

Parish Clerk Report for Parish Council Meeting on 31st May 2022

1. Feedback on the "Tidy Up" and "Meet the Communities" day has been very positive. The Parish Council article in the May Parish News includes several photographs of the event and the PC display.
2. The Wandering Pig has been granted a licence to continue trading.
3. Stinging nettles have built up on the Nature Trail – Jon Roseway will trim. DCC have advised that a thorough trim in the winter would help control the growth whilst still giving wild flowers a chance to flourish. This is now the Parish Council's responsibility.
4. Water has been flooding the road in Yettington for over 6 weeks. The Clerk has asked Highways to attend to the matter urgently. It is marked on their map as a cause for concern but has not been actioned.
5. Council await Vision Zero's purchase of a Speed indicator device. The speed can be adjusted if the application for "Twenty is Plenty" is successful. No date yet given for installation.
6. Rent has been received from the Football Club and the Tennis Club
7. The talk on Cybercrime has been cancelled by the Police due to staffing issues.
8. Skinners have repaired three lights in the ladies Toilets.
9. The P3 Grant of £500.00 has been received. Jon Roseway arranged for a contractor to assist with strimming, as he has become overwhelmed by the current growth - at a cost of £250.00 . Update: Work has been completed at a cost of £300.00
10. East Budleigh in Bloom have advised of their plans to plant a Mimosa in Vicarage Road at the top of Wynards Road. They have been advised to contact Tom Whitlock of Devon County Council to ensure they agree to the position.
11. The Tree planted by EDDC for the Platinum Jubilee has died, despite efforts at reviving it by Fiona Ward. The Clerk has asked the Council to replace it in the Autumn when it is more likely to survive. Update: DCC confirm the tree is still living.
12. The fallen tree on the Recreation Ground was felled on 19th May and on the advice of Kate Ponting (CDE) logs will be offered to the Parishioners and the chippings offered to Millwater School. Update. All logs have been removed.

Correspondence:

1. A resident has reported the poor cutting of grass on the Recreation Ground last week, leaving a ragged appearance and large tufts. StreetScene say the wet conditions were tricky but it will be cut again by the first week of June.
2. A resident reported notices had been littered by the PC Notice Board by the Rolle. . Unfortunately, the keys are of a universally available design. Hopefully, now the Clerk is back in post, and replacing notices regularly, this situation should not arise
3. Chris Taunton reported a potentially illegal parking by the sub-station in Hayes Lane. The Clerk checked with Highways. The large caravan has been there for only a week or so and cannot yet be treated as illegal parking. The Council will not become involved at this stage. Councillor Carter has since reported that it is indeed a temporary home for workers.
4. There are continuing concerns about the footpath from Russel Drive up to Oak Hill. A padlock and chain have been cut free. Ownership is uncertain but the matter will be referred to the Footpath Review.

N.B. Please note. There will be a change of venue for the June PC Meeting as the Village Hall is unavailable.