

COLYTON PARISH COUNCIL
Feoffees Town Hall, Colyton
EX24 6JR

**Minutes for the Colyton Parish Council meeting held in the Mortimer Room of Colyton Town Hall on Monday
12th August 2019 at 7pm.**

Present: Cllrs Parr, Clifford, Pady, Jones, West, Watts, Real, Turner, Gardiner, Arnott, Hay, Dist Cllr H Parr, Cllr M Shaw (for part of the meeting) Tracy Trealease (Fire Service), two members of the public and E Berry (Clerk).

19/08/20 Cllr Parr welcomed everyone to the August meeting and reiterated the need to declare any recordings being made.

19/08/21 **Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence** – Cllr Denny (unwell), Cllr Jarman (work commitment).

19/08/22 **Police Report – none given**

19/08/23 **Declarations of Interest.** Some given during the meeting but recorded here for ease of understanding

Cllr Real – Finance item g – Chair of Carnival

Planning item c – Street License application – for same reason.

Cllr Pady – Finance cheque to self in payment for shuttering on Flood Relief work at Colyton Hill.

Cllr Gardiner – Planning application 19/1725/FUL Westering – these are close neighbours

19/08/24 **Public Question time** (maximum 15 minutes)

Tracy Trealease (Local firefighter) briefed the meeting on the latest regards the proposed closure of Colyton Fire Station, amongst others in Devon. She explained the public consultation documents and the options on it, as well as presenting an example of how to fill the form out. She went through the statistics quoted in the proposals which are inaccurate and misleading. The cross Devon campaign is going well but so far only 500 forms have been completed so it is important that as many people as possible are encouraged to fill one out and the Fire Service are attending local events and organisations to help with this. Colyton Fire Station cost about £120,000 a year to run and receipts from Council Tax are £136,000 so the costs are being covered. The contracted hours for the crew is 84 hours a week but they frequently do 120hrs and the hourly rate works out at 67p/hr.

She will forward some bullet points to the Clerk for distribution.

19/08/25 **The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2019 were approved and signed as being a true record of that meeting.**

19/08/26 **There were no matters arising from the Minutes**

19/08/27 **Report from County Councillor – See Appendix 2**

Cllr Saw had little to add to his report (attached) and took questions: Cllr Hay commented on the work that had previously been done on Hillhead where drain covers had been covered by the new tarmac. It looks as if work is going on today to raise those drains but no one had been informed and residents were unable to get back into their property in some case, with workers being quite rude when asked questions.

The recent work at Ridgeway was also done without residents being informed although the CPC had received notification and he personally informed those concerned. The work on the leat using gabions is unacceptable and needs relooking at. Cllr Shaw asked him to email his concerns to him and he would look into it.

Cllr Real commented on the extended closure of Hillhead from the end of September to December to replace the gas main – he questioned why this wasn't planned before the new tarmac was laid?

He also commented on the damage done to the kerbs and pavement opposite the building site on Coly Rd. This had been reported online by numerous people and currently the pavement is in a dangerous state. Cllr Shaw responded that for any blame to be laid at the feet of the builders solid evidence is required that they actually did the damage.

19/08/28 **Report from District Councillors**

Cllr Helen Parr – Appendix 1 A

Cllr Parr went through her report and then took questions.

Cllr Watts asked what the financial compensation had been made with the loss of the daytime hours at the School. Cllr Parr answered £10000. Cllr Watts asked if EDDC & LED were open to suggestions on how to spend that money to try to reinstate those day time classes? He thought that perhaps the floor of the Colyford Memorial Hall or Colyton Town Hall could be relayed and resprung to facilitate that. Cllr Parr suggested that suggestion was put to LED as they are open to finding a replacement venue from perhaps private providers. Cllr Real asked if the decision had been made because the School, having committed itself to expansion, was now short of classroom space. Cllr Parr confirmed that the intake of the School is set to rise. There was some discussion on the transport chaos and the withdrawn planning application.

Cllr Paul Arnott – Appendix 1 B

Cllr Arnott went briefly through his report. He commented that the behaviour by the school was, in his opinion, dreadful and that the compensation money must be ring fenced against the loss of the facility with a replacement being sought asap, Cllr Turner concurred, when the new head took office he wanted the School to be at the heart of the community, this action was more like ripping the heart out of the community.

