

Report from Councillor Heather Houston 22nd March 2022

Traffic (and Platinum Jubilee) report

1. General Traffic Matters

As per usual, the next Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group meeting falls on the same day as the Parish Council Meeting, I will therefore update any pertinent issues on the evening.

Around the double yellow lines missing at junctions and providing potential safety issues-I have raised the Frogmore Lane/Budleigh Hill junction with Councillor Channon however we have missed this years' input deadline, however the Tidwell Lane junction was issued in time for the 14th February meeting, and so we await the outcome of the funding request.

The "20's plenty" campaign seems to be gaining traction within DCC but not necessarily for East Budleigh. Devon Highways have published in their Roadmap magazine a drive to approve these schemes for those who request it, however approval must come from our elected member and by 31st March. I can complete the application online myself, and we can do this with only Parish Council approval, however I would prefer both PC and elected member.

2. Speed Indication Sign

As usual, Judith has done a far better job of gaining responses from people and the task now sits with me to identify 3 possible locations for the new SID sign in and around Yettington.

3. Platinum Jubilee

I have submitted the road closure request (on behalf of PC/Village Hall) for Sunday 5th June, rotating around a lunchtime event. The road closure would be in effect from (but excluding) Wynards Road to Hayes Lane, as per the previous closure. As such I have issued details to emergency services and stagecoach.

I have spoken to Carole to discuss working with the pub on this event, and they are happy and willing to go with the idea of them preparing and selling BBQ food and drinks, rather than the parishioners doing this, and tables provided by the village hall.

Mike Pulley has submitted the grant application, however I think we need to consider the plan should the road closure be approved and the grant not, ie the funding for procuring road signs. If need be I can propose fundraising ideas for the day (cake sale etc) to cover costs, but any village hall or PC back up would be appreciated.

My remaining initial tasks include letter dropping the residents directly affected, and producing a save the date poster for wider distribution and the parish magazine.

Other planned activities include the Exeter Morris Men (attendance agreed but time under discussion) and a potential Union Jack theme.

Should the road closure not be approved, the general event will continue but likely in the village hall car park/green, and as such planning will continue in earnest.

Heather