

Parish council meeting November 2025

Can I begin by offering the council's thanks to Wilf and Leah for laying the wreaths at the Remembrance Day service at the Memorial on Sunday 9th.

Councillors were pleased to hear that the advisory disabled bay opposite the Granite way is to be enlarged and re-painted, allowing disabled users easier access to their adapted vehicles.

Discussions with Stagecoach on the feasibility of a kerb / hard standing near the bus shelter have not progressed as well, with Stagecoach insisting that it is not possible to timetable a stop at the site above the War Memorial because the larger buses that they are presently operating are not able to turn into such a junction. Communication is ongoing.

After sharing the link on social media the council's survey on the need for affordable housing in the village has received a good number of responses. The survey remains live until the end of November. Councillors are receiving help and guidance from Devon Communities Together and West Devon borough council on what they might do next, and will be reviewing the survey findings at their December meeting.

There was a good response to the council's survey on the issues faced by walkers and riders when crossing the A386 at either of the bridleways, at Skitt Lane or Watervale Farm. Whilst it was reassuring that no collisions with vehicles were reported, a large percentage of respondents recorded near misses with traffic. Every respondent expressed concerns about the speed of traffic, and most were concerned at the lack of visibility at the junctions concerned. As a first step the council has reported the visibility issues to Highways, and is urging the landowners to cut back the vegetation on their land by these crossings. It is hoped that as an absolute minimum, signs warning of pedestrians and riders crossing will be erected beside the roadway. Councillors are working with those from Mary Tavy parish with a view to increasing the pressure on Highways to act.

There was a good turnout from the village to rejuvenate the site of the Ancient Spring recently, although this work will need repeating occasionally if the site is not to relapse into its previous state of neglect. Presently the council is undecided as to whether to offer the work out to tender. A good deal will depend upon identifying exactly who the site belongs to.

Concerns have been expressed to Councillors regarding parking near to the Castle Inn and the church on the evening of the bonfire celebration at the pub: barriers on the grass verge were removed and vehicles were parked in such a way as to prevent the passage of anything larger than a family car along the road at this point. The council felt that the first action must be to hold informal discussions to explore how these problems might be overcome in readiness for next year's event. To that end a delegation from the council is hoping to meet with the licensees in the near future.