

**Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council held on Monday 14th
March 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Colyford Memorial Hall.**

Present: Cllrs K Mills, C Denny, S Real, A Stenning, A Parr, K Clifford, C Pady, J Hay, J Gardiner, A Mills, P Arnott and R Turner.

Also in Attendance: DCC Cllr M Hartnell, EDDC Cllr H Parr and S Haines (clerk)

Members of Public: 7

22/03/61 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence. Cllr Jarman (prior commitments)

22/03/62 Declaration of Interests. Cllr Pady declared an interest on planning application 22/0395/FUL The Oaks Holyford Lane as he knows the applicant. Cllr K Mills declared an interest on the subject of allotments water as he is an allotment holder.

22/03/63 Police Report

MONTHLY TOWN & PARISH COUNCIL REPORT SEATON TOWN & RURAL

Priorities

1. Anti-social driving and vehicle offences.
2. Drug possession and supply.
3. Anti-social behaviour.

We have not had any response regarding our monthly priorities, so at this time they shall remain the same.

Crime trends

We are seeing an increase in rural acquisitive crime throughout East Devon; this is including the theft of tractors, trailers, tools, and other plant machinery. It is vitally important that all property is marked, not only to deter offenders but it also allows us to identify the rightful owner should the property be recovered. More information will be included on our Rural Affairs newsletter which will be sent out later this week.

Please share with your communities the importance of reporting suspicious activity to Police, as some thieves will often visit an area to scope it out and return later to commit the theft.

Action & results

The team have continued to target vehicle offences and anti-social driving. A number of tickets have been issued to drivers in the past month for offences including speeding and using a vehicle with no insurance.

An ASB Stage 2 warning letter has also been served on an individual responsible for anti-social behaviour in the Harepath Road area.

We are still dealing with a number of neighbourhood disputes at this time and due to the nature of the disputes, they are taking up a considerable amount of our time. We are continuing to work alongside partners such as EDDC to try and resolve the issues.

22/03/64 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 14th and Monday 21st

February. Cllr K Mills did not believe this was a true record as he believed some derogatory comments made by Cllr Pady had been omitted. Cllr Parr stated that minutes were not a verbatim report and only need to record decisions. Cllr Gardiner proposed these be accepted, seconded by Cllr Pady and agreed.

22/03/65 Matters arising from the Minutes. None

22/03/66 Public Question time. A member of public stood and made the following report in response to the planning application 22/0395/FUL The Oaks Holyford Lane Colyford:

Within the application documentation, no dimensions of the proposed new workshop are stated. It is a significant omission.

All the site plans indicate this a very large workshop though. It's two stories high, with two WCs, one on the ground floor and one on the first floor, in excess of what would usually be associated with a hobby workshop within a residential curtilage.

The workshop has an industrial appearance and looks to be the equivalent size of 2-3 industrial workshops found on an industrial estate.

If this type of building were to be proposed on an industrial site in Seaton or Axminster, it would be classed as 'General Industrial' rather than 'Light Industrial' use, so definitely not at all appropriate in a rural, countryside location.

It is located the maximum distance away from the applicant's dwelling, that it can possibly be. My understanding is that it is usual when applications are submitted for development 'incidental to the enjoyment of the main dwelling house' that the proposed building be clearly within the curtilage of that dwelling. The proposed site is not within the existing curtilage.

The cumulative impact of this additional industrial type building needs to be considered, together with current traffic and associated business activity. There are tourism businesses here in Holyford, a quiet rural hamlet, that will be adversely impacted by over-development and commercialisation of the overall site.

The fact that the proposed construction material is metal sheeting, to be used primarily (though not exclusively) for metal working, will mean that the workshop will effectively act as an echo box. There is no reference within the application to control of noise that will be generated by metal sculpture work. There's no reference to noise insulation measures, and no 'Noise Mitigation Statement'.

There is no mention of the potential for metal dust particles this workshop activity will create, causing air pollution. There's no mention of air quality and dust control measures.

Or indeed operating hours of this workshop.

