

Clerks Report and Supporting Information for the Agenda

Yarcombe Parish Council Clerks Report in November & December 2022 for the 9th January meeting

Clerk Correspondence received and on-going & relevant issues for Yarcombe Parish Council:

- Police Rural Newsletter for November 2022 included on the website.
- Avian-influenza November update, in the area and prevention zone included on the website and on evoices.
- A30 Crawley Bridge Request for Priority Traffic System
E mail sent to National Highways who advised us it was DCC responsibility.
DCC responded as follows

Thank you for raising your concerns regarding the A30 at Crawley Bridge and your request to install a Priority Give & Take system. We have investigated your request and concluded that a Priority Give & Take system will not be progressed at this time at the Crawley Bridge for the following reasons. Devon, like many rural counties, has many roads that vary in width often to a point where two vehicles cannot pass. The A30 at this section has a very rural feel and drivers should be aware of this. The absence of the centreline indicates to the driver the road is narrow and that there is unlikely to be sufficient room for two vehicles to pass easily. There is very good visibility in both directions, so drivers have plenty of decisionmaking time. It is also worth noting that Devon County Council has an ongoing road safety programme in place that identifies roads that require intervention/improvement based on collision data. The available budget is then allocated and prioritised through this programme. I hope this explains our position on this matter.

- Thank you to Dru Doble for all his assistance with new emails for parish councillors & clerk
- Police Rural Newsletter for December 2022 included on the website.
- On 7th December 2022 latest update on A30 from David Ashford

Just a bit of an update on the stabilisation works on the A30 which I have received from our Bridges & Structures team in case anything comes your way

A slip occurred at this location because the supporting bank became unstable. The slip material has subsequently gathered against the farmers cattle shed below. DCC have been working over the last 12 months to undertake ground investigations and topographical surveys, and to move the unstable BT pole. We had worked up a design to install sheet piles and rebuild the bank to provide the required support to allow the road to be reopened, however this proposal has now been deemed unsuitable due to the size of the rig required to install them. It would likely require an 80 Tonne crane to lift in the sheet piles and install them to the required depth, and we are working to find a solution which doesn't need a full road closure to complete the works.

We are now looking at a soil nail and retaining wall option, but this will require some temporary access works on the farmers land below and also the partial removal of his cattle shed due to lack of working space. This is currently being discussed with the landowner to work out a solution that is viable for all parties involved. Unfortunately, easements and land negotiations take considerable time to complete due to their complexity and need for legal input.

DCC are continuing to work to get the bank stable and the road reopened as quick as possible, whilst avoiding the need for a full road closure

- Police Rural Newsletter for January 2023 included on the website.

Diane Frost Clerk, Yarcombe Parish Council



Date: 1st January 2023