

## Ugborough Parish Council

### April Newsletter

#### March meeting public forum

Although no members or the public attended the meeting a few matters had been raised with Councillors since the February meeting:

- There has been a warning about a spate of the theft of catalytic converters in South Brent
- A request has been made for a dropped kerb to improve accessibility on the pavements opposite Palace Lane, Ivybridge.
- A request has been made for the clearance of the road debris at the bottom of Lutterburn Street

#### Dartmoor National Park

Ella Briens (Dartmoor National Park Authority Ranger) gave an update on Park matters. Her report is available on the parish council website. She thanked Cllrs Hart and Nelson for their partnership working at Bittaford Play Area and Cllr Hart thanked her and DNPA for their support.

#### Report from Devon County Council

Cllr Thomas had submitted a detailed report which is available on the website. It covers:

- New Chief Executive
- Budget
- Parents voice frustration with Children's Services
- New photo ID rules for voters

#### Report from South Hams District Council (Cllrs Tom Holway and Vic Abbott)

The full report is available on the website. It covers:

- Waste Disposal and Recycling
- Wild About Devon Grants
- The coming elections

#### Planning

##### 1. We considered 3 planning applications:

a) 0506/23/VAR\_ Ms Dominique Perry - Dom's Equestrian Application for variation of conditions 3 (use of development) & 4 (use of manege (retrospective)) of planning consent 2188/19/VAR Land At SX 666 559 Upper Lordswood Stables Ugborough Ivybridge - **We do not object to this application but have asked SHDC to consider how the number of horses and vehicles coming to the site can be restricted to avoid traffic congestion on the narrow lane.**

b) 0391/23/FUL Mr W Thomas Erection of 20 ground mounted Solar Panels on one frame

Land At Sx 661 550 Bittaford - **Support**

c) 0507/23/HHO Mr & Mrs Andrew & Isobel Hamilton Householder application for first floor extension Palk Cottage Ware Hill Ugborough PL21 0NZ - **Support** – This application came in after publication of the agenda and comments are requested prior to the next meeting.

##### 2. Over the last month we have received 2 notifications of planning decisions made by South Hams District Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority:

a) Erection of detached bungalow with parking, 5, Beacon Terrace, Wrangaton, South Brent, Devon, TQ10 9HD – **Refused**

b) 0330/23/TEX T1: Monterey Pine - Fell due to tree being diseased and very dangerous

Ivybridge Railway Station, Ivybridge, PL21 0QR – **Exemption granted and work allowed**

3. We have received a reply from Dartmoor National Park **regarding the status of Wrangaton with regards to planning regulations.** The full response from DNP can be seen on our website. An extract:

*Whilst it is acknowledged that Wrangaton is strategically well located, it is itself poorly served and there are currently not considered to be services and facilities within the settlement which would reasonably justify its elevation to a classified settlement. It is acknowledged that there is a permission (to the south of the road, outside the National Park) for a small residential development including a community shop. Were this to be implemented, including the shop, DNPA could review the status of Wrangaton in the future.*

## **Finance**

We reviewed our burial fees and it was agreed to increase by 5% rounding down to the nearest £5 where appropriate. The new charges (taking effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023) can be seen on our website.

## **Parish walking maps**

We aim to produce 7 leaflets promoting our wonderful local footpaths and these will be paid for with the grant funding we receive from Devon County Council through the Parish Paths Partnership arrangement to look after the footpaths. We will also be seeking local sponsorship

## **Climate Emergency**

1. A meeting is planned with GUP after the Easter Holidays to take ideas forward in partnership – our focus is transport, energy reduction in homes and widening awareness and participation in initiatives
2. We are delighted to grant fund Sustainable South Hams with £50 towards the Rivers Assembly on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Parish Council Assets**

### **1. Bittaford Bus Shelter**

Thank you to everyone who has commented on the proposal for the community project led by our Ukrainian guests to decorate the shelter. We support the option to focus on the interior and will agree funding when a detailed proposal is received.

### **2. Bittaford Play Park**

We hope that the new accessible picnic bench and new gates will be installed soon. We are very pleased to have finally received an affordable quote for the installation of a nest swing to replace the existing structure which is in very poor repair. We hope this will be in place for the summer. We are applying to South Hams District Council for grant funding for the wild seed planting in the Bittaford Play Area (in partnership with GUP) and look forward to this project coming to fruition.

### **3. Tree Planting**

The silver birch Landmark Tree gifted from Devon Wildlife Trust will be planted in the Burial Ground

## **Highways & Rights of Way**

A few of us met with our Devon County Highways engineer and Cllr Thomas at **Beacon View** junction (Bittaford) last week. We looked at various options to ease the difficulties presented to residents exiting the blind junction onto the B3213 and we have decided to erect a large warning sign with a yellow back plate either side of the road approaching the junction on the approach from Ivybridge and, when our Vehicle Activated Speed camera has been repaired, to temporarily install it at the junction in order to monitor traffic coming in both directions.

## **School Field**

We have still not received communication from the school and will chase one more time.

## **Dates of next meetings:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30pm in The Ugborough Village Hall – speaker to be announced.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April Council Meeting, 7.30pm in The Ugborough Village Hall