With a prevailing westerly wind the norm, the residential properties directly 35m to the east will be impacted far more than the applicant in his dwelling some 35-40m to the north east. Human and wildlife health risks need to be considered.

And what of potential pollution to Holyford Brook, the nearby watercourse which feeds Stafford Brook and into the Seaton Wetlands.

The Pre-application advice from EDDC in June 2021 indicated that the planning application should be accompanied by an Ecological Survey and a Tree Survey. There's no evidence of these being undertaken or submitted to date. The Application Form states the current use of site as 'Agricultural' when it has been woodland for many decades. The site is an extension of Holyford Woods.

The section on the Application Form covering 'Biodiversity and Geological Conservation' is surprisingly left blank.

Woodland fringes are incredibly important to many species of wildlife, especially if near a water course. In this instance it is Holyford Brook. I have been advised there are potentially some 11 varieties of bat that have a presence in Holyford Woods. This area of woodland is important for navigational and foraging purposes.

The area of woodland, until the end of December 2020, comprised mature willow and alder. Some of the willows were over 3m in diameter at base.

In the last week of December 2020, all trees were felled, and vegetation cleared in preparation for development. Significant engineering earthworks then took place in the early part of 2021, to dig a very large crater in the ground where the trees once stood - a new space for siting a new building. The excavated subsoil was used to build a new 'Devon bank'. The bank creation was a significant 'engineering operation' that should be subject to its own planning application or referenced within this application much more comprehensively. What are the flooding implications of this new structure in Flood Zone 3?

The newly 'Made' Colyton Neighbourhood Plan should offer protection to this area of woodland as it does appear to be included within an area outlined on Map 4, which identifies important Parish Woodland.

Policy Coly2 states that 'any development proposals that would result in the loss, damage or deterioration of these woodlands will be resisted'.

The applicant states there are no alternative sites that are suitable on the plot. The application also suggests that the new workshop is needed to 'store tools, machinery and equipment to manage the extensive grounds around his house'.

The previous planning application 17/1353/FUL was for change of use to domestic garden, and the erection of two new sheds 'to store tools for maintaining the land'.

How much garden machinery is there on site that requires safe storage?

There are numerous existing outbuildings that currently serve this purpose, which can also provide workshop space for creative hobby purposes.

Such a large workshop if built, gives the applicant every scope to take his hobby to a commercial operation within a few years, via a future 'change of use' planning application. Why else build such a large workshop. Why should one man's desire for yet another hobby workshop create an indelible industrial footprint for generations, on land that is designated Parish Woodland. Why should Holyford be turned into an Industrial Estate? I will be objecting to this planning application via the EDDC Planning Portal.

22/03/67 Report from County Councillor – See Appendix A for report. Cllr Hartnell suggested a working group be set up to include himself to discuss and fine tune the traffic issues around the Parish, he stated that the 20mph plan would be submitted to cabinet to be discussed. He stated that there would be two options, a formal traffic management plan with solutions or small steps one at a time. Cllr Pady bought up the exit of

the Wetlands near Popes Lane, stating that traffic calming is needed there like in Axmouth. He stated the planning permission should never have been granted without any traffic calming there. Cllr Hartnell stated that he is already aware of issues at that spot and the issue has been raised with Highways, a long term solution is needed here. Cllr Hay spoke about various areas where jobs have not been completed to a high enough standard and so will need doing again, Cownhayne Lane has had a small area of ditch dug out, as has Station Road, these are both jobs which will need doing again. Cllr Hartnell confirmed that all points raised by Cllr Hay have either been reported online or will be forwarded to Stephen Kelly. Cllr Denny spoke of the 20mph proposal drawn up by himself, this was backed by all Councillors. Cllr Hartnell will submit this. Cllr Turner spoke of a potential crossing in Colyford, this was bought up a long time ago but the reasoning behind it not going forward was proximity of coach stops for the Grammar School and the junction at the Post Office, he spoke of the crossing in Seaton outside the Tramway, this crossing is surrounded by roundabouts and is right next to a bus stop so why can they have a crossing there but not in Colyford? Cllr Hartnell explained that the difference is that the road in Colyford is an A road, this difference in classification brings with it safety measures. A member of public stood up and stated her disappointment in the County Council for not valuing the elderly population in Colyford, she stated that her 90 year old neighbour is scared to cross the road. Cllr Hartnell appreciated the point but stated that the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 20mph should hopefully make a big difference. Finally Cllr Clifford thanked Cllr Hartnell for the recent works done at Bath House in Colyton.

