

CLERK REPORT FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

25th SEPTEMBER 2024

TOWN CLERK

- East Portlemouth Parish Council have reported back on STC's enquiry about designating the **WW2 Millbay slipway as a scheduled monument** under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. East Portlemouth Parish Council met on 3rd September and discussed the matter in the presence of local residents. The Councillors did not feel it necessary to designate the slipway and felt that doing so would potentially attract an increase in visitors to the beach which current infrastructure could not support. The slipway is important to the structure of the beach maintaining the sand in position and as such is unlikely to ever be removed. It was noted that the slipway is privately owned.
- Currently organising **a meeting with STC, DCC and SHDC to discuss parking across Salcombe**

PROJECT OFFICER'S ACTIVITY

- **Daily** – Email, admin and general office tasks.
- **Weekly** – Check Mortuary Building & Jubilee Gardens Playground & record
- **Liaising with Grounds Maintenance Team** – Multiple issues. Raised the need to cut the bank on the rise at Main Road. This is usually cut in September and then again in January to prepare for the bulbs and wildflower growth in spring and summer.
- **Quotes for P&R Field Refurb** – Sent out quote to Wicks Fencing as requested at August 2024 TC Meeting. Request refused, as the business is closing.
- **Cemetery Activity** – Brown Memorial Application, Interment Cranch, Tyler, Tobin, Prowse & Putt enquires.
- **Benches** – Seems DCC don't look after benches and SHDC say they don't look after DCC benches. Contacted District Cllr Dennis for advice, as she recently conducted a bench survey. Reference to a broken bench on Cliff Road.
- **Pear Technology Map File & Ordnance Survey Account Update** - Following up on email from Pear Technologies, downloaded Salcombe map file and tried to update info related to STC's OS Licence Number on Parish Online and checked OS account. All updated on records and relevant systems.
- **Overgrown Vegetation** - Numerous reports regarding overgrown vegetation on highway footpaths and PRoWs. All raised to the appropriate authority. To be checked for completion.
- **PRoW & Salcombe to Malborough Footpath Meeting** – Meeting with Ros Davies (DCC PRoW) & Kathy Harrod (Malborough Parish Clerk) to look at issues relating to footpaths and possible ways to manage them ongoing, Ros advised that she had plans for her team to come to Salcombe and footpaths 309, 305, 35, 5, 31 & 17 have all been cut.
- **Meet Forster Road Resident** – Meeting on site to discuss cutting the grass verge in Forster Road, the overhanging vegetation on Footpath 31 and the surface thereof. I have asked questions of DCC PRoW & Highways to see if there is any scope for STC to manage. There is an issue re vegetation overhanging from the cemetery to be addressed by SHDC Grounds Maintenance Team. Ros Davies advises the surface is adequate for a rural footpath and no action to be taken. NB: Highways advise Forster Road is classified as Not Maintained at Public Expense, so no action STC. Entrance to the footpath to Shadycombe Road was cut back by DCC contractor.
- **Trees/Wall in Alley between Shadycombe Cemetery & Coronation Road** – Met with Mark Long (as Salcombe Tree Warden) in alley off Forster Road to discuss the trees at the rear of the Coronation Road properties following a complaint from a resident. Realistically there isn't too much wrong there, but the Devon bank has slipped, but this isn't impacting the alley. The holly tree could

be cut back, as this is not affected by the TPO on the Yew trees. To be addressed by SHDC Grounds Maintenance Team.

- **Fly-tipping Shadycombe Cemetery** – Identified dumpy bags and general garden waste that has been dumped on or over the cemetery boundary. SHDC Grounds Maintenance Team to be asked to clear the area of vegetation and remove the rubbish.



There is evidence that some properties may be emptying their green waste from their gardens over the boundary. Council to consider sending letters to request them not to dump.

- **'Advertising Hoarding' at Whitestrand Car Park** – Checked with Cllr Dennis to see if the poster/signs on the fence around the ATM kiosk was in fact an SHDC resource or if people using without permission. Needs definitive result. Also raised the issue of what might happen once kiosk is removed.
- **Salcombe to Malborough Cycle/Footpath** - Established ownership of hedgerow along the Malborough section and now looking to see what can be done to better maintain the hedgerow. Whole length walked and photographed (in my own time) to assess overhanging vegetation. Liaising with **Malborough Parish Council** on when/if a contractor can be found to trim, rather than flail, if necessary, as flail by farmers is once a year. SHDC Grounds Maintenance asked to review. Main issue is the section from Mary Knowle to the footpath opposite junction of the Lincombe and Salcombe Roads.
- **Fly Tipping of Asbestos @ The Berry** – Cllr Long reported a pile of dumped asbestos just outside the car park. Reported directly to SHDC for them to deal.



- **Overhanging Vegetation on Gould Rd** – This area is just past the gig shed and was reported to STC by Cllr Cooke. Reported on to DCC who say that it doesn't meet their criteria as a defect, so no action at this time, but they will check it next time they are in Salcombe. To be monitored.



- **Loose Bricks Cliff House Steps** – Reported and now repaired



- **Trailer @ Park & Ride** – Unmarked trailer left in Harbour Hotel space was moved to another area of the field. No way to identify. No process to remove so posted a sign asking owner to remove. Checking with Tozers if STC has a right to remove or immobilise.



OPERATIONAL SUPPORT OFFICER's ACTIVITY

- **Updating of Planning agenda** compilation
- **Licencing**
- **Minutes**
- **Log Matters Arising** from Minutes
- **Daily** - office administration – Town Clerk email inbox
- **Reporting and Monitoring of 'reported issues'** on SHDC / DCC portals

SHDC Newsletters' Highlights

Issued 18 September 2024

South Hams District Council is seeking public input on cycling, walking, and wheeling (for wheelchair and mobility aid users) in the area. The Council is developing a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) to promote greener, active transportation, improve community wellbeing, and combat climate change. The plan aims to enhance existing routes and make them safer and more appealing. A consultation has been launched from 18 September to 11 October, inviting residents to share their views. Cllr Victor Abbott emphasized the health and wellbeing benefits of active travel and the importance of enhancing local opportunities.

To take part in the online consultation, please visit:
<https://activetravelshwd.commonplace.is/>



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POLICE



Devon & Cornwall Police Kingsbridge & Salcombe Neighbourhood Policing Team

September 2024 Police Summary

Between the 28th August and 23rd September Police have had 9 incidents for the Salcombe area through 999 / 101 calls, emails to the Police and reports online.

These occurrences included 2 firearms license renewals, theft of a boat and a welfare check for a child. There were also 4 other logs created for attendance with no crime raised afterward.

With the summer months coming to an end, it appears tourism is slowing, and with it, the issues and behaviours that have come with it. The Police will continue to maintain a presence in Salcombe over winter, especially with the upcoming RNLI "Field of Lights" and Salcombe Live festival which are anticipated to draw crowds in to the area.

As ever, if there is non-urgent crime to report, any local intelligence or questions for us, please do email the Kingsbridge Police Station email address: kingsbridge@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk, visit the Devon & Cornwall Police website or the Kingsbridge Police Station Public Enquiry Office.

Many thanks as always,

Sgt 7136 Charlie Wilkes