

The parish council met as scheduled on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Issues caused by cars being parked on the street near to the car park continue to trickle in to the council and are being logged. Councillors received details of such an incident at the start of their meeting. Presently there are three such matters recorded. Councillors continue to ask residents to report problems as and when they experience them.

The council's efforts to try and improve the provision for disabled residents and visitors are not presently meeting with much success. The National Park are not engaging in offered discussions on the lack of a disabled facility at the public toilets and the bus company has declined an offer to discuss the poor access for disabled users of the bus shelter by the War Memorial. It may be that the parish council will have to look to its own resources for the bus stop.

The council, together with the Trustees of the Nicholls Hall, have purchased two chairs with arms for the use of disabled visitors to the hall.

Councillors continue to press Devon Highways to improve the disabled bay opposite the Granite Way so that it provides sufficient space for wheelchair users to dismount from the rear of their vehicles.

A link to the council's affordable homes survey has been uploaded to the Lydford.co.uk website. It will be live by the end of September and will run until the end of November (at the home page scroll down to the article "Housing Needs Survey" and open it. The link to the survey will be at the bottom of the page). The purpose of the survey is to establish whether a genuine need exists within the village for affordable or low cost housing. As Councillors have been at pains to point out, this is the first step in a very long process which may or may not result in a small number of affordable homes being offered to people with direct connections to the village. Should the survey identify a need for homes, the next step will be for Councillors to organise a public meeting where the options can be more clearly discussed.

The council has received complaints recently about the concerns users experience when crossing the A386 at either of the bridleways, at Skitt Lane or Watervale Farm. When approached on the matter Devon Highways responded that no incidents have been recorded in the last 5 years at either crossing, therefore no action need be taken. Councillors disagree and would like to get measures in place to prevent possible incidents occurring, but need help in establishing a convincing case that will encourage Highways to take action. There is a small survey available through the website where close shaves and scares can be reported (from the home page, scroll down to "Public Bridleway Survey" and open the article. The link is at the bottom of the page).