Ugborough Parish Council News from our November Meeting

No members of the public attended the meeting

Questions from the Public and Matters Arising

1. Residents of Moorland Close have told us that parking on Wrangaton Road near the junction to the Close is restricting visibility for drivers exiting the Close. Clerk will ask Devon County Council Highways to review the situation.
2. We have been told that the hedge on the Ugborough Road alongside the Bittaford Wood Park is obstructing the highway. Clerk will ask Devon County Council Highways to review the situation.
3. Our contractors have told us that the new product being used on weeds in Ugborough Square is not performing well. We have agreed to continue the treatment in the spring before assessing success or otherwise of the product

Update from Devon County Council Councillors

Cllr Dan Thomas had sent apologies and a short update:

- He has requested the white lining works above Ugborough School and asked for them to be prioritised.
- He is having low level discussions with our Highways Officer about a speed reduction in Ludbrook
- He has asked the Assistant Director for Highways (Planning) to look into whether schemes were proposed or s106 monies collected / earmarked for the road to the south of Kittaford Cross.

Cllr Abbott

- Raised concerns regarding the use of Godwell Lane as a cut-through (a particular problem when there are highways works on St Peters Way) – the matter was discussed and it was agreed that any action to close the road to vehicles would be difficult.

Update from SHDC Councillors Alison DeWynter and Vic Abbott
The full report is available on our website. Summary:
Youth Services Ivybridge Leisure Centre
Animal Licensing Consultation
Addington Fund
Fly-tipping CCTV cameras
Shared ownership property available – Wrangaton
CAB Newsletter
Free Adult Education Opportunities
Crisis and Resilience Fund
Volunteer Drivers needed

Cllr DeWynter gave an update on the noise nuisance situation in Ugborough and the progress with the sale of land for self-build properties in Ugborough Village.

Planning

We considered 2 new planning applications and had received 7 decisions from South Hams District Council and Dartmoor National Park – further details are available in the minutes to the meeting.

Finance

We reviewed the first draft of our budget for 2027-2028 and this will be agreed at our December meeting along with the precept demand for next year. If you have any ideas for things you would

like us to do or provide please let the clerk know as soon as possible so that it can feed into the process.

Climate and Environmental Issues

Modbury Parish Council has approached us for support in raising awareness of recent research that has highlighted the issue of dog faeces in water. This has been identified in the River Erme. A very small amount is a potent pollutant in a watercourse and poses health risks to wildlife and humans. We have agreed to support Modbury Parish Council.

Highways, Parish Paths and Transport

1) We have reported the concerns that have been brought to us regarding the boundary fence on the Ugborough Road at Bittaford opposite Bittaford Woods.

2) It has been brought to our attention that there have been difficulties recently with the 91 bus service in Ugborough - late arrival and / or no shows. Country Bus have reported restricted access to the village on Ware Hill due to parked cars and we would encourage everyone to consider this when parking vehicles as this could also be a potential problem for emergency vehicles. Meantime we will contact the company to see if there is anything we can do together to improve the situation.

Assets and Maintenance

We are very pleased with the new equipment in Bittaford Play Area and work is now underway to complete the flood prevention work, repair the fence and create rewilding areas. If you haven't been to the Play Area recently do go along and take a look – a lovely sheltered spot for a winter picnic!

Meetings attended by Councillors

1. Cllr Hosking had attended a meeting regarding the status of public conveniences in the country. 84% of public conveniences have been handed back to the local community and are being retained by the precept. Average annual upkeep cost is £24,000. There are currently no government funding or community grants available to support the upkeep. We will be receiving an update from Ugborough and Bittaford "AtYourConvenience" at the December meeting.

2. Cllr Beable had attended the Moor To Life open day event at Wrangaton Golf Club providing alternative educational and leisure opportunities for neurodiverse young people.

3. Cllr Beable had attended the Police Crime Commissioners meeting. He shared the Community Messaging Service which we have now signed up to as a Council. If you would like to receive alerts go to the website https://alerts-members.dc.police.uk/Join

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th December, 7.30pm in Ugborough Village Hall

Date for your diary:

The 2027 Annual Parish Community Meeting will be on Wednesday March 10th at 7pm in Ugborough Village Hall.