

APPENDIX A – Agenda item 2101.03

1. POLICE REPORT – P.C. Clarke Orchard

Bishopsteignton Monthly Crime Report-1st-31st December 2020

Please find below the monthly crime report for Bishopsteignton.

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/12/2020 to 31/12/2020	Recorded Crime 01/12/2019 to 31/12/2019	Recorded Crime % Difference
Violence with Injury	0	2	-100.0%
Criminal Damage	1	2	-50.0%
Public Order Offences	0	2	-100.0%
Other Offences	1	0	-
Total	2	6	-66.7%

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 01/12/2020 to 31/12/2020	Incidents - 01/12/2019 to 31/12/2019	Incidents % Difference
Anti Social Behaviour	2	3	-33.3%
Crime Recorded	1	3	-66.7%
Public Safety	7	3	133.3%
Transport	9	4	125.0%
Total	19	13	46.2%

2. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – Cllr. Ron Peart

Connecting Devon and Somerset:

With support from DCMS, have today signed new contracts with three separate suppliers, Airband, Truespeed, and Wessex Internet, that will deliver full fibre connectivity to 56, 396 homes and businesses across six procurement lots within Devon and Somerset.

The contracts covering Devon have been awarded to Airband. The contractual commitment from all three suppliers is full fibre which is Gigabit capable. This means that even if residents only require a Superfast [30Mbps] connection now, from day one it is capable of Ultrafast [100Mbps] or Gigabit [1,000Mbps] speeds when they require it.

The contracts are also for open access which means other internet service providers can provide their content over the new networks. These contracts represent public funding of £36.8 million including £12.3 million from local authorities and the Heart of the South West LEP. When commercial investments from the three suppliers is added the total investment in the new contracts is £77.9 million.

Delivery will be in phases between 2021 and 2024 and now the contracts have been placed, the CDS team will be able to share further detail in the New Year relating to the phasing and sequencing of the work. The roll-out will be in the vanguard of the Government's ambitions to build a Gigabit capable network across the UK. The three companies all have experience of working in the region and, between them, have already delivered

connections to nearly 41, 000 premises in the CDS region. All three companies all have regional offices in the CDS area and well established in- house and sub- contractor design and build capacity, backed by a good supply chain. Rural Gigabit Vouchers CDS offers support to communities who wish to contract with telecoms providers to design and shape bespoke broadband solutions for their areas. CDS will provide additional support where appropriate through its Community Challenge Programme to help bridge any local funding gaps. In Devon to date: 1,544 vouchers with a value of £2,867, 111 have been issued. 552 premises have been connected. Nearly one million homes and businesses in Devon and Somerset now have access to superfast broadband. Of these, over 300, 000 homes and businesses have access to superfast broadband. The Connecting Devon and Somerset programme is expected to deliver an £800 million boost to the regional economy.

Speed Management Working Group:

The group investigated a more permissive approach to Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign policy. To allow communities to communicate to drivers in different ways, such signs displaying the vehicle's speed, slow down text etc. The outcome is a new Traffic Management Procedure which allows the use of these signs. The procedure will empower local councils to bring about a behavioural change to speed within their community and assist the Neighbourhood Highway Teams to enable this. It will also provide another option / outcome from the Speed Complaint Action Review Forum [SCARF] process. The procedure covers several criteria which must be met before a MVAS can be installed on the highway. This includes the requirement for the locations to be reviewed at SCARF and the device to be moved to different locations on a regular basis. Devices which are capable of data gathering are also supported. This could assist us by providing data to evaluate how effective these measures are. DCC will continue to deploy either fixed or mobile VAS in accordance with the current SCARF process. This option of the community deploying MVAS at its own cost is in addition to the DCC VAS programme. There are several different types of road signs that display a digital message.

The three main types are;

- Variable Message Signs [VMS] which provide information by continually showing message to all motorists. These can be mobile or fixed.
- Vehicle Activated Signs [VAS] are commonly deployed for speed compliance reasons. They detect a vehicle's speed with an internally mounted radar and display a message if the speed exceeds a set threshold. VAS have been found in certain circumstances to be more effective than traditional signs, as their luminance provides a contrast that has more of an impact on motorists. These can be mobile or fixed.
- Speed indicator devices [SID] are a form of vehicle activated sign, which displays a motorist's current speed [accompanied sometimes by a frowning face or message to slow down where applicable].

These devices can achieve speed reductions. DCC will provide support in setting the speed threshold for activation. This will never be lower than the speed limit itself. Purchase and installation cost a [warranty of 5 years is recommended] ongoing maintenance will need to be carried out insurance including insurance for working on the highway all repairs.

3. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – Cllr. Andrew MacGregor

Leisure: As mentioned in the last report, the parks and open green spaces remain accessible for use. Play parks and Skate parks seem to be being well used and concerns have been raised about social distancing. Govt Guidance indicates that we should keep them open. Officer advice is that should you see breaches of Govt guidance, the best option is to make it known to the police via 101.

Decoy Park has been very busy, and fishermen have taken advantage of a loophole in the guidance and been angling in the park. Rangers have asked them to stick to the fishing areas marked out and signs have been posted.

Leisure Centres: All Leisure Centres remain closed for use by the public, clubs and 3rd party PT instructors. Schools were still able to use some of the facilities so there wasn't a total closure. The staff remain on furlough. We should hear shortly how successful the bids for grants to refurbish/replace the heating systems for leisure centres, pools and other buildings.

Shaldon Golf: Has remained closed due to the lockdown.

Health and Wellbeing: An update on the Health and Wellbeing Board work will be on the 21st Jan. I have requested an update on the vaccination process and progress. TDC just announced the use of Sherborne House in NA with the adjacent car park for a vaccination centre for NA and the surrounding towns/parishes. I will need to establish what the CCG have arranged for Teignmouth, Dawlish and elsewhere on the 21st.

Cemeteries: are still functioning normally and pleasing to state no uplift in demand locally despite Covid. All grounds maintenance either up to date or being finalised for the year.

Tourism

Tourism is currently closed down at the moment. TDC are providing support through grant processing for businesses forced to close that qualify.

Business and economy

- Business Grants have been reviewed for the criteria. The team hope to have the scheme operational ahead of the proposed start in Feb. The Council are taking a light touch approach. Those that previously obtained support will be provided with a PIN to access their previous claim and check (tick a box) or update their details. This should speed up the process compared to previous months.
At this stage it doesn't look like the scheme has been extended in any significant way. The team will assist any new claiming business to establish if they meet the criteria and then facilitate the payment as quickly as they can.
- TDC obtained £9.2m in outline funding from there application seeking £13.6m. This will mean a review of our initial plan to see what we can sustainably continue with and what will need amended to fit the new lower allocation.
- Teignmouth Town Centre regeneration is underway. NHS plans are under consideration with the Planning Officers and the contractors are bidding for the Hotel construction which is hoped to be started soon. Eastcliff Centre has now gone and the Car Park re-aligned.

Finance: This remains a bit 'oh dear!' area at present. Revenues from Leisure Car Parks, Business Rates and other funding streams remain severely impacted. Officers are working hard to keep costs down and impact as mitigated as possible whilst ensuring key services continue as close to normal as possible. Monthly account updates need to be registered with the Govt departments within 14 days of end of the month or we risk losing the grant support. A positive note. Council Tax base was agreed and passed at Full Council. Budget planning looks to have covered the 20/21, 21/22 periods at least – barring some new catastrophe or change to Govt policy. The Finance Manager is meeting Parish/Town Councils later this week.