22/03/68 Report from District Councillors. Cllr Arnott submitted his report – see appendix B. Cllr Hay stated that a District Council in North Somerset have made the decision to refund £10 to residents as due to Covid 19, rubbish collections have been missed or delayed, would EDDC be doing the same. Cllr Arnott replied that there would be no refunds. Cllr Real asked why cardboard was not being picked up in some circumstances. Cllr Arnott replied that there are capacity problems, he will ask officers what should be expected for next week.

Cllr H Parr submitted her report – See appendix C. Cllr H Parr reported that she has finally gotten somewhere with the street light which has been out in the Dolphin Street carpark for months, there is a fault with Western Power and they are investigating. She reported that the toilets are marked for closure so the PC need to negotiate with EDDC to decide on what to do, there is £25,000.00 in the budget for restoring the outer shell and decorating.

Car park prices will increase to £1.50 per hour for inland carparks and £2.00 per hour for coastal areas, this is to balance the budget which has recently been passed, including £737,000.00 worth of projects which were deemed unaffordable in January, now with the carpark increases these projects can go ahead. Band D properties will have an increase of £5.00 on their Council tax. Cllr Pady asked about CPC taking over the car park as well as the toilets to help cover costs, Cllr H Parr stated that would be something to negotiate with EDDC. Cllr Real reported a missing rubbish bin at the Courtenay Drive bus stop, he stated that he picks up rubbish which people chuck after getting off the bus, Cllr H Parr will look into this. Cllr Hay stated that the car parks are now the dearest in the West Country and this will keep tourists away, Cllr H Parr could not disagree with this statement.

22/03/69 Highway Matters

- a) A formal minute is required by DCC Highways stating that the CPC approve the applications for reducing the speed limits around the Parish and for the introduction of parking limits around Market Place. Cllr Arnott proposed this go ahead, seconded by Cllr K Mills and agreed by all.
- b) Complaint from resident of water over-spill on Station Road. Water coming up from Openreach drain – flooding pavement and side of highway. Clerk has already contacted Highways who claim that this is an issue with BT, BT have already been informed of this.
- c) Ref TTRO2244370 Temporary prohibition of through traffic and parking. Monday 14th March – Friday 18th March. Colyford Road, Seaton. This is considered necessary to complete works to form a backdrop connection into existing foul manhole in the carriageway.
- d) Ref TTRO2244440 Temporary prohibition of through traffic and parking. Monday 14th March – Tuesday 15th March. Road past Farwood House, Northleigh. Devon Highways drainage works.
- e) Ref TTRO2244643 Temporary prohibition of through traffic. Monday 16th May – Tuesday 17th May. Hillhead Colyton – jcn with B3161 to NR Highbrook. Installation of Fibre cabling on behalf of Openreach.
- f) Ref TTRO2244590 Temporary prohibition of through traffic and parking. Monday 30th May – Tuesday 31st May. Sidmouth Road for approx. 20m. Colyton. Installation of new underground cable. Sunbelt rentals UK.

g) Flooding at School Lane. Cllr Hay reported that this is another job completed by Highways which is not good enough, they rebuilt the drain 6 months ago and it already overflows, the flood will reside within 24 hrs but the water will sit in the drain level with the road so clearly a blockage there. Cllr Stenning reported this back in October during the heavy rain, the silt was visible in the drain, yet highways claim there isn't a problem.

Cllr Denny approached residents of Queens Court to request that the gate for the School which allows pupil's access to Sidmouth Road without walking on the highway during school pick up and drop off times be left open while works are being completed on the highway. This request was declined by the residents.

