

## CLERK'S REPORT

The “**Meet the Communities**” day was postponed in January. There is also a “**Keep Britain Tidy**” week in April. I have spoken to some of the community groups and suggest that we hold both events on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. This would be Tidy Up East Budleigh in the morning, with soup and a roll at around 12.30 pm. Then the “Meet the Communities” day would be from 2.00 pm to 4.00pm.

There is a lot of enthusiasm for both events. I already have photographs for a display of the Parish Council's achievements and for the tidy-up day, I have refuse sacks, high viz jackets and further equipment from Kate Ponting and East Budleigh in bloom. I will alert Highways to the event.

The cost to the Parish Council will be the hire of the hall in the afternoon plus some soup and bread rolls, tea and coffee in the morning.

I will ask for your agreement to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 at our meeting.

### **Road Works**

South West Gas continue to replace pipes in the area, with diversions being set up.

### **Pot Holes**

I have reported several potholes to DCC. They have a new budget for repairing them in the district.

### **Sir Walter Raleigh Community Pub**

When we meet, I will be able to report on the inaugural event in the Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The Steering Group of seven people comprises Mark Duffelen and Paul Smith (business men with many years of experience in setting up and running companies), Jim Bick (Chartered Accountant), Phill Parrott (Commercial Lawyer), Clare James (Estate Surveyor for Clinton Devon Estates), Tony Venning (Building Surveyor), Mike Pulley (Village Hall & community representative) and Judith Venning (Parish Clerk).

There have been weekly meetings via zoom, as the Group works its way through the intricacies of purchasing the premises – including surveys of the premises, drains, electrics & asbestos, setting up the companies for the purchase, preparing the share offer and planning publicity. Potential benefactors, shareholders and volunteers have been kept informed on plans and progress. The Groups are giving their time freely to the project. Completion is anticipated to be at the end of February. Information and pledge documents are available on the website – [www.sirwalterraleigh.co.uk](http://www.sirwalterraleigh.co.uk)

### **Correspondence**

Phone call from Mrs. Moyle re building works next to the Salem Chapel. Councillor Wensley investigated and is not aware of any planning rules being broken. The field is intended to be used for grazing by sheep.