my colleagues in the office.