22/03/70 Report from Meetings Attended. Cllr Hay reported that the Playing Fields committee are concerned about the rain water harvester at the Reece Strawbridge Centre, it overflows and floods the pitch. Cllr Arnott suggested a meeting with himself, Roy Turner and Mark Mann to try to come up with a solution, Cllr Denny offered to attend as he has some expert knowledge which might be helpful.

Cllr Parr reported that he attended a meeting of the Jubilee planning committee, thoughts and ideas are coming together and the Parish Council may be approached at some point for funding.

22/03/71 Letter received from the CCCLT. Cllr Parr stated that the Parish Council have already suggested all the land in Colyton which is available, Cllr Pady agreed stating that they don't seem to be interested in small pieces of land and that there aren't any big pieces available.

22/03/72 Date for the Annual Parish Meeting – hall not available on 20th April, 13th April has been provisionally booked awaiting confirmation. Suggestion needed for speaker. 13th April at 7:30 has been confirmed. It was decided that there is no need for a speaker as there will be reports read out by various people.

22/03/73 Rainwater harvester tanks at the Reece Strawbridge Centre. Discussed above under meetings attended.

22/03/74 Request for a bin at the bus stop where Gribblemead meets Coly Road. Cllr A Mills has been approached by a member of public complaining about a lack of bin at the bottom of Gribblemead by the bus stop. Cllr Real proposed a bin be purchased for the area, seconded by Cllr A Mills and agreed by all.

22/03/75 Dolphin Street toilets and carpark. Cllr Arnott recommended that these two issues be approached separately, they are both assets owned by EDDC, he suggested for the toilets a Zoom call between a couple Cllrs, some EDDC officers and the clerk would be really useful to get the ball rolling. He suggested Cllrs not act as individuals at this time as it is not helpful. Cllr Stenning asked if the £25k which is in the EDDC budget for the loos can be used for decorating the interior, Cllr Arnott confirmed that an inspection will be needed by senior officers to determine how best to spend the money. Cllr Real asked when the toilets would be open. Cllr Arnott confirmed that the accessible loo will remain open until April 2023. Cllr Real proposed that the Zoom call go ahead, this was seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all. Cllr Hay asked when the electric car charging ports would be introduced, Cllr Arnott confirmed that the roll out is going ahead. Cllr Denny mentioned that signage is needed around the back of the loos as people don't notice the open loo.

22/03/76 Footpath in the Cemetery. Cllr Real proposed quotes be gathered to resurface the lower path of the cemetery, this was seconded by Cllr Hay and agreed by all.

22/03/77 Letter written by Cllr Denny regarding the CeramTec site needs comments and approval ahead of being sent to EDDC, Homes England and Wainhomes. Cllr Real proposed this letter be sent on to all, this was seconded by Cllr K Mills and agreed by all.

22/03/78 Saxon Meadows. Cllr Turner pointed out that one of the one bedroom flats which was supposed to be available for local people to buy is in the process of being resold. The particulars on the estate agent website state that it can be sold as a holiday let or a rental. These houses were intended to be low cost for local buyers, but it was purchased, furnished but never lived in. Cllr Arnott will take this to head of planning.

22/03/79 Ratification of the R.W Kittles Foundation motion bought before the Council on 28th February. Cllr Clifford proposed this be accepted, seconded by Cllr Pady and agreed by all.

22/03/80 Nunsford Lane. This will be added to the Amenities agenda for discussion at the end of the month.

22/03/81 Allotment water supply. Cllr Denny confirmed that the water supply is now in, the large holding tank will be covered to prevent leaves falling in, a smaller tank with a ball cock is now needed to allotment users can fill their watering cans, Cllr Denny proposed that Eddie Dayment be approached for a quote for this, this was seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.

22/03/82 Parish newsletter approval ahead of publication. It was agreed to invite the Colyford Steering Group to make a submission for the newsletter to give a balanced view to the public.

22/03/83 Toilet at PMPF. Cllr Denny has made a sketch and circulated, this now needs to go out to quotation.

22/03/84 Correspondence

- a) The Rural Bulletin
- b) EDDC Covid update
- c) Rural Funding Digest – March Edition
- d) Minutes from the FoCL meeting held 5th Jan 2022 and 24th Feb 2022.
- e) EDDC Planning news – March edition.

