

## Ugborough Parish Council October Newsletter

### Introductions

Hello. My name is Sally Smale and I am the new clerk for Ugborough Parish Council. If there is anything I can help you with please email [ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ugboroughpc@yahoo.co.uk) or call me on 07814849131

I am very happy to be working with Ugborough Parish Council and Sarah has left everything in excellent order which is always welcome when starting a new job - I thank her for that.

And so here is my first newsletter on behalf of The Council.

### Matters raised by members of the public at our last meeting

It was noted that the bus shelter to be provided at Wrangaton as part of the new development agreement was still not installed. **Cllr Holway will pursue this.**

There had been damage to the porch of a property on Ware Hill caused by a speeding vehicle – **Cllr Fletcher will bring this to the attention of DCC Cllr Thomas**

An additional dog poo bin has been requested by a resident of Lucerne Fields on Footpath 16 – **JF to send details to Cllr Abbott who has a spare bin that can be moved there.**

Availability of seating on the school bus was raised – **this person was referred to the DCC website**

### Devon County Council News

**Finance** - An overall overspend is estimated at £35.6 million, £18.6 million in savings and income are being proposed by officers who have joined forces from all Council services to identify ways to safeguard County finances. Therefore a £17 million overspend is currently predicted for this financial year ending March 2023.

**Avian Flu** - There are some cases of bird flu currently in Devon, and the government's Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) requested that a protection zone be set up around outbreak areas so that people living in or visiting the area can take extra care to help reduce the risk of it spreading. A map of the Avian Influenza Prevention Zone is available on the [government's website](#). The risk to public health from the virus is very low and the Food Standards Agency advice remains unchanged, that avian influenzas pose a very low food safety risk for UK consumers. Properly cooked poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are safe to eat.

### South Hams District Council News

- 3 Ukraine support officers have been appointed and further information from government on the future operation of the assistance schemes is expected.
- The Waste collection service will be brought in house in October but there could still be difficulties recruiting sufficient drivers and loaders.
- The out turn for 2021/22 was just over £200,000 lower expenditure than expected on a budget of over £9 million.
- Sustrans have been given the go ahead to do the feasibility study for the Ivybridge to Bittaford Cycleway following the grant funding from SHDC.

**Cllr Holway has offered to help clear any unemptied brown bins parishioners were unable to deal with themselves**

## Planning

Council considered 8 planning applications and noted 3 decisions made by South Hams District Council. For further details see the [minutes](#) to the September meeting.

**Dartmoor National Park** has announced that the new planning application IT handling system changeover is scheduled from 13 - 30 September. For further details go to their [website](#)

## Grant funding

We are very pleased to be grant funding the excellent village website £170.00

We are also pleased to have received £415 from Devon County Council towards the work of our Lengthsman.

## Correspondence

Council considered and agreed to the proposal from Bloor Homes for Street naming Phase 2 Filham after regional birds: Siskin, Greenfinch, Linnet, Goosander, Pochard, Gadwall & Pintail

The Dartmoor National Park Authority are consulting on the A38 Corridor Access to the Moor. Council agree that additional access to the Moor is needed in the light of the new development to the East of Ivybridge. If you would like to have your say go to their [Consultation map tool](#).

## Bittaford Play Park

Council were sad to hear that the recent heavy rain had damaged the new path through the park and are liaising with DNP to make it good again. The repairs to the see-saw are in hand so watch this space .... We will also be partnering with DNP to improve accessibility to the park providing an accessible picnic bench when DNP install a new gateway next year.

## School and Pre-School

The Council continues to pursue a suitable agreement with Westcountry Schools Trust for use of the School field.

Council fully supports the efforts to build a new pre-school building but agreed that the Burial Ground would be an unsuitable location for the pre-school based on previous objections from the community to use of the ground in the past. The new proposals for possible locations – Anchor Inn barn area in the car park and Workhouse Field were considered and it was agreed that there were no strong feelings against either location but that The Anchor Inn was preferred.

**The next Meeting** will be held in the Committee Room at Ugborough Village Hall from 7.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. You are welcome to join the meeting and ask questions about local issues.

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