report

From: Councillor Jessica Bailey <Jessica.Bailey@devon.gov.uk>

Sent: Sun, 7 Jan, 2024 at 19:29

To: Susan tyrrell

Dear Susan

Happy New Year!

Tomorrow's meeting clashes with Ottery town council's meeting, and I am going to come to CR first before then going to Ottery.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this email to councillors by way of report in advance of the meeting:

- 1. At DCC's cabinet meeting on 13th December there was an agenda item of the self delivery of highway improvements. Agenda for Cabinet on Wednesday, 13th December, 2023, 10.30 am Democracy in Devon. I followed this up with a senior highway officer Robert Richards who advised me "The self-delivery initiative that was approved by Cabinet in December was based on taking forward a trial of different types and scales of improvements across different geographies, as such can I suggest any proposals are sent to myself and Tom Vaughan in the first instance. We will then look at the schemes on their merits and decide which ones will fall into the trial". Myself and Tom Vaughan are available on Friday 12th (am) and Thursday 18th (pm) to come to Colaton Raleigh if that would be helpful to meet Stephen and other interested councillors.
- I am concerned about the closure of the footbridge between Ashtree Farm and Dotton and am organising an urgent meeting with the chief engineer hopefully for this week.
- 3. Before Christmas I submitted a letter of support for an expression of interest by the EA and partners for funding for natural flood management in the Otter Valley (e.g. changes to land management, tree planting, creation of ponds, renaturalisation of rivers etc). There is national programme of £25 million specifically for Natural Flood Management and the grant application submitted by the EA locally is targeting those areas that were flooded in the Otter Valley on 9th May 2023, including Colaton Raleigh. I am expecting to find out early this year whether the Expression of Interest has been successful.
- 4. I was advised on Friday that resurfacing and associated works on B3178 Exmouth Road, Colaton Raleigh, will take place on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th January 2024 between the hours of 09.00 15.30. Please see the one.network: https://one.network/?GB135782415. DCC's contractor will be doing a letter drop to residents within the road closure.

Happy to discuss these matters and any other issues tomorrow.

Best wishes

Cllr Jess Bailey Otter Valley Ward

Cllr. Melanie Martin Report January 2024

EDDC Flood Warnings

If you aren't receiving these flood warnings already, I highly recommend that your Emergency Plan Coordinator gets in touch with David Whelan to receive these emails. Here is an example -

IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

A Flood Warning has been issued by the Environment Agency.

Flood Warning in force: River Clyst from Broadclyst to Clyst St. Mary.

Flooding is expected for: riverside locations and roads between Broadclyst and Clyst St. Mary, including Broadclyst, Ashclyst, Clyston Mill, Sowton Barton, Newcourt Barton, the A3052 at Clyst Honiton, and the B3181 at Broadclyst. Immediate action required.

Flooding is expected.

Heavy rain has fallen and is likely to continue throughout the evening (Thursday 04/01/24) and will continue until early Friday morning. This is causing the River Clyst to rise and the river is forecast to continue rising.

Properties and low lying areas around Ashclyst Farm, Burrow Bridge, there is likely to be deep road flooding in the Burrow area, Broadclyst Bridge, Clyston Mill, Dymond's Farm, Sowton Barton and properties and farms between Clyst St. Mary and Topsham including Newcourt Barton and Cotts Farm.

Flood waters may be deep and fast flowing in these areas. Residents are strongly urged to take action now. Remain safe and be aware of your local surroundings.

We will be continue to monitor the situation, this message will be updated on Friday or earlier as the situation changes.

Local Land Charges Register

EDDC have worked with HM Land Registry to transfer all local charges to their national register. You can now search for information such as restrictions, prohibitions on the use of land or property, listed status etc making the buying of property easier. You can download a personal search free of charge or have an official search done for £15, which will give you unlimited repeat searches for six months.

Decarbonisation Support Grants

EDDC has set aside 207,000 for grants to help with decarbonisation support. Organisations will be able to benefit from free training, carbon surveys and carbon action plans to help them save money and increase profitability by reducing waste and carbon emissions. Firms

which take part will be able to apply for grant funding later this year to help deliver their decarbonisation plans.

You can contact Anne Mountjoy, Marketing and Communications Officer for details.

Beach Management Plan Steering Group

On Thursday 7th December, the funding of the Budleigh Salterton Beach Management Plan study was provisionally agreed at capital budget setting, to be signed off in January with funding available from April to develop a beach management plan.

This will bring together all interested parties in a invited but public meeting for everyone to discuss the issues and look at management of the beach and beyond into the future given environmental and funding constraints. The aim is to produce a single one stop shop document outlining what natural processes are occurring, estimating their future pattern and what we can and can't do (given constraints) to manage the risk going forward. The Beach Management Plan Steering group will be the best forum for all interested parties to discuss the cliff and beach management and prior to setting up, we will need representatives from the Town Council, Ward Members, and other interest groups such as

beach users and residents. In due course EDDC will be in contact to help identify people to

Tom Buxton Smith, Engineering Projects Manager.

New 358 Bus Service Otterton to Exeter via Budleigh and Woodbury

Operated by Stagecoach this will, commence on January 8th. See Travel Devon website for details

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invite.

We have begun work on the Sensory Garden, if anyone is interested in helping, please let me know.

Cllr Henry Riddell January 2023 Report

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and to say that I look forward to working with you all over the next year.

Blackdown House is now fully open again after the Christmas break and all services have resumed.

Just a couple of things to note this month;

Budleigh Salterton Public Toilets:

In the EDDC toilet review, both toilets on the seafront were identified as Category A. The Lime Kiln end will be knocked down and a new modular building will take its place. The planning permission has been submitted for this and it is hoped that work will be completed by the 1st June at the latest. If the work is delayed by any further than this then temporary toilets will be provided for the summer season. The toilets at the West End of the seafront will be hopefully refurbished over the Winter of 2024/2025. The toilets are currently in a bad state so myself and Cllr Martin have requested that there is clear signage on the beach so that residents and visitors see that this work is being carried out imminently. I will attach a photo of the proposed plans below. It is a welcomed, overdue and positive upgrade for the seafront and with the LORP now being complete, along with the new playpark in Lime Kiln we hope that the beach can be a fantastic place for visitors, and I look forward to it being enjoyed. It is great to see our Ward getting its fair share of funding.

Budleigh Salterton Youth Project:

I have spoken before about the new youth project that we have set up in Budleigh Salterton. It is proving to be more popular than ever and is open to children from Budleigh, East Budleigh, Yettington, Otterton and Coloton Raleigh. However, uptake is still not great from the surrounding villages. If anyone has any ideas on how to boost this, please get in touch.

We are holding an open morning for young people and parents at the Venture Hall in Budleigh on Saturday 27th January from 10am-11am. This will be an opportunity for everyone to find out more and tell the committee what they would like to get out of the project. Things like: Trips, Ice Skating, DJ lessons, Cooking Classes and Swimming are all things that have been mentioned. If anyone knows anyone who would benefit from the project, please send them along of ask me for more information.

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