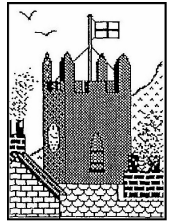


Chulmleigh Parish Council – October Newsletter



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Grass Cutting. The Parish Council pays for a contractor to cut the grass in Davy Park and Kings Park Open Space. It is a 4 year contract which ends on 31 March 2024, so we will shortly be asking contractors if they are interested in giving a quotation for the next 4 years and the decision will be made when the 2024/25 Budget and Precept is set at the December meeting on Wednesday, 4th. If you are a contractor or know of someone who would be interested in quoting for this work, please get in touch with me via the email address at the foot of this newsletter and I will send a specification.

Planning Applications. The Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications received by North Devon Council and 21 days are given from when the Planning Department Support Staff validate the details to a reply being sent in.

Sometimes the 21 days is up before the next scheduled Parish Council meeting and when that happens, I get in touch with the planning officer dealing with the application and ask for an extension to the deadline so that the application can be considered at the scheduled meeting.

Back in the day, we used to get a copy of the decision notice but now the only way to find out if the application has been approved, refused, doesn't need planning or withdrawn, is that an email is received every Saturday morning giving the details of all applications that have been determined in the North Devon Council area. Another email is received giving details of all the applications that have been registered the previous week.

There are some occasions when Parish Councillors think that a site visit would help them send in a balanced response and when that happens, I contact the planning officer to advise this and also the applicant or the agent to get permission to go onto their land. Very often, the applicant is there to speak to Councillors and explain the reason for the application and this is very helpful to be able to see first hand, exactly what is being planned.

The Parish Council has responded to a consultation from North Devon Council about a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) relating to dogs in public places. We said:

The points are noted and generally felt to be acceptable. However, concern has been raised over the maximum number of dogs any one person has in their control, with 6 being considered too many. Councillors were less keen on the length of the lead of 1.5m to 2m for a dog to be kept under control as even on a short lead, a dog could lunge at a person who would then be rendered not in control of their dog(s) regardless of the length of the lead.

Volunteers required to test the water of the Little Dart. The District Councillor in the adjoining Witheridge Ward is connected with a Committee looking at the issue of water pollution in North Devon and as part of it, they are looking at catchment testing through the citizen science programme with the Rivers Trust.

The initial target area is the Little Dart. The Trust will provide a map of locations where the volunteers are required, free training and test kits. For more information, please click on the link below.

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Ladywell Lane Public Footpath from Leigh Road passing the Golf Club. We were advised that a tree limb had snapped and advised DCC Public Rights of Way who temporarily closed the footpath and removed it as a gesture of goodwill, as trees adjacent to a footpath are the responsibility of the landowner.