

13. Correspondence

- 13.1. **20220304 Climate Planning For consideration** Cllrs are informed that Plymouth, South Hams and West Devon are consulting on new planning policy and guidance that responds directly to the Climate Emergency and identifies exactly what all new development should do to meet the challenge of climate change. Through a period of consultation members of the public are being asked to help test the proposals, specifically giving views on whether they are appropriate and workable and/or whether there are better alternative approaches that should be included. Consultation is open until 21st April 2022. The best place to access and comment on proposals is through the online portal: https://plymouth-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/planning/jlp/climate-planning/climate_emergency_planning_policy_and_guidance
- 13.2. **20220310 New telegraph poles in your area** *For information* South Hams District Council (SHDC) has provided affected town and parish councils with [a map](#) (html) indicating the location of new telegraph poles to be erected by Airband in relation to the fibre network they are laying across the South Hams. While Airband are able to use existing telegraph poles and ducts there will be instances where existing poles cannot be used, or don't exist in the right location. These new telegraph poles do not require planning permission, but under separate legislation Airband must give the planning authority 1 month's notice before erecting the poles. Airband will also be putting up site notices or writing to residents to inform them if a pole is to be erected near their house – but this is a non-statutory process and only happening as Airband are following best practice. This map only indicates location of poles within Airband zones F14 and F15, and so it is expected that more poles will be required in the West Dart and South Brent wards associated to other zones.
- 13.3. **20220315 Local Parkrun For consideration** Cllrs are informed that a group of local people are looking to establish a Parkrun local to Totnes. Parkruns are free weekly, timed, 5 kilometre runs open to all abilities that take place every Saturday at 9.00am. A route has been agreed with the Sharpham Estate and Parkrun UK hoped to start in the next few months. £1000 towards the £4000 start-up costs has been secured. The local parkrun is seeking sponsorship from local organisations and businesses for to meet these costs. **Sponsoring organisations will be featured in advertising and on all signage for the Parkrun.**
- 13.4. **20220317 Please forward to Community Groups** **Community Mutual Aid Groups** *For information* Cllrs are informed that year Devon Communities Together undertook a survey last year to understand the impact Covid had on grass roots community groups and mutual aid groups. The responses provided valuable insight into community based covid emergency response and recovery. A second survey has been circulated to see how things have changed since the beginning of the pandemic. The Clerk has completed the second survey from the perspective of 'Harberton Helps'.
- 13.5. **20220318 Freeport - South Hams Executive set to consider the full business case** *For information* A Freeport is a designated area within UK borders where different economic regulations apply. Cllrs are informed by press release that public and private sector organisations have together to finalise the business case in support of the creation of the only Freeport in the South West. The Plymouth and South Devon Freezone satisfies HM Government criteria of being within a 45km radius of the port of Plymouth and includes three key sites at South Yard, Langage and Sherford. Plymouth, Devon and South Hams District Council are set to consider the business case ahead of submission to HM Government in April.
- 13.6. **20220318 General Bus Service Changes for April 2022** *For information* Cllrs are informed that a list of changes to bus services across Devon from April 2022 has been received. This includes withdrawal of Bob the Bus services from Harberton to Totnes and Harbertonford to Totnes and minor amendments to the route 92 service from Totnes to Dartmouth; now supported by Devon County Council amendments to the timetable allow the service to be run with one vehicle.
- 13.7. **20220328 DALC Membership renewal 2022-23** *For consideration* Cllrs are informed that **renewing membership to the Devon Association of Local Councils will cost £304.11 and should be renewed before 27th May 2022 if continued membership is required. The fee includes up-to-date advice and guidance, regular updates and information, a training and events programme, access and influence over a national family of county associations and the national body (National Association of Local Councils).**
- 13.8. **20220328 Letter from DEFRA** *For information* Cllrs are informed that all Town and Parish Council have received a letter via South Hams District Council regarding an outbreak of Avian Influenza (also known as bird flu) in the area. Whilst a low risk to human health it is highly pathogenic for birds. Those who keep poultry such as chickens, ducks or geese, game birds, pigeons or other birds, even if you only keep them as pets need to take action to complete a survey of susceptible birds. More

information can be found at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu> (html).

- 13.9. **20220329 Parish and Town Council Knowledge Share Event** *For consideration* Cllrs are informed of an invitation to attend a free Zoom event at 12noon to 1:30pm on 29th April to demystify three key environmental topics: grass cutting, pesticides and tree planting. The aim of this event is to promote discussion amongst attendees, and to provide an opportunity to ask questions and share experiences. Booking can be made via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-to-do-about-pesticides-grass-cutting-and-tree-planting-ptc-event-tickets-309394747017>
- 13.10. 20220406 Temporary Traffic Notice TRISTFORD ROAD, Harberton TTRO2245134 *For information* Cllrs are informed of a 5 day road closure between 13th – 17th June inclusive to enable a new sewer connection.