

**Key Issues:**

**Highways Issues after the recent storms: ADDITIONAL FUNDING:** We are still plagued by extensive areas of damaged highways. At the last Cabinet meeting, it was announced that additional £2.2M funding had been made available for the Pothole Action Fund and the Highways' budgets allocated to Members would be approximately trebled. I anticipate that my budget for the coming year will be in the region of £94,500 and means that many more of the problem areas in this division can now be prioritised for urgent repairs (and hopefully some of the backlog can be sorted out without further delay). **I AM INVITING YOUR VIEWS ON PRIORITY AREAS FOR HIGHWAY REPAIRS IN EACH PARISH IN MY DIVISION SO THAT I CAN FEED THAT BACK TO OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD HIGHWAYS OFFICER** – please let me know at the TC meeting if possible, so that I can understand your collective view.

**COLLAPSED WALL IN MAUDLIN RD: Update.** Further to the large section of the old stone and rubble wall in Maudlin Road, Totnes collapsing into the road on March 10<sup>th</sup>; the road remained blocked and closed to traffic until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April when the residents took matters into their own hands and cleared the debris from part of the highway. Although DCC still deny responsibility for the clearance and repairs to the wall, they initially agreed to schedule repair works and clear the debris from the road without delay on a "without prejudice" basis (i.e. not accepting liability) so that the wall can be made safe and the road reopened asap. However DCC are now in dispute about liability. This has implications for many old walls in the South Hams, including heritage implications. At **HATOC on 20.4.18 where this was discussed it was announced that South Hams Building Control would be carrying out surveys of old walls.**

**FLOODING ON MAJOR & MINOR ROADS:** The persistent problem of flooding on the highways at many places in this division has been exacerbated by recent weather and heavy rains. I have reported in to DCC a number of well-known flooded areas in this division, please do continue to report in flooded areas on the highways (and post photographs) at this link [https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/map/map\\_src/sw/](https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/map/map_src/sw/) **If you let me know that you have reported in flooded areas I can support those reports too.**

**PARISH DRAINAGE MAPS** for Lengthmen works and monitoring: Further to a trial run by DCC, on-line Open Data Drainage maps which include all the buddle and drainage features is now available; it displays data that might be useful but is not editable and you cannot print maps from it. (however you can scan and print off individual scans). I have requested A1 or A2 maps to be printed off for each of the Parish Councils in my division to help with advising and monitor lengthmen works and other drainage issues.

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/data/>

**South Hams HATOC (Highways & Traffic Orders Committee) 20.4.18:** I raised the issue of a **village center approach** to planning development and highways and safety measures. As many of the impacts and subsequent modifications and safety improvements to highways in the wake of new developments are funded by the developer as part of the 106 agreement with the LPA, I researched recent 106 based highways investment in Dartington Village Center as an example of where the cumulative impacts of change impact strongly. There have been four significant new developments in Dartington further to the SHDC 2010 Dpd (development plan); Sawmills Field East (Origins), Webbers Yard, Higher Tweedmill and Ashburton Road (Meadowside). I compared the 106 agreements that carried highways funding with the original agreements at the Planning Committee decision and found that significant differences existed and perhaps explained why some of the provisions, in particular pedestrian safety measures had not been implements (my document provided at HATOC is attached). **HATOC Committee agreed to have a site visit and discuss further.** However I intend this to be just a starting point as safety and quality of life in village centers are critically affected by Highways design, speeds and calming etc. My request to DCC for consideration of 20mph speed limits where requested by Neighbourhood plans for village and town centers is still ongoing awaiting the final Atkins report from Government.

**EDUCATION: West Devon Academy in Dartington.** The multi-academy trust in Devon which was commissioned to support children who are unable to attend mainstream school is being replaced due to serious failings. The Schools Company currently run three AP academies in Devon – Central Devon Academy in Exeter, North Devon Academy in Barnstaple, and South and West Devon Academy in Dartington. Devon's alternative education provision (AP) has been running as a sponsored academy by Schools Company who this week have apologised to parents for its financial mismanagement and not providing a high quality of education. It has not been confirmed who will take over as new sponsors of Devon's AP. I will raise questions on this at the next DCC Cabinet meeting.

