

Ugborough Parish Council News from our October Meeting

3 members of the public attended the meeting

Questions from the Public and Matters Arising

1. The meeting began with the members of the public raising their concern regarding the on-going problem of speeding traffic on the A3121 and the dangerous junction at Ludbrook. We discussed various solutions with Cllr Thomas and he outlined the various policies regulating action that can be taken on major roads. Finally we agreed that our clerk would discuss suitable sites for the possible installation of a speed warning camera with our DCC Highways Officer and request also that signage on the road be reviewed with a view to installing additional warning signage at the junctions.
2. Cllr Dan Thomas then summarised the current status of the paused Local Government Review and answered our questions regarding possible outcomes, time-scales (can't be answered) and any potential impact on local elections. (None)
3. Prior to the meeting a resident had requested that we take a look at parking on Lutterburn Street, Ugborough. Two Councillors had done a site visit but there are no parking infringements and so we are unable to pursue this matter. As always, we ask that people park considerately throughout the parish.
4. In response to a request we will purchase an additional sign advising on the considerate disposal of dog waste for the field on the road from Ugborough Village to The Sign of the Owl. Again, we would ask that dog owners clear up after their dogs and dispose of their dog's waste in the bins provided in the village or take the bags home.
5. We have been told that the previously scheduled Highways work to widen the road on the B3196 Fowlescombe to Loddiswell using monies raised through new development funding had subsequently been cancelled. We had not been made aware of this and Cllr Thomas will investigate.
6. Devon County Council are ready to install a new grill on Lutterburn Stream and Undertown residents have received a letter detailing the work and seeking approval for the work
7. The Management Company for the Lucerne Fields Estate have no knowledge of our missing bench. We will consider a replacement as part of the budget setting process at our November meeting.

Devon County Council (DCC) Councillor Update:

- The DCC Special Educational Needs Development plan has been approved and £191m is government funding is back in the budget.
- An additional £4.5m spend on Highways has been approved - £3m for capital projects and the remaining for a new rapid response initiative and improved drainage works on highways.
- Cllr Thomas is investigating why the agreed planting of the field adjacent to the Kitterford Roundabout has not taken place.

South Hams District Council (SHDC) Councillors Update:

Cllrs DeWynter and Abbott had sent apologies. Their report is on our [website](#).

SUMMARY

- Flu Vaccine Programme
- Saxon Gate
- Repeated Call for Sites
- New Planning Laws
- Heritage at Risk
- Junior Life-skills
- Council and Citizens Advice team up on money support
- CCTV and Fly-tipping
- Torcross Sea Defence Work
- Dartmouth Lower Ferry
- Consultations – registered taxi fares

- Proposed Animal Licensing Policy

Planning

We considered 5 applications, supporting 3 and objecting to the construction of 8 open market dwellings on Palace Lane, North Filham on the grounds that there is inadequate infrastructure or employment use opportunities to sustain further residential development in this area. We commented that we would prefer that the proposal to reduce the previously approved 3 parking spaces to 2 on one of the Lutterburn Farm development properties was not approved.

We noted the appeal decision to allow the build of the Aldi store on Rutt Lane and we will be contacting them to remind them of the actions we had listed in our response to the original application which would have earned our support and ask that Aldi consider these options moving forward.

Finance

We are pleased to grant fund £500 to Ivybridge Ring and Ride who support individuals in our community by running weekly shopping trips (supermarkets and market towns), monthly social excursions (garden centres, cafés, seaside, Dartmoor) and individual car journeys which take people to and from various appointments (hospital; dentist; doctor; hairdressers etc). Every journey is door-to-door and drivers support individual passenger needs (e.g. taking shopping into the kitchen, assisting getting in and out of the vehicle).

We encourage anyone struggling with access to transport to contact this charity:

Ivybridge & District Community Transport Association

Unit 15, The Watermark Business Centre, Erme Court, St Leonards Rd, Ivybridge PL21 0SZ
01752 690444

Email: info@ringandride.net

They would also be interested to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer as a driver.

Assets and Maintenance

1. We had received no proposals for the installation of a permanent Petanque Court in Ugborough Village – this will be kept under review. Meantime we agreed that we would support a temporary installation for The May Fair 2027 with the period being agreed in advance.
2. We have agreed the refurbishment of the Ugborough and Wrangaton bus shelters
3. Bittaford Play Area

We are very pleased with the new equipment that has been installed and the repair of the path - fingers crossed that the grass planted in the foundation tiles grows quickly. To complete the project there will be further flood prevention work, removal of the old fence, and a rewilding project.

4. We have asked South Hams District Council who look after the play park in Ugborough Village to hard prune the Bay Tree which is slowly overtaking the area.
4. We will be budgeting for a new shed for The Burial Ground in 2027-2028

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th November, 7.30pm

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING WILL BE TAKING PLACE IN BITTAFORD VILLAGE HALL – all are welcome to attend as usual.