

COUNCIL - 5th MAY 2021

UPDATE AND INFORMATION

Councillor updates, conferences and events

Cllr Dredge attended a 4 session course on crime prevention. The slides are attached along with a report from Cllr Dredge.

If any Councillors wish to update Council on activities that they have undertaken on behalf of the Town Council, then these please submit these in advance.

Forthcoming training/conferences/representation

The Mayor had been invited to officially open the Bookshop when Covid restrictions allow.

The Police's South Hams Sector Inspector Nicky Baker has invited the Clerk, Mayor and Council's Police Representative to an 8 weekly meeting to update the Council on strategic policing matters across the area.

General Information

Reopening of Ivybridge

The Bloomers completed the planters on Fore Street, with the plants paid for from some of the remaining High Street grant received before Christmas. The Chamber organised planting over the Glanvilles Mill bridge from the same money.

Information was provided to the SHDC Communication and Media Team for them to work on some town specific branded social media posts and press release encouraging respectful, safe shopping in Ivybridge.

The Watermark opened the Coffee Shop on 12 April on trial basis, and has already increased the opening hours. It is looking likely a return to near full opening will be possible from 17th May if public confidence and customer levels allow and the Government unlocking of restrictions continues as planned. Cinema is likely to start in half term.

There does not seem to be any further information about the £50k match funding agreed by SHDC at their March Full Council meeting. This was part of SHDC's 'Investing in South Hams Economic Recovery' plan.

Active Travel

The further signage work funded by Wain Homes is now complete.

Dartmoor National Park have approached Graham Wilson and the Town Council regarding a project they are working on promoting active travel and tourism around the A38 corridor. More information will be brought forwards when known.

Access to the Moor

Further discussions with Dartmoor National Park, Harford Parish Meeting and Ugborough Parish Council are planned to develop ideas to improve access to the Moors, particularly for people travelling by car to park and walk. Dartmoor National Park have gained permission from Devon County Council to promote the train station car park as an alternative to the Harford Moor Gate car park which has been closed by the landowner due to excess erosion in and around the car parking area in that location. The use of the railway car park may also benefit rail users as signage onto the moors could be improved as part of the proposals.

Filham Park Masterplan

Further work has been carried out by our consultants on the outcome of the consultation and an outline plan will be brought to the next Parks & Open Spaces Committee for consideration before a further update is then taken to the public. It is hoped at that point to be in a position to have some timescales applied to the various elements and a projected budget and funding plan to secure the allocated S106 funding and gain funding from other sources.

Council Website

We had hoped to make the new website live in April, but refining the layout glitches with the provider and updating certain sections has taken longer than hoped, but the delay should only be a further few weeks.

Jonathan Parsons
Town Clerk