**Totnes Town Council has written to the Secretary of State for Education** in support of The Grove School Headteacher Hillary Priest's letter to parents regarding the cuts to education budgets and the disparity between funding for pupils in Devon and those in London Boroughs. I drafted a letter which called for the cuts and disparity to be reconsidered in the light of the considerable potential impacts on the education of children in this area. Other parishes are welcome to use this letter and support it.

**Plastic Clever Dart Project: Update.** AONB Estuaries Officer Nigel Mortimer is making progress with this project and a group has now formed to bring forward some of single use plastic reduction proposals and other smaller waste projects (including Salcombe's Kids Against Plastic), under the umbrella of **Zero Waste Devon**. **A plastic clever leaflet for the Dart Estuary is being produced with a launch date target of early June.** This will include a recognisable BIG BLUE LOGO (template to allow substitution of local area/parish/town) to encourage environmentally friendly-behaviour changes. All towns and parishes along the Dart catchment are being encouraged to participate in the project. Being 'plastic clever' is all about thinking responsibly about disposable single-use plastics and the impact on waterways that ultimately lead out to the oceans.

#### **Attendance at meetings etc. as elected public representative:**

- Weds 11<sup>th</sup> April**      **DCC Cabinet Meeting: additional funding for highways etc outlined** (see above). Minutes at this link <http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=133&MId=2135&Ver=4>  
**Informal meeting with Cllr John Hart, DCC Leader to discuss options and possibilities regarding the need for Gypsy and Traveller sites in South Hams.** He informed me that this would be raised at the DCC Lands Committee meeting on 18.4.18
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> April**      **Breaking The Mould Conference in Frome organised by Frome Town Council.** Truly inspiring and encouraging to realise the passion that motivated us to stand as Councillors. Slides and other information from the conference will be available at [www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/breaking-the-mould](http://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/breaking-the-mould)
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> April**      **TRAYE project SG meeting with Harberton/Ford & Rattery PC representatives** to discuss expansion of project and terms.  
  
    **Dartington Recreational Assocn meeting.** Discussions included the new play park and bike tracks at Meadowbrook
- Weds 18<sup>th</sup> April**      **Totnes TC, Councillor Training with Lyn Hargood from DALC:** very helpful.  
  
    **KEVICC's Foundation Governor's meeting.** (I have tried without success to obtain monies from The sale of Parker's Barn towards the costs of the renovation works to the pitch on the Lower site).  
  
    **Dartington Annual Parish Meeting & Neighbourhood Plan discussion**
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April**      **South Hams HATOC (Highways & Traffic Orders Committee).** See highlighted notes above and attached discussion document.  
  
    **South Hams County Committee. Discussed the Gypsy and Traveller sites that were raised by myself regarding the JLP and the extensive number of sites in this division.** It was announced that a further officers meeting between SHDC & DCC has been arranged and they are considering various site options. I raised the National Consultation that DALC are seeking views across the County to collate and reflect (see below).
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**      **Joined Maudlin Road residents taking action on the blockage and reopening their road**
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**      **Devon Pension Board Meeting-** affirmed their commitment to the Brunel Partnership and the carbon footprint monitoring of their investments they agreed in February.  
  
    **Meeting with Totnes Skatepark group –** planning their open meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May to consider design and tender options for the new skatepark facilities
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> April**      **DCC Meeting with Ecology Officers to discuss draft Greater Horseshoe Bat SPD**

**AONB Clever Dart Meeting to discuss project (see overview info above)**

**Dartington Parish Council Meeting**

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Meeting with Totnes Cycle Group rep. re sustainable transport measures**

**Totnes & District Transport Forum:** discussed forthcoming HATOC meeting, SHDC Clean Air Strategy and parking issues

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**TRAYE project Interviews for additional youth workers (very successful)**

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**Meeting on site with SHDC & DCC officers to discuss planning application for brick wall on Ashburton Road**

**VIP opening of show home at Great Court Farm.** I asked Baker's representatives about the state of Weston Lane at the main construction/ development site which is in a very poor state and partly subsiding due in part the heavy construction traffic. They denied responsibility.

