

Report from Councillor Heather Houston

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.

Judith has kindly found another potential volunteer for the Community Speedwatch, which brings our numbers to 7, I will therefore look to invigorate in the next month or 2 with longer warmer days bringing better conditions for Speedwatch.

I have had a further complaint around the lack of double yellow lines at junctions allowing vehicles to park in unsafe positions, granted against the Highway Code, but of course this goes unchecked. On this occasion it is the Frogmore road/Budleigh Hill junction, with cars parked at all extents. I would like to ask Councillor Channon to add this to the Tidwell Lane junction for funding this year for line painting.

I have attended a call set up by "20's plenty for Devon". This not for profit organisation aims to bring in a 20mph speed limit for villages, and I believe this may go some way to respond to some of the parishioners concerns around vehicle movements. That said, there is no guarantee associated with the proposal or acceptance, but it may be a good start. The process states that should the Parish Council approve putting the village forward for the scheme, we would inform our local Highway Officer and they will add our village to the list for consideration. This may not come with guarantee of funding for signage, but that can be considered should we be successful as it comes with no obligation to replace signage.

Speed Indication Sign

Judith has managed to secure funding from a grant for a new Speed Indicator Device which we plan to install in Yettington. I have emailed Emma Stamp to request approval for location and also understand the procedure for delivery and installation.

Platinum Jubilee

I have had the first meeting with a Village Hall representative to plan the platinum jubilee celebrations. At this point the plan is to apply for a special event road closure for the day of the 5th of June, lining the High Street with tables from the Village Hall with drink and some hot food on offer from the Sit Walter Raleigh. It will be dependent upon successful road closure, with specific details confirmed nearer the time with respect to theme (if any) and as the new management are available from the pub to discuss. It will be similar to the Sir Walter Raleigh celebrations in many ways, and the Village Hall representative is currently applying for a grant to assist in covering any costs associated (eg PL insurance, road closure if required and entertainment if proposed).

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