22/03/85 Finance

Minutes of the Finance meeting held 28th February 2022 (Appendix X) to be noted
Accounts to be approved for payment.

DD Talktalk phone and broadband 32.92 VAT 6.58. **Total 39.50 pounds.**

DD EDF Workshop electricity 7.50 VAT 1.50. **Total 9.00 pounds.**

DD Biffa waste management 118.92 VAT 23.78. **Total 142.70 pounds.**

BACS Mr Fitzpatrick toilet caretaker. **Total 120.00 pounds.**

BACS Cllr Stenning Two ink cartridges for printing letter double sided for the clerk. 22.99 and 19.98.
Total 42.97 pounds.

BACS AJ Products bin for Govers Meadow 85.00 VAT 17.00. **Total 102.00 pounds.**

BACS KP Harris decorating the PMPF pavilion. **Total 4973.00 pounds.**

BACS Cllr Denny EDDC planning consultation. **Total 20.00 pounds.**

BACS Halcyon Grounds maintenance 501.66 VAT 100.33. **Total 601.99 pounds.**

BACS R & H signs sign to warn of water pipes. **Total 22.00 pounds.**

BACS Abacus playgrounds Wetpour kit – proforma invoice 125.00 VAT 25.00. **Total 150.00 pounds.**

Cllr Turner asked about the VAT on the invoice to KP Harris, clerk to enquire.

The above accounts were agreed for payment, proposed by Cllr Real, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.

a) Quote received from Eddie Dayment to alleviate flooding at Millfield, this includes adding a soakaway rather than discharging onto the highway. Ratification of Councils decision in the Finance meeting held 28th February 2022 not to approach others to tender as Mr Dayment knows the site, knows the plan, has done previous works on the site and when the first job on the site went out to tender, his was the most competitive quote. Cllr Real proposed this be accepted, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.

b) Quote from Mr Voysey to scrape Millfield. Cllr Pady will ask for this,

c) The Royal British Legion are producing plaques for the Queens Canopy, A5 size. 119.99 pounds without stakes, 144.99 pounds with. Shipping not included. It was agreed not to purchase at this point but to approach the Primary School to see if they wanted to make one. This will go on the finance agenda.

22/03/86 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 28th February 2022 – (Appendix Y) to be noted

a) Planning Applications

22/0395/FUL The Oaks Holyford Lane Colyford – Mr Vanier - Change of use of garden and erection of an art studio/ workshop and machinery store and installation of hard standing and gates. *Comments due by 24th March.* Cllr Parr proposed this application not be supported, this was seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by the majority, Cllrs Arnott, Stenning and Turner abstained. Reasons for not supporting are: 1. The development was oversized and not in sympathy with the surroundings through height and choice of materials. 2. The proposal would not enhance the unspoilt, quiet valley. 3. Concern expressed regarding the potential noise pollution from the metal workshop. 4. There should have been a tree survey and wildlife survey completed before the

clearance of trees and excavations on the site. 5. The site was previously part of the edge of Holyford Woods and a rare wildlife habitat. 6. The proposals would not be in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan which recommends sympathetic development in the countryside. 7. The recommendations of the Pre-App seem, to an extent, to have been ignored. 8. The Devon Bank with planting has been completed, but this should have sought formal planning permission first.

22/0462/FUL Lower Watchcombe Farm Shute – Mr White - Refurbishment of existing lean-to barn, including integration of game food processing and chiller storage unit, remainder of barn retained as farm storage. *Comments due by 4th April.* Cllr Gardiner proposed this application be supported, seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed. Cllrs Arnott and Hay abstained.

b) Planning decisions from East Devon

22/0194/FUL The Grove South Street Colyton – Mr & Mrs Ingham - Singles storey glazed side extension, internal remodelling and demolition of garage and alterations to existing car port. Approved.