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**DCC workshop (well attended) for Members, Ecologists and Developers regarding draft Greater Horseshoe Bat SPD followed by public consultation event (not so well attended).**

**Staverton Neighbourhood Plan** – discussed public consultation and housing policies.

**Weds May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Staverton PC meeting.**

**Thurs May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Totnes TC meeting with St Mary's Partnership regarding development plans for churchyard**

**DCC Welcome to Devon panel event for staff**

**Berry Pomeroy PC**

**Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Meeting with Totnes Travel Coordinator re: options sustainable travel measures and 106 monies**

#### **For Information: Public Consultations:**

**Draft Supplementary Document (SPD) Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to 5pm Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

The new document is at this link <https://new.devon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies/other-county-policy-and-guidance/south-hams-sac-spd-consultation> I'd recommend you compare this with the current SAC planning protection zone (as we don't want to lose any protection!) <http://www.devon.gov.uk/core-doc-y1-greater-horseshoes-bat-....>. Do it for the bats - our wildlife needs all the help it can get (50% of the UK's wildlife has disappeared in the last 50 years).

**SHDC Air Quality Management Plan – Clean Air Strategy** Public Consultation (April 20<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup> - 5pm)

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3902/Air-Quality>

**National Consultation on Gypsy & Traveller Sites:** on powers for dealing with unauthorised developments and encampments. The consultation document can be found here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/697354/Consultation\\_-\\_unauthorised\\_encampments.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/697354/Consultation_-_unauthorised_encampments.pdf). **NALC will be responding to the consultation on behalf of the local councils that DALC**

**represent.** DALC are inviting local representatives to send in responses to a series of questions on this topic (please email me if you would like this list of questions).

#### **Diary Dates**

**Weds May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**DCC Cabinet Meeting**

**Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Staverton Neighbourhood Plan Open Day at the Courtroom**

**Thurs May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**DCC Full Council**

**Dartington Traffic Issues for South Hams HATOC 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - Ref. illustrated location map attached  
Drawing P9681 (also in 106 agreement)**

1. Bus Stop at Shinner's Bridge
2. Pedestrian Crossing from Origins to designated open space / pocket park
3. Pedestrian Crossing from designated foot path from recreation ground to post office/garage
4. Roundabout at Origins
5. Proposed Quiet Lanes

**Planning Permission 14/1744/13/F Land at SX783620 Sawmills Field, Dartington** (now called Origins – almost fully occupied)  
Erection of 63 homes including new access, parking, landscaping, open space and associated works  
granted for Origins

**Section 106 requirements: agreed at Planning Committee:**

- Play provision £67,000 (£44,667 Sawmills Field & £22,333 Webbers Yard)
- Sport Provision £136,255 (£90,837 Sawmills Field & £45,418 Webbers Yard)
- Traffic Regulation Order investigation £5,000 (£3,387 Sawmills Field & £1,613 Webbers Yard)
- £41,745 residue which Devon County Council are to advise on how this figure is split in consideration of the Totnes strategy, Bus Stop relocation scheme, cycle link and Travel vouchers
- A trigger to provide employment building A (14/1745/13/O) within 12 months of the residential development starting on Sawmills Field with the employment building being completed upon completion of the 50<sup>th</sup> dwelling at Sawmills Field
- Management of Public Open Space for public use in perpetuity

**Total £250 (£180,636 Sawmills Field & £69,364 Webbers Yard)**

(Drawings submitted as part of masterplan documents for application illustrate larger roundabout and pedestrian crossing and calming from Sawmills Field E to public open space / pocket park)

**S106 Agreements for 14/1744/13/F (dated 6.5.14)**

Between: **South Hams District Council**  
**Devon County Council**  
**The Dartington Hall Trust**  
**Cavanna Homes (Devon) Ltd**

As registered with the District Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013 ref 14/1744/13/F

(letter from Bryony Hanlon SHDC 26.9.16 confirms no outstanding monies due under 106 agreement)

**(financial) extracts:**

- Dartington Totnes Cycle link contribution: **£27,830**
- Traffic regulation order contribution **£3,387** towards the investigation into and / or the creation of traffic regulation orders in the South Hams and / or the strategic transport network in the South Hams
- Open Space and Play provision **£44,667** towards improved facilities for off-site open space and play provision in Dartington
- Sports Provision Contribution **£90,837** towards improved facilities in Dartington