Cllr Arnott informed the meeting of a letter he had received from one of the local GP's re Colyton Heath Centre and the problems they are currently facing.. The present landlords NHS Property Services have increased the contract maintenance rates from £5000 (2016) to £35000 (2018). The favoured maintenance company is quoting ridiculous amounts to do any work. The boiler is currently inoperable so there is no hot water and a price of £2000 has been quoted for its repair.

The surgery in Seaton is owned by the practice and fully subscribed and the doctors are committed to providing a service to Colyton residents but there needs to be an alliance of Councils to join or lead a campaign to help get the service out from under the freeholder by relocating the service elsewhere in the town. Nothing is yet being planned this was just a letter to highlight the issue.

19/08/29 Highway Matters

- a) Consultation on DCC HATOC proposals for South Street & Sidmouth Rd – closing date 16th August.
- b) Wales & West Utilities notification – 20th August – 23rd August Cowhayne Lane closure for gas works between No2 and Colydene.
- c) TTRO Hillhead Colyton – 30th September – 6th December . Replacement of 470m of metallic gas main with plastic. Transfer of 37 services.
- d) TTRO Tuesday 1st October (1 day) - SW from Guernsey Corner & White Gate to Old Sidmouth Rd – Openreach cabling for new customer connections
- e) Cllr M Shaw's - Notes from Coly Valley Traffic Group – *circulated*.
- f) VAS reported not working – Clerk investigating – will contact DCC.

19/08/30 Report from Meetings Attended

- a) Feedback from Councillors surgery – report circulated – nothing more to add,
- b) Cllr Hay reported on the Transport Group meeting – the notes of which had been circulated.

19/08/31 Correspondence

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RSN/EDDC meeting details etc
- b) Letter circulated from Cllr Shaw re response to Fire station closures at Ashburton.
- c) Notification of DCC HATOC proposals.
- d) INVITATION: Stagecoach South West Annual Stakeholder Conference Wednesday 24th July 2019
- e) DALC newsletter 2019 #14
- f) Email from Stephen Jessel re twinning with Malta – Cllr Watts proposed that we thank Mr Jessel but decline the invitation, seconded by Cllr West and agreed by all. Cllr Parr who had spoken to him will draft a letter.
- g) Exchange of emails between CVRA & Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group re the changes/amendments they would like to discuss.
- h) Email from the CVRA complaining to the Clerk for missing the 20 day deadline for F of I request. Reply sent explaining that F of I 20 day deadline, which they had not understood was working days, not calendar days. The information requested was given to the CVRA within the deadline."

- i) Email from Colyford resident wishing to complain about a Councillors actions – referred to Complaints procedure, where the advice is to take it to the Monitoring Officer.
- j) Email latest Healthwatch Devon newsletter
- k) Update on Dolphin Street Toilets – *sent to Councillors*
- l) Email from Tony Morris re Fire Station closures and a link to his blog - *Sent to Cllrs.*
- m) Notes on the Traffic Group Meeting 22nd July – *emailed to Cllrs*
- n) Joint statement on Colyton Grammar School dance studio for LED organised classes’ partial closure released by LED, EDDC & CGS – *sent to Cllrs.*

19/08/32 Finance

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 22nd July (Appendix H) to be noted

Cllr West proposed the accounts be approved for payment, seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all.

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| DD | Opus | Electricity | £11.87 | £0.59 | £12.46 |
| DD | Talk Talk | Telephone & Broadband | £26.70 | £5.34 | £32.04 |
| BACS | Henry Fitzpatrick | Toilet Caretaker Invoice for April | | | £100 |
| BACS | Archant | Re - advertisement for Clerk’s position | £193 | £38.60 | £231.60 |
| BACS | Abacus Playgrounds | Wet Pour Repair kit | £90 | £18.00 | £108 |
| BACS | Halcyon Landscape | Cemetery Grounds Maintenance | £468.33 | £93.67 | £562.00 |
| BACS | R&H SIGNS | PMPF & Colyford Playpark signs x 2 | £96.00 £52.00 | | £148 |
| 4253 | Colin Pady | Shuttering purchased for Sandpit Lane project | £32.40 | £6.48 | £38.88 |
| *BACS | Viridor | Waste Management | 149.20 | 29.84 | £179.04 |