22/0051/TCA Chantry Orchard King Street Colyton – Ms Pardoe - To coppice at 1 metre above ground level 1 x multi-stemmed Willow tree. This tree is causing concerns as it is growing very close to the neighbour's fencing amid worries it will cause damage to the fencing. Approved.

c) Planning Correspondence

EDDC Strategic Planning Committee Meeting – held Tuesday 8th March, Cllrs Helen Parr and Paul Arnott both voted against Colyford (amongst others) being placed in Tier 4 group of settlements which could be considered for further development. After a good debate the committee decided not to place any further settlements into Tier 4.

22/03/87 Amenities

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 28th February 2022 – (Appendix Z) to be approved for publication.

22/03/88 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published – to be noted

22/03/89 Matters to be taken into Committee

22/03/90 Dates of future meetings

Finance & Planning – Monday 28th March

Full Meeting – Monday 11th April

Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 13th April.

Meeting closed: 21:10

Appendix A

March 2022 Report from Cllr Marcus Hartnell – Devon County Council

Strategic Plan The DCC strategic plan up to 2025 has just been published. This can be viewed online using the link below. The plan focuses on how we will help the county to recover from the COVID19 pandemic, build on the resilience of local people and communities to create a fairer, healthier and more caring place, and grasp the opportunity to create a greener, more prosperous and inclusive future for all. The best place - Strategic Plan ([devon.gov.uk](https://www.devon.gov.uk))

Available funding for Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations I've been made aware of some funding opportunities to support local council celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Link below. What funding is available? – The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

Highways DCC Cabinet has agreed that 20mph schemes can be progressed in 2022/23 for those communities who request them. It's worth noting that the trial completed in Newton Abbot did not have community support for default 20mph limit in residential areas but did support them outside

schools. With this outcome in mind, it is important that any request for a 20mph limit is supported by Town and Parish Councils alongside the elected County Councillor. I am happy to discuss individual Town/Parish requests and with your support I can put it forward for assessment, which must be done before 31st March 2022.

Budget The DCC budget was approved on 17th February. The DCC element of Council Tax will rise by 2.99% adding 87p per week or £45 a year to a Band D council tax bill. Some last-minute changes meant £1m of funds being reinstated to the Highways Budget as well as £329k in the community fund. Unfortunately, DCC members' locality budgets have been reduced to £8,000 for this year only. In recognition of greater healthcare working between the NHS and DCC we have received £10m to offset high service needs in the Adult Social Care sector and are currently negotiating with the Department of Education to reduce the Special Educational Needs deficit.

Seaton Multi-Use Trail The Secretary of State for Transport has confirmed the Compulsory Purchase Order 2021 for the land adjacent to Colyford Road that will link up the Multi-Use trail between White Cross and The Cemetery. This is the final stage of the legal process confirming the order for DCC to purchase this land to enable completion of this important section of the Stop Line Way.

Coastal & Market Towns Urban Renewal Pilot The Team Devon Covid-19 Economy and Business Recovery Prospectus identified the need for a support package for Devon's coastal and market towns to assist in their economic recovery and future prosperity. To implement the recommendations in the Prospectus, £200,000 seed funding was allocated to the Coastal and Market Towns Urban Renewal project as part of the £6 million economy recovery funding agreed by Devon County Council's Cabinet. Phase 1 of this project, which is complete, was to engage a consultant to produce a review of the challenges and opportunities in Devon's coastal and market towns, working with district and town council colleagues. Following this review, and also considering the vulnerability index and recovery prospects calculated by Devon County Council's Economic Evidence and Policy Team, the 8 towns left most economically vulnerable by the pandemic and with the biggest opportunities for regeneration work were identified as the priorities to receive the seed funding. Through this method Axminster, Bideford, Dawlish, Ilfracombe, Okehampton, Teignmouth, Tiverton, and Seaton were selected for a pilot project. The £175,000 from Devon County Council's Recovery Funding remaining for Phase 2, plus an additional combined contribution of at least £50,000 from the District Councils, will be used to develop Regeneration Strategies, Business Cases for future regeneration investments, and a suite of Quick Win projects. To assist in the development of Regeneration Strategies and Business Cases, a procurement was carried out with Hardisty Jones engaged as the successful bidders. The Urban Renewal project involves the County Council, District Councils, Town Councils, and local stakeholders working collectively to develop shared visions and strategies that address specific local needs. This work will also support these towns to identify a pipeline of projects or business cases for upcoming funding opportunities, such as Shared Prosperity Fund and Round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund.