**Total £166,721 Sawmills Field (£13,915 deficit)**

**(Webbers Yard 14/2381/14/F Employment development only – no 106)**

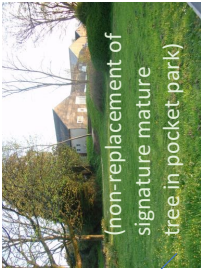
**S106 Agreement for Higher Tweedmill 14/1745/13/O (dated 6.5.14)**

**(financial) extracts:**

- Dartington Totnes Cycle link contribution: **£13,915**
- Traffic regulation order contribution **£1,613** towards the investigation into and / or the creation of traffic regulation orders in the South Hams and / or the strategic transport network in the South Hams
- Open Space and Play provision **£22,333** towards improved facilities for off-site open space and play provision in Dartington
- Sports Provision Contribution **£45,418** towards improved facilities in Dartington
- **New 9 space Car Park to be provided in the position shown hatched green on the plan and for public use with public access to be provided from A385. (New Car Park subsequently removed by further covenant in January 2016)**
- **Total £83,279 Higher Tweedmill (£13,915 raised)**



Dartington Village Centre – traffic issues /106 agreements



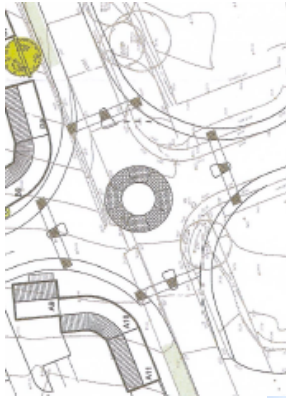
(non-replacement of signature mature tree in pocket park)



3. Pedestrian Crossing from footpath to Post Office & Garage



2. Pedestrian Crossing from Origins to designated Open Space



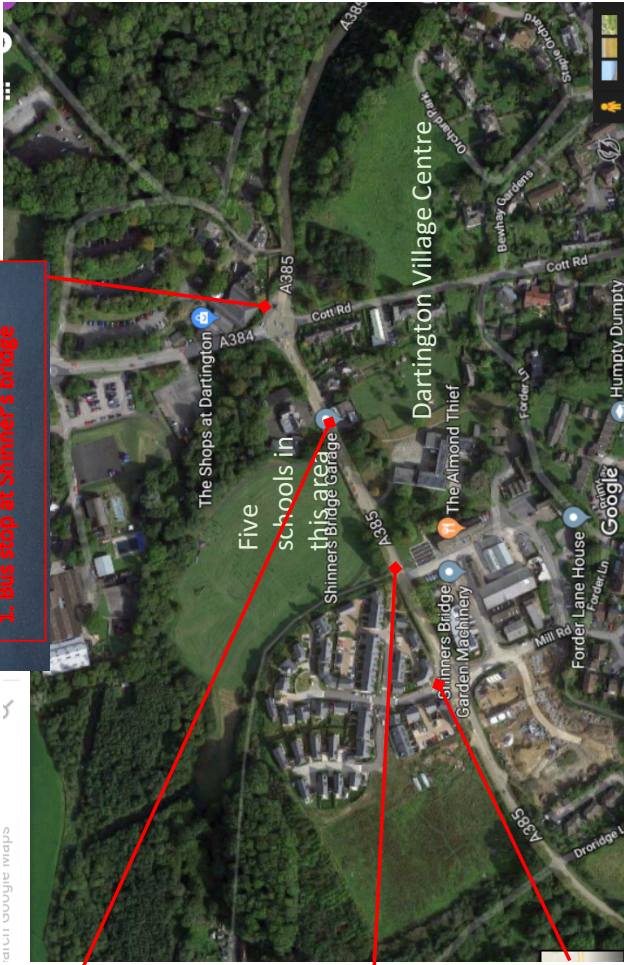
4. Roundabout at Origins



about Google maps



1. Bus stop at Shinner's bridge



5 Designation of Quiet Lanes