- a) Internal Audit (April – June) completed by Cllr West
- b) Liz request that her August salary includes the 2 days of September she is working and the 2 days accrued annual leave not taken - noted
- c) Refund from Beviss & Beckingsale of £24 for failed attempt to lodge a Land Registry application for Land at the Butts.
- d) Cllr Turner now a signatory on Cambridge Building Society Account, Elizabeth Berry has been removed as a signatory.
- e) John on holiday 9th August – 22nd August – noted, Cllr Pady and Brian Norris will do the bins.
- f) Sidmouth Rd - Drainage Improvement Scheme, Sidmouth Road (funded by Parishes Together) funds now extended to 16th January 2020 - noted
- g) Request from Archant newspapers to spend £50 on an advert on the ‘Colyton Carnival’ page. The general consensus was not to take up this offer.

19/08/33 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 22nd July – (Appendix G) to be noted

a Planning Applications

19/1537/LBC Briar Cottage, Dolphin Street – Mr & Mrs Fossey, Internal alterations to include refiguring layout and external alterations to include rehangng of existing door.

- i) Letter received asking for permission to install telephone line under Govers Meadow Gardens if the survey & assessment recommend this route. All soil/plants will be reinstated. **APPROVED SUPPORTED** proposed by Cllr Pady, seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed by all.

19/1365/FUL Land & Buildings South West of Heathayne Cross, Colyton – Mr Edley

Installation of car park and access paths, in association with proposed use of land as allotments. Amended plans for consultation.

These amendments relate to revised layout including revised new vehicular access, with existing access retained for pedestrian use only **NOT SUPPORTED** reiterate previous comment, this is unwanted and unjustified development in the AONB, proposed by Cllr Parr, seconded by Cllr Hay and agreed by all.

19/1725/FUL Westering, Elm Farm Lane – Mr & Mrs Mead

Construction of rear dormer window & single storey side extension.

Cllr Jones abstained from voting.

SUPPORTED but it should be noted that the plot size and boundary is incorrect on the submitted drawings - proposed by Cllr West, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by a majority vote 7 - 3

19/1748/PRETDD – Shene Cottage, Vicarage Street – Mr Summerhayes.

Dismantle Rowan Tree in Conservation Area. For info only.

19/1561/LBC Beadle Cottage, Vicarage Street – Ms Dunster

Retention of one lancet window opening on south elevation and replace 4 windows on west elevation.

SUPPORTED – proposed by Cllr Parr, seconded by Cllr Watts and agreed by all.

b Planning Decisions – to be noted

19/1235/TCA Chapel House, Swan Hill Road - T1 - Honey Locust Tree - To reduce the crown height and spread by approximately 1 metre. T2 - Mimosa Tree - To crown clean and remove all deadwood from within the crown of this tree lightly pruning the end weight of all branches if required. T3 - Cherry Trees - To lightly prune and thin the crowns of 3 small Cherry trees and 1 Cherry Plum tree. - **APPROVED**

19/1039/LBC Coly House, Swan Hill Road – Install through floor lift between ground floor and first floor, create new door opening at first floor level – **REFUSED**

19/0287/FUL Town Mill Rosemary Lane. Partial demolition of flat factory roof to facilitate sub division of 7 units to light industrial. An estate managers office as associated works including flood defence walling & re-roofing - **APPROVED**

19/1354/LBC 2 Sunnyside, South Street – Addition of ridge tile to roof of outbuilding - **APPROVED**

c Planning Correspondence

Complaints from Colyford residents re the state of the hedge bordering the old cricket ground – Clerk spoke to the owners and they are obtaining quotes from local contractors to cut back the hedge. They will keep in touch and hope to have a contractor in place by the 16th.

c) **Application for additional inscription** – Olive May to be added to Bright plot as per drawing **APPROVED**

d) **Street Trading Application (deadline 23/08/19)** Station Road, Saturday 7th September 1600 – 2300 1x Catering Trailer. Cllr Jones proposed that CPC recommends for consent to be given, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.