Devon Pension Fund & Investments in Russia The Devon Pension Fund invests via the Brunel Pension Partnership. Brunel provide a number of investment portfolios which includes an Emerging Markets (EM) Equities portfolio. Within that portfolio around 3% is invested in Russian Companies. The EM portfolio accounts for around 5% of the total Devon Pension Fund, so the investment in Russia works out as 0.15% of the total fund's investment. The approach of Brunel has been to prohibit any new investments in Russian assets, to divest from all Russian-controlled and Russian owned assets, bonds & equities as soon as practicably possible. Where non-Russian assets have material revenues/profits derived from Russia, they will seek to influence through engagement

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Appendix B

District Report – March 2022

Cllr Paul Arnott

Ukraine

Team Devon authorities, including Devon County and District Councils and the Devon Association of Local Councils, have pledged to work together to support Ukrainian refugees seeking sanctuary in the UK, and have each condemned Russia's actions. They have agreed to give particular support to families in Devon whose relatives in Ukraine are fleeing the conflict.

Individually, councils have also taken steps to cut Russian links, such as through contracts for energy provision. And any few remaining investments within the Devon Pension Fund, linked to Russian assets, are being sold off quickly. **I requested a confirmation that East Devon District Council's Treasury does not have any direct investments in Russia or Russian companies and can confirm that we do not.**

Devon councils have long worked together, alongside health and voluntary sector partners and local communities, to provide safe sanctuary and resettlement for refugees, most recently Syrian families and those fleeing conflict in Afghanistan. The government has outlined support for up to 200,000 Ukrainian refugees under 'temporary visa concessions'. And further visas are being granted to those currently within the UK, including specific groups of workers, students and other visitors.

Already Devon District Councils are receiving offers of accommodation from Devon residents, for Ukrainian families.

Axe Valley

The EDDC's Project Manager Place, Assets & Commercialisation has informed members about a project that will consider the potential for placemaking and redevelopment projects for sites within the Axe Valley, from Axminster south to Seaton. The report made a number of recommendations in relation to the funding of the Axe Valley project and how the council might approach managing a bid process to Levelling Up Fund Round 2. Consultants will now be appointed to undertake feasibility studies of placemaking projects in the Axe Valley and prepare a report on the options available for a number of sites, within public or private ownership. A future report to Cabinet will set out a recommendation regarding whether to submit a Levelling Up Fund Round 2 bid and if so, will recommend which projects

East Devon Culture Strategy

A Public Survey has begun to help East Devon District Council develop a ten year Culture Strategy. This can be found at eastdevon.gov.uk. Residents' thoughts and experiences are extremely important and will help ensure this will set out an ambitious, clear and deliverable vision unique to East Devon that is relevant to you.

What do we mean by 'Culture'?

Music, theatre, museums, dance, crafting, libraries and every kind of visual and digital arts. It includes culture that you watch, or participate in, and culture made by professionals and amateurs as well as 'everyday creativity' that you might enjoy home.

Why is this important?

Culture brings joy, fun and wonder to our lives, whatever our age. Imagine a world without music, dancing, books or art! It brings communities together, contributes to jobs and prosperity, attracts visitors, and supports health and wellbeing. Culture and Heritage are the beating heart of our towns and cities.

What is the purpose of this Strategy?

The Strategy will set out a shared road map by and for East Devon to develop its cultural provision, capacity and ambition. East Devon District Council will be working closely with the creative and cultural sectors, tourism, economic development and other stakeholders to forge a stronger, sustainable future offer for East Devon.

There are just 12 questions and if you need a copy of this consultation on paper or in any other format, please call 01395 517569 or email jbuckley@eastdevon.gov.uk

East Devon leads new Tourism drive campaign: EastDevonly

A national marketing communications campaign has been launched, promoting East Devon as a visitor destination in the off-peak seasons.

