

## CLERK REPORT FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

- **Worked closely with SHDC** with regards to free parking in the SHDC's 4 carparks in Salcombe on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023.
- **Double Yellow Lines** have now been repainted at Batson. This involved close collaboration between ourselves, DCC & SHDC
- **DCC on-street pay and display parking disposals:** consultation with DCC is now complete with DCC now going to public consultation with a deadline of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Decision will be taken by cabinet in March.
- **VAT Liability** still working closely with Parkinson Partnership with regards to the Council's VAT liability due to not being registered for VAT. Forms sent to HMRC to register for VAT wef 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016; pending their reply. Council needs to establish the value of income that the council received and there is still a lot of work ahead.
- **Budget for 24/25** is being worked on in liaison with the Finance Working Group; to be taken to Council for discussion.

### DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

- **Temporary Closure of Salcombe Library:** Email from Cty. Cllr Rufus Gilbert advising Salcombe Library will be temporarily closed, due to unforeseen circumstances.
- **Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) programme.** We were advised through Cty. Cllr. Rufus Gilbert that Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) are delighted to share that the Mobile Boost scheme (The Mobile Boost scheme ran from February 2021 to March 2023 and funded over 1,700 installations across the region, helping small businesses and homeworkers with poor indoor mobile coverage) has recently been successful in securing additional funding from the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (HotSW LEP) and will be re-opening to applications on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Funding is limited and we have forecast that the scheme will run for six months from January to June 2024, subject to demand.
- See news release on additional funding [South West communities receive funding boost to improve mobile connectivity - Connecting Devon and Somerset](#) As requested by Susanna Jones, Economic Development Officer (Marketing & Stakeholder Engagement)

### SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

- Investigating complaints from local residents on alleged live breach on planning
- The areas below have been cleaned in early December (arranged by Pete Robinson through Emma Foster at SHDC):
  - Footpath Onslow Road to Raleigh Road
  - Island Street to Church Street
  - Loring Road to Bonaventure Road (via Grenville Road)
  - Cliff House Garden Steps and footpath
  - Piggy Lane
  - Drake's Road

### PROJECT OFFICER'S ACTIVITY

- Daily – Email, admin and general office tasks.

- Weekly – Check Mortuary Building & Jubilee Gardens Playground & record.
- Check work complete on site to trees by Hi-Line & Pittman Trees.
- Meet/liaise with stonemasons wrt Council's boundary wall repair – still awaiting quote.
- Cemetery applications, Singer, Brown & Dilling.
- Urgent site visit to delay felling of bay tree junction Baptiste's Lane & Devon Road to confirm permission existed to fell, as tree in Conservation area – Resident complaint – No issue as SHDC approved and confirmed with Cllr Long.
- Negotiating with SHDC over additions to Grounds Maintenance Contract – additional sites cleansed & weeded by SHDC. Confirmed these will now be on the SHDC BAU Programme and their priority will be raised, as it is conceded they were overlooked.
- Hawk programme confirmed with Chris Wood along with check with Graham Irving at Defra to ensure the procedure is still within the Wildlife & Countryside Act, which it is.
- Liaise with Dart Roofing over repair to Council Hall – now complete.

#### **ADMINSTRATOR'S ACTIVITY**

- Updating of Planning agenda compilation
- Investigating ownership for repair of Victoria Quay wall
- Issue with paving surrounding Customs House
- Reporting and following up on Resident issues via DCC and SHDC online portals
- Leaflet/notices/planning for Remembrance Sunday