19/08/34

Amenities

i) Permissive Path update – Cllr Pady – awaiting feedback from Emma Hellier.

ii) Cemetery

a) Trailer - £850 plus VAT for a decent second-hand one with £300 offered in part exchange for the old one. 10 day delivery. Cllr Arnott proposed this is bought, seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed by all.

b) Numbering of new Cemetery Extension – site visit Monday 19th at 6pm

iii) Public Toilet – Dolphin St.- update – the Clerk read the response from Mr Hancock (Street scene Service lead) where he stated that £2.1m had to be saved and a review of all the toilets had been undertaken and a report with recommendations would go to the Council in September and he was not prepared to discuss that. Cllr Arnott will take this up.

iv) Meeting with S106 officer to discuss proposals - Monday 19th August at 1030 the preferred date.

v) Meeting with ecologist re slowworm relocation into Cemetery – Thursday 22nd August at midday (meet at bat roost).

vi) Road Green Tree work report after Horse Chestnut lost a limb in high winds. The tree surgeon has reported back and to pollard both Horse Chestnuts and the Sycamore would be £1650. This is more than we have in the current budget for tree work. The second horse Chestnut is the one that would do the most damage if it lost a limb so the Clerk will go back to him and ask how much for the work on that tree alone.

19/08/35 Additional Policies to consider

- i) Media/Press – Cllr West proposed that this policy be adopted, seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed by a majority 7-3
- ii) Equality & Diversity – there was some discussion over the wording, especially in the light of a member of the public’s comments. However it was proposed by Cllr Watts that this be accepted as it stands, seconded by Cllr West and agreed by all.

The Clerk will arrange for these to be published on the website.

19/08/36 Colyton Memorial Social Club – nothing to report**19/08/37 Emergency Plan update – nothing to report****19/08/38 Neighbourhood Plan update.**

A date is being arranged for a meeting with members of CVRA. The new assessment team has been appointed and it is hoped that the required assessments on strategy, economic & habitat will be done shortly.

19/08/39 Reece Strawbridge Centre – Cllr Hay reported that the AGM was held on 18th July. It was a small gathering and Paul Arnott is the new Chairman as Graham Jenkins stood down after several years.

The Clerk had received the financial report that morning and will circulate it to Councillors. The Insurance Schedule has yet to be received, although the Insurance has been renewed. This is a condition of the lease and a copy of the lease had been forwarded to Graham Jenkins.

19/08/40 Members Motion submissions: none**19/08/41 CPC Response to proposed fire station closure**

There was a lot of discussion over what points to include. Tracey will send a list of bullet points to the Clerk for circulation. Cllr Parr will draft a CPC response and this will be circulated for comment.

19/08/42 Clerk Vacancy update – two applications had been received, the Clerk will invite them both for interview on Friday 16th August from 10am.**19/08/43 Matters to be taken into Committee - none****19/08/44 Items brought to the CPC’s attention after the agenda had been published – to be noted.**

The Clerk requested that Councillors attend the Committee meetings on Tuesday 27th 30 minutes early so a presentation can be made to Bob & Caroline Collier.

19/08/45 Dates of future meetings

Finance/Planning Committee – Tuesday 27th August – attendance at 1830 please.

September CPC meeting – Monday September 9th

The meeting closed at 2130.

APPENDIX 1A**Helen Parr, District Councillor- Report Aug. 2019****1. Dance Studio- Colyton Grammar School**

EDDC and LED Leisure have always been fully aware of the importance of daytime use of the dance studio, but needed to respond to challenging circumstances initiated by the School,

There has been considerable uncertainty since autumn 2018 for customers and staff around use during the school day, and there really was no option to do nothing. The decision has not been taken lightly and the school has agreed financial compensation to EDDC/ LED.

Unfortunately the school’s legal obligations with regard to safeguarding and responding to the expectations of parents have been significant factors as well as CGS’s success and the related expansion of intake.

LED has now confirmed several alternative options which are on their website, and is still working on other s- customers have been advised. More long-term solutions continue to be sought.

Community use outside of the school day is unaffected.

2. Affordable Housing Numbers

Overall total for 2018/19: 237 units-

34 social rented units, 79 affordable rented and 124 shared ownership units delivered.

Quarter 4 total: 121 units

Key Facts/Highlights for the year:

- 68 affordable units delivered at Cranbrook
- EDDC bought 16 properties from the open market using Right to Buy [RTB] receipts and Housing Revenue Account [HRA] funding including an House in Multiple Occupation [HMO] for temporary accommodation.
- The first affordable housing provided in Seaton for a number of years by Baker Estates & Livewest.
- First affordable units at Hayne Lane, Honiton site delivered.
- First affordable units at Tithebarn ('West End') delivered.
- 18 new units delivered in Exmouth at Plumb Park and Waters Edge which EDDC helped to facilitate.

