

## **Ugborough Parish Council News from our August and September Meetings.**

### **Questions from the Public and Matters Arising**

1. Installation of a permanent Petanque Court in Ugborough Square – we agreed that the current installation has been a popular and successful addition to the Ugborough Fair but as concern had been raised regarding responsibility for the court, what insurance was in place should there be an incident, and also the reduction in parking spaces we agreed that the clerk would contact the individuals who set up the Court to discuss plans for the future. Devon County Council have indicated that a permanent installation on the Highway is not an option at all. Although they were prepared to turn a blind eye for the temporary structure over the May Fair holiday period, they have requested that the court be removed now. We have decided to reconsider the matter at our October meeting and would welcome any feedback from residents and suggestions for possible locations
2. We had received a complaint regarding the vegetation left on the road from hedge-cuttings. Devon County Council share our concern and it is an issue around the county but the situation has never satisfactorily been resolved.
3. Our Lengthsman is concerned that the debris at the side of Lutterburn Stream is washing back into the stream. As this is on private land Devon County Council cannot clear it. However, following the flood meeting earlier in the year they are now in a position to fix a new grill which should improve the situation. We will be talking to Undertown residents regarding the matter.
4. We are pleased that our grass cutters have agreed to trial an alternative non-glyphosate weed-killer in Ugborough
5. Cllr Beable thanked Cllr May for clearing the overgrown vegetation along the footpath in Wrangaton

### **Devon County Council and South Hams District Council**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Thomas (DCC), DeWynter (SHDC) and Abbott (DCC and SHDC) for our September meeting. The September report received from SHDC Councillors DeWynter and Abbott is on the [website](#).

Summary:

Call for development sites

Fly-tipping CCTV cameras

Free Adult Education Opportunities across Devon

Reduce the risk of Wildfires

Crisis and Resilience Fund

Stay safe around water

Volunteer drivers wanted

Cllr Abbotts August reports for Devon County Council and South Hams District Council are also available on the website.

### **Planning**

Ten new applications were considered at the two meetings and we had received 12 decisions made by South Hams District Council and Dartmoor National Park – details are in the minutes of the meetings on our website.

### **Finance**

We were pleased to receive the External Auditor's Report in August giving us a clean bill of health.

### **Highways, Parish Paths and Transport**

1. We have purchased another vehicle activated speed camera for Bittaford where there are on-going concerns regarding speeding through the village.
2. Cllr May has now undertaken Road Warden training and we have agreed to join the Devon County Council Road Warden Scheme which will enable us to do minor works (including filling pot-holes) on non-classified roads. We do now need volunteers to join a team and if you would like further information please email our clerk.

## **Assets and Maintenance**

1. We have received an estimate of £1000 for the refurbishment of the bus shelter in Ugborough Square and will be requesting a detailed quote before making a decision.
2. We have purchased a new bench for the Lucerne Fields' Estate

## **Local Government Reorganisation Update**

We welcome the Government's decision to pause the plans for reorganisation in Devon. This will now be a standing agenda item for us and we will continue to work with our neighbouring Councils (the 13 currently proposed to be absorbed into a Greater Plymouth) to ensure the voice of Ugborough Parish is heard.

Our next meeting on Wednesday 14th October in Ugborough Village Hall will start at 7pm and you are all welcome to come along for a discussion with Devon County Cllr Dan Thomas regarding The Local Government Review.

**Date of next meeting:            Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00pm in Ugborough Village Hall**