The campaign went 'live' on Thursday 10th March and is designed to attract day and overnight visits across East Devon throughout the shoulder seasons, to support the recovery of the visitor economy from Covid-19. The campaign is funded by the ERDF Welcome Back Fund, supporting the seasonal phases of tourism in East Devon.

East Devon's leisure and tourism businesses can raise their profile and get on board with the campaign by using #EastDevonly on social media. A campaign toolkit and top tips can be downloaded from the EastDevonly facebook group facebook.com/groups/eastdevonly or from eastdevon.gov.uk/eastdevonly/

The next phase of the campaign has been launched, with the announcement of our three ambassadors fb.watch/bBUPkEcODN/: Michelin starred chef, Michael Caines MBE: Food & Drink Ambassador; Five times Kite Race world champion and watersports coach, Steph Bridge: Adventure Ambassador (Coast & Countryside); Blogger, entrepreneur and director of award-winning holiday park, Clare Mackenney: Family Ambassador

To maximise the campaign reach, the next element is a focused digital campaign, which aims to increase brand awareness amongst the target audience and ultimately drive consideration and therefore visitation, pushing those who have been served the ads to the EastDevonly.co.uk website.

The campaign has a multi channel approach, firstly centred around a sophisticated, interactive digital strategy across Digital Out of Home such as poster sites, enhanced and supported by mobile, display, social media, digital audio and video, completely audience-led and focussed toward cities within a 3 hour drivetime of East Devon. Secondly, learning from the first phase, further advertising placements will be selected to raise brand awareness and achieve maximum value for money.

Appendix C

District Councillor Helen Parr

March Report 2022

Planning-

The Strategic Planning Committee debated the Settlement Hierarchy- the distribution of development in East Devon towns and parishes. I objected to the option to add Colyford to the list of Tier 4 villages to be allocated development and fortunately because the option was rejected.

Dolphin Street Toilets - these are Category C Toilets scheduled for transfer to Colyton PC or closure and disposal. Funding was allocated to keep them open for a year, now less than 12 months, whilst negotiations take place.

Item 76 in the Street Scene Capital Budget is £25k, to be confirmed, for Colyton Dolphin Street Toilets, render to exterior walls & decorations. Unfortunately there is no saying whether this money could be used for other work.

As it stands the District if Colyton PC does not adopt these toilets they will be closed at the end of the 12 months and disposed of. Hopefully through negotiations this outcome will be avoided.

Budget and Parking Charges

The Budget was agreed 23 February at a Council meeting held in person at the Ocean, Exmouth. EDDC Council Tax charge for a Band D property will be £156.78- an increase of £5.00 / 3.29%.

Car park charges-

Parking charges will increase from £1.00 per hour to £2.00 per hour, a rise of 100%, doubling the cost of parking in 'prime car parks'. Prime car parks are those in the hot spots of Exmouth, Sidmouth, Seaton & Beer. Other inland car parks eg in Axminster and Honiton will be charged at £1.50 per hour, a 50% rise. These steep rises were agreed by the Democratic Alliance, and made it possible to include a Wish List of projects costing over £737,000 in the Budget.

In January Officers advised the Administration that the Wish List was unaffordable, and the Senior Management team would look with Cabinet for ways to make savings/ increase income over the next months to be able to afford these items.

However at the Cabinet meeting 2 February the Democratic Alliance agreed to double the hourly charge from £1.00 to £2.00 in prime car parks, and also to extend the list of prime car parks. This would bring in income in excess of what was needed to improve car parks and traffic management, making the Wish List affordable.

Before the Budget meeting, Councillors received emails from the Head of Service and Senior Lawyer advising that under the Road Traffic Regulation Act car park charges must be spent to manage and maintain car parks and for traffic management purposes. These huge increases in charges will bring in revenue well in excess of what is estimated to be necessary for parking management purposes, and do absolutely nothing to support our residents and town centres.

In 2021 the Council had agreed a rise in charges across the district to £1.20, in all car parks deferred till April 22.

An extraordinary meeting of the Council has had to be called to reconsider the charges in the Roxburgh Car park, Sidmouth.