The Housing Review Board met this afternoon to consider whether to recommend to Cabinet the purchase of an HMO in Exmouth with 12 flats, using Right to Buy receipts and Housing Revenue Account moneys. The purchase was recommended

Annex to Aug Report

Electric Vehicle Charging Points-

EDDC has been working with DCC and other districts over the last couple of years to identify and deliver suitable electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the greater Exeter area.

The outcome was an "innovator" project that has now secured funding from Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government [MHCLG] and will deliver four rapid (minimum 20kW) charge points for 2 car parking bays per car park in the following East Devon public car parks during the financial year 2020/21:

Exmouth (Imperial Road)

Sidmouth (Ham)

Honiton (Lace Walk)

Seaton (Orchard)

The project provides for additional charge points to be installed (at the Council's expense) as demand increases.

Highways England is fully funding a rapid charge point with 2 new bays adjacent to East Devon Business Centre in Honiton, due to be delivered during September 2019.

The district council is also working with suppliers on the possible installation of rapid charge points at Blackdown House. This has arisen out of our green travel plan looking in the medium to long term to facilitate the introduction of ultra-low emission vehicles into the Council's own fleet both directly and via a private sector / CIC partner to supply rental vehicles at this location for use by visiting officers.

Also, early days and not yet certain but Innovate UK is behind a private sector led bid to install on 150 street charge points in and around Exeter - there is an aspiration to include some on-street chargers in Exmouth.

Colyton Chamber of Feoffees is interested in funding the early installation of some charge points in EDDC/Dolphin St. car park in Colyton. Awaiting a quote for the installation of a rapid charger to serve 2 car parking bays here from a local supplier.

Helen Parr

APPENDIX 1B

Paul Arnott East Devon District Councillor for the Coly Valley

Report No. 3 – July 2019

Pan Axe Valley Issues: I have requested a meeting between East Devon Alliance Independent councillors from the Axe Valley area and the new Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning, Cllr Susie Bond. This will be happening some time in August.

Our concern is that too much work in conceiving change for Axminster has been done behind closed doors in the recent past, and has also excluded people from the immediate area. From Seaton to All Saints, many of us commute to Axminster, travel from there, have hospital appointments (and campaign together!), shop in each other's localities and go to our various primary and secondary schools. I am pleased that Susie Bond has agreed to this, and we hope to represent a fresh input to the whole valley area. I would be pleased to hear from Coly Valley ward constituents about your ideas and feelings towards the likely expansion of Axminster by more than a thousand homes.

The Homes England and Ceramtec site

I have met and corresponded with senior planning officers, as well as with Homes England, urging them to find a way to move on with this application. It has been in the long grass for a full year now, and however it is determined the credibility of two government agencies seemingly unable to move with due speed is at risk of being publically questioned. I still hope that this matter may come before the planning committee in September; any delay beyond October would be unacceptable.

Rear of Kingsholme/Old Cricket Ground site Colyford

The applicants have begun the process of appealing against East Devon District Council for non-determination of their application. EDDC has now published the report they would have written, which is a refusal. However, as this matter progresses it will be critical that EDDC informs the Inspector of any change of status in the parish regarding the likely provision of affordable homes elsewhere.

Colyton Grammar School and LED classes in the daytime

I was appalled that EDDC/LED issued a draft statement on this matter three months after I had become a councillor without once consulting me. I have made it very clear that this is unacceptable in a protracted correspondence, including with the EDDC CEO.

My view is that school safeguarding issues have been greatly exaggerated to give political cover for stopping two hours per day of well-used daytime classes in the sprung-floored dance studio. LED/EDDC has

been weak in the face of a skilled adversary, and I deeply regret that this matter was concluded by officers without my knowledge.

However, the removal of this daytime provision is for one year only on a trial basis. I will personally back any member of staff, class coach or participant who wishes to campaign to have these hours reinstated.

Press Communication

I have been working with senior EDDC officers to see if its press strategy can be refined. It is absolutely great that, for example, there are good news stories about Seaton Wetlands or district recycling. However, these stories are the subject of so many press releases that they risk losing traction. Meanwhile, the press office needs to be careful not to politicise planning applications coming before DMC, and also to ensure that all councillors have as much access to press statements regarding key issues on its own affairs as journalists. Progress has been made in the last week, and I will be monitoring this closely.

