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Four Elms Hill

I was expecting to see Four Elms Hill on the DCC HATOC (Highways and Traffic Orders Committee) agenda for 12th July – it was pushed back from the start of the year due to DCC needing to compile a ‘report’. Once again the item did not appear on the agenda. I contacted Cllr Stuart Hughes asking why this was and was told it was to be on the agenda for the next meeting. Again.

Bonfires

The EDDC Environmental Health officers are looking into complaints about bonfires which are being lit with complete disregard to neighbours. See the link below for advice from EDDC about bonfires and how to complain about nuisance bonfires.

<http://eastdevon.gov.uk/environment/bonfires/>

Compliments to the Parish Council

Passing on feedback I have received:

- Residents really appreciate the VAS camera – it has made a visible difference to traffic travelling down Four Elms Hill. The idea of moving it around the village is to stop complacency and ‘tuning out’ by motorists getting used to it being in one place.
- Great appreciation of the new grass cutting around residential areas formerly done by EDDC. Residents have complimented the quality of work and how tidy the areas are after the work is done. The idea is that the PC carry out this work at local level and then the PC is re-imbursed by EDDC. To my knowledge this second element has not yet happened...

Defibrillator Boxes installed outside the Cannon Public House

I am sure some of you have now seen this box in place. Training sessions will be offered shortly.

Transfer of WC from EDDC to the parish council

EDDC have decided they don't want to lose the option to build on the car park at a later date and thus are now offering a 30 year lease. The PC will discuss this and progress the matter from there. It is interesting that having sold off their most valuable asset in the form of the Knowle, EDDC are now keen to retain control of some of the smaller assets.

East Devon Villages Plan

This was formally adopted on 25th July 2018. Finding this document on the EDDC website is virtually impossible either by searching for Villages Plan 2018 or by following the link sent out by EDDC. This is a continual source of frustration for me. I have been arguing that the EDDC website is not fit for purpose for the past three years and keep getting told it is fine.

PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 (AS AMENDED)

Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)
Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE EAST DEVON VILLAGES PLAN

On 26 July 2018 East Devon District Council adopted the East Devon Villages Plan. The Adopted Plan, together with the East Devon Local Plan 2013 – 2031 and any 'made' neighbourhood plan, will form part of the Development Plan for East Devon and provide the basis for decisions on spatial planning to 2031 (or until superseded).

Reference copies of:

- the Villages Plan;
- the Villages Plan Adoption Statement (this statement);
- the Sustainability Appraisal Post Adoption Statement;
- the Sustainability Appraisal Report; and
- the Non-technical summary of the Sustainability Appraisal

are available for inspection on the Council's web site at: [Adoption - East Devon](#)

Paper copies of the above are available for inspection free of charge during normal opening hours at the main office of East Devon District Council, Knowle, Sidmouth, EX10 8HL.

Documents can be downloaded from the above web site free of charge. Paper copies may be purchased from Planning Policy Section at the above address - details of prices are available on request.

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Villages Plan may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Any such application must be made no later than six weeks after the date of adoption by the Council.

Note the 6 week deadline after adoption for applying to the High Court if you feel 'aggrieved' by the Villages Plan.

EDDC S106 officer – secondment.

The S106 officer is currently on secondment due to EDDC moving to a new IT system but without sufficient staffing in place to accommodate the move. This means there may be a delay in some parishes receiving the S106 monies due to them. S106 money is paid by developers towards local infrastructure needs which have arisen as a result of the development.

Consultation on the AONB

Our parish is situated within the AONB which is supposed to receive the highest level of protection – but I am afraid it seems to depend who is asking when it comes to building in the AONB.

All Cllrs received the following communication from Chris Woodruff, manager of the AONB partnership.

Following approval from the EDDC Cabinet committee, the renamed Draft Partnership Plan (2019-24) for East Devon AONB will be out for consultation from 23 July -18 September 2018. A drop-in exhibition will be held at Kennaway House, Sidmouth between 3-7 September for members of the public to view documents and provide direct feedback. Staff will be available at set times during this period.

Hard copies of the draft Plan will be sent to all libraries in and around the AONB as well as to all Parish Councils within the AONB. All EDDC Councillors will receive an email communication regarding the consultation (through EDDC Member Services) and the DCC Councillors for the East Devon area will also be emailed (apologies for duplication in advance to our member representatives). A press release will be issued in the week commencing 23 July and our enews will circulate further details to our wider AONB interested contacts.

The closing date for feedback is 18 September 2018.

Consultation Documentation

We welcome your feedback on the attached Consultation Draft Partnership Plan (2019-24). We encourage you to use the consultation response form attached and return your feedback to info@eastdevonaonb.org.uk. (If you cannot open the attachments please visit the AONB website to download a copy [here](#)).

You can also use the response form to provide feedback on the supporting documents and assessments which can be found on line [here](#). If you experience any technical problems accessing the documents attached or on line, please contact the AONB office on 01404 46663 or email us at info@eastdevonaonb.org.uk

The government releases the newly updated NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework)

Read it here

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/728643/Revised_NPPF_2018.pdf

There is some interesting references to Neighbourhood Plans.

EDDC Consultation on Statement of Community Involvement – Planning

Consultation open 3rd July – 15th August 2018. Closing Date for Comments – 15th August 2018

This is what it states on the document:

This Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out the policy for consulting the community, and anyone else interested in planning, on planning policy documents and planning applications in East Devon.

The SCI covers the following documents and proposals:

- **Planning Policy documents (including the Local Plan and other Development Plan Documents (DPD's), Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD's) and other guidance)**
- **Neighbourhood Plans**
- **Planning Applications**

The majority of the SCI deals with the plan making process (covering policy documents such as the Local Plan and guidance associated with it). It also sets out the minimum consultation we will undertake on planning applications, pre-submission requirements for 'major' developments and the support we will offer to local communities undertaking Neighbourhood Plans.

See the full document here: **Closing Date for Comments – 15th August 2018**

Urgent Meeting re the Future of OSM hospital – Monday 30th July 2018

A representative of the parish council has been invited to attend an urgent meeting on Monday 30th July at the Council Offices OSM. Cllr Rosemary Walker is attending this and will feed back to the parish council.

Local fund raising events - Harpford

Harpford Pop up pub – what a great time everyone had! The sun shone and we ran out of prosecco!

Harpford Garden Party and Cream Team - I attended an excellent garden party in Harpford in aid of Harpford Village Hall – Pimms and cream tea in the most beautiful setting and which raised over £1200 for the hall so the Committee can continue to maintain and update it.

Harpford Church Flower Festival 27-29 July 2018 – yet again the organisers have excelled themselves. The church looked fantastic and the teas were gorgeous. The church has needed a lot of work lately and this event will help to fund ongoing repairs.

Well done everyone.

Val Ranger
Ward Cllr
July 2018