

Parish council meeting October 2025

The agenda for this meeting covered a wide range of topics.

The council's efforts to try and improve the provision for disabled residents and visitors are beginning to show evidence of progress. Councillors felt that a hard standing on a level piece of ground would be more appropriate for wheel chair users wanting to catch the bus at the War Memorial than a kerb and ramp arrangement. The council does not however have the statutory powers or provisions to be able to construct such a facility. Rather, Councillors decided that their efforts should be directed at encouraging those authorities who do have the appropriate powers, to exercise them. Lines of communication have been opened with Devon County Council, and are being established with West Devon to that end. Discussions are also being held with Stagecoach on a number of related matters.

Dartmoor National Park have confirmed that they will be painting in two disabled bays at the car park, at the same time as installing an electric vehicle charging point. This work is expected to be completed before Easter 2026. The council continues to press for the installation of a disabled toilet in the block at the car park. The need has been recognised by DNPA, who are seeking grant funding to be able to carry out the work.

Work continues to press Devon Highways to improve the disabled bay opposite the Granite Way.

The council's survey on the need for affordable housing in the village has been live since mid-September. So far, responses have been disappointingly slow. Parties have until the end of November to register an interest online through the Lydford.co.uk website (scroll down the home page to find the relevant article). Councillors are looking at the best way to offer a "hard copy" survey opportunity to those who cannot access the online survey.

The council's survey on the issues when crossing the A386 at either of the bridleways, at Skitt Lane or Watervale Farm remains active until the end of October. Councillors are reaching out to neighbouring parishes with a view to increasing the pressure on Highways to act.

The site of the ancient spring is in need of a spruce up. This will likely be carried out by volunteers, after which the council is looking to put the routine maintenance of the site out for tender. Although nothing has as yet been agreed, Councillors would like to keep any agreement within the village rather than employing contractors from farther afield. Anyone who knows the site and would be interested in taking on the assignment is invited to contact the council at the usual email address.