Reform of Governance at EDDC

My pressure to get the council to look seriously at changing how it is governed is beginning to bear fruit. The Overview committee and a think tank will now be looking at this. At present I favour the abolition of the Cabinet/all-powerful Leader model for the more balanced committees system. However, this needs research and debate, and I intend to play as central a role in this as I am allowed.

APPENDIX 2

County Councillor's Report, August 2019 Colyton

Fire Station I attended the Fire Service consultation in Colyton Town Hall on 16 July and strongly emphasised our opposition all the options, as they all include the closure of Colyton.

Highways England's 'route treatment scheme' to deal with safety on the A35

Together with Cllr Andrew Pearsall, chair of Widworthy Parish Council, and Dr Phil Webber, chair of the A35 Action Group, I attended a meeting in Exeter on 17 July at which Andy Roberts of Highways England presented the results of a consultants' report on the proposed 'route treatment' scheme based on average speed-cameras. The report showed that there would be real and 'cost-effective' safety gains from the proposals, which include 2 crossings in Wilmington and one in Kilmington. The proposals need further tweaking but Andy hopes they will go forward for approval within this financial year with detailed design work in 2020-21, which would mean the earliest date for implementation would be in 2021-22.

Traffic groups to merge? The Coly Valley Traffic Group on 22 July, for the second meeting running, was attended only by representatives of Colyton parish. It therefore proposed that it should merge with the Seaton, Beer and Branscombe Traffic Group, which would enable meetings every 2 months instead of every 4 months, with quicker following up of issues. It would be helpful if all parishes could give their views on this proposal. If all parties agree, the first meeting of a combined Seaton and Colyton Traffic Group will be in Seaton on 16 September, to be followed by one in Colyton on 25 November, alternating after that.

Local action on the Climate and Environmental Emergency As a member of Seaton Town Council's Climate Emergency Working Group, I chaired an open exploratory meeting on 24 July, with 14 local people, including several from Colyton, Beer and Branscombe, and many of them members of Extinction Rebellion Seaton. The working group is present to STC's August meeting.

No Deal Brexit. The Cabinet member for Economy, Cllr Rufus Gilbert, presented a report on the Council's preparations for Brexit, mainly describing administrative arrangements involving the County and other SW councils. The report said that 'it is very difficult for the Council to predict and plan for this unprecedented event.' However it is known that the Devon is near the end of supply chains for medicines, food, etc., and that No Deal could involve big disruption for farmers. The Cabinet member's report also said, 'This situation is not of our making', but I pointed out that many Conservative councillors had presumably voted for Boris Johnson knowing he was pursuing a damaging No Deal, so they should take their share of the responsibility for it.

Devon NHS underperformance A report to the June Health Scrutiny meeting showed that the NHS in Devon continues its chronic underperformance and is below the national average in the average time it takes for people to be referred to a cancer specialist; the time from referral for cancer treatment to the actual treatment; and the waiting time for non-emergency, so-called 'elective' operations such as hip and knee replacements. A&E waits are also under target, although

not so much as the national average, while vaccination rates have improved. My Independent colleague Cllr Claire Wright successfully proposed that in future the committee receives a 6-monthly report covering these issues. At the County Council on 25 July, I 'called' the minute about this discussion and spoke about the urgency of improvement in these areas. With cancer, I said, delays cost lives.

Devon NHS ten-year plan Devon NHS is developing a plan and there is a questionnaire which you can fill in at <https://www.devonstp.org.uk/get-involved/better-for-you-better-for-devon/>. However the questionnaire doesn't cover cancer care at all.

Library data to be made more open On 3 July, I met DCC's head of Community services, Simon Kitchen, and the Cabinet member responsible, Cllr Roger Croad, together with Dr Sarah Jones of Branscombe who has been campaigning for greater openness in library data. Simon revealed to us proposals to regularly publish data for individual libraries, as well as for the service as a whole, about library stock, adult and children's issues, etc. This should be a major step forward, since it will enable everyone concerned about the future of the libraries to monitor what is going on much more closely than at present. I am waiting for Simon to confirm the details and timing of the change.

Public Rights of Way Committee I took part in a meeting of this committee on 4 July. There were no items relating to our area, but an interesting item of rights of way in Lympstone.