**Clerks Report and Supporting Information for the Agenda**

Yarcombe Parish Council Clerks Report for February for the 4th March meeting

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

1. 1/2/24 Email received from Lisa Turner Planning Officer Blackdown Hills National Landscape. This is regarding Management Plan Workshop on Wednesday 28th February at Hemyock Parish Hall to give input to help ensure that the Blackdown Hills National Landscape Management Plan for 2025-30 is fit for the future. This has been circulated to all councillors.
2. 5/2/24 Email received from EDDC with town and parish newsletter regarding improving engagement with town and parish councils in the district. This has been circulated to all councillors.
3. 5/2/24 email received from Andrew Lewthwaite-Page requesting help in getting conditions improved on the Yarcombe/Stockland Road from the bottom of Yarcombe as it goes past Rosshayne Lane.

8/2/24 forward to David Ashford and he replied on the same day saying this location is in for a PIP patch but could not give any dates.

22/2/24 email received from Andrew Lewthwaite-Page saying that the “repair” along the end of the lane had been done but there is still about a dozen open pot holes that must surely fall below the standard of a safe road. He has reported them again and according to the highways they feel that the repair is now complete but he disagrees

1. 6/2/24 Email sent to David Ashford regarding amateur repair to footbridge at Rag Lane

He replied the same day saying

The work to replace the damaged section was carried out by myself and colleague using new material I obtained from our PROW team, otherwise the bridge would be removed. At least it can be used and we would not replace the whole section. I was hoping to remove some of the old sections and move them along so the new and old were separate but together, however, this wasn’t possible as the old sections were solid.

1. 7/2/24 email received from Amy Tucker bringing to our attention the state of the road from Knapp farm Yarcombe to Stout Farm Yarcombe. She has reported multiple potholes on 6/12/23. She has checked for updates saying the problem has been repaired. She provided several photos and what3words locations of the worst potholes. This was forwarded to David Ashford on 8/2/24.

This is his reply on 8/2/24

I’m off tomorrow but I have asked if my colleague, who also covers part of Yarcombe ED can have a look.

It looks like the inspector didn’t have a proper look when he was out, potentially only looking at the single location reported.

It is always worth residents logging the potholes individually.

1. 7/2/24 Email received from Micheal Canham Chairman BHPH Steering group which contained a copy of the latest BHPN Newsletter and the final work plan 2023 monitoring sheet. This was forwarded to all councillors.
2. 14/2/24 Email received from Devon Association of Local Councils offering the council a free framed photo of King Charles. This was forwarded to all councillors. It was brought up at the hall meeting on 21/2/24 who decided they did not want a photo.
3. 17/2/24 E mail sent to Simon Davey interim chief Executive EDDC regarding 2 Marsh Cottage which is derelict and the impact this is having on the occupants of 1 Marsh Cottage.

22/2/24 E mail received from Amy Gilbert-Jeans on behalf of Simon Davey.

We are making progress but there are a number of properties (this being one) that due to the scale of works required, are taking longer to work through the process. Some of this does relate to the considerably higher costs of building works that we are now faced with and ensuring we take an appropriate approach to how we manage our assets.

1. 21/2/24 Email received from James Parris regarding blocked culvert under the road at Lower Pithayne that is causing flooding. The water is flooding their straw shed. He also attached several photos. I forwarded this to David Ashford and all councillors.

22/2/24 email received from Daid Ashford

I can have a look next week, however, our Jetter (both mini & Vactor) are maxed out (and the list increasing) covering works on our A, B & C primary salting network so is very unlikely to have attendance any time soon.

The area has been Vactor attended in the past, and the issue is with material coming off the higher land at the inlet, that will continue unless adequately managed by the landowner and indeed by the landowner at the lower end (ensure the outlet is kept clear).

We/I can’t justify having to send Vactor (at a cost of £1500 a time) due to material getting into the culvert which should be stopped at source (ie the inlet)

1. 21/2/24 NALC newsletter which contains a new briefing to help local councils better understand how to protect emails, password security and gov.uk domain names. Our website and email addresses are all org.uk. This was sent to councillors to clarify that this is ok. This newsletter also contained details about exclusion of parish councils from referendum principles for another year regarding our share of the precept.
2. 21/2/24 Nominations requested for John Salter Award by 31st March.

Diane Frost Clerk, Date: 28th February 2024

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