

There were a variety of issues discussed at the monthly Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 10th June.

The first task was to welcome the new Devon County Councillor for the ward, Cllr. Michael Fife Cook, who took the opportunity to outline his approach to the post. He is particularly keen to explore alternative methods for dealing in a more permanent fashion with the quantity of potholes in the roads in the parish.

Following up on a suggestion raised at the Annual Parish meeting last month, the Council is looking to conduct its own audit into the provision (or lack thereof) of facilities for disabled residents and visitors. Although the Council has very little responsibility for disabled provision, the plan is to act as a conduit for concerns and any issues raised, passing them on to the appropriate authority. The lack of disabled access to the public toilets and the lack of a dedicated disabled bay in the car park have already been raised with Dartmoor National Park, but Councillors are keen to hear of any other problems that may be identified. Please pass details to the Council at the usual email address – clerk@lydfordparishcouncil.com. A photo of the problem would be a great help.

The Council received news in the last few days that the public toilets have been re-opened by Dartmoor National Park. Andrew Watson from the National Park stated that the toilets will remain open until the end of the October half term week. Additionally, Andrew stated that the Park is looking to install an EV charging point, but this is dependant upon securing external funding. He hoped that, together with the resurfacing works, this demonstrates the Park's commitment to investing in the site over the long term.

Work continues on getting the Housing Needs survey off the ground. A number of matters relating to the questionnaire were discussed on Tuesday, but with few answers coming forward. The adviser from West Devon has agreed to come to the Council's July meeting to advise on the survey and its delivery.