

## **Report for Bishopsteignton Parish Council. 01/04/21**

**From: District Councillor Andrew MacGregor**

### **PSPO**

A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to tackle antisocial behaviour in Teignmouth town centre will take effect from today (1 April). The order aims to prevent nuisance caused by noise, drinking or drug taking in the restricted area. The PSPO has been initiated by Teignbridge District Council.

### **Brunswick Street Developments in Teignmouth**

NHS Programme: Planning application submitted but awaiting validation which is a lengthy process bearing in mind the nature of the location and design of the building.

(May/June Planning Decision expected, with July/August Construction started. Pending NHS acceptance, of course.)

### **Future High Street Fund**

Grant set by Govt at only 69% of the funding requested. Revised plans and Final Business case now submitted. Decision expected from Government by end April.

### **Waste and Recycling**

The Recycling Rate measure for 2019/20 has been confirmed as 56.2% against the previous years rate of 56.3%. This is a shame but is statistically identical and considering the very poor weather at Christmas 2020 could be influenced by people not wishing to put out their boxes in the rain.

Joint Devon Waste Strategy is now out for consultation – you only have two weeks to comment. We are still waiting on Government on the National Waste strategy. What I see on social media around this is that the big gains look as if they are going to be left out but Government could well be moving to support an “on the go” scheme whereby coke bottles etc could have a deposit. This will not help us but is not as catastrophic as a deposit scheme on all plastic bottles.

### **Sports.**

No change from the last report. Lockdown eases just as we come into willow/leather season, so football will probably be training only. I will be looking at how we can support football, Rugby etc across the district.

### **Leisure.**

Work has started preparing the Lido for the investment from the £2.3m grant. It will remain closed. The other leisure centres will open as normal, but work may impact some sessions or whole days over the summer.

Demand for sessions in swimming has already started heating up, with bigger clubs demanding a return to normal. That unfortunately is still an issue as we don't know what the post-Covid landscape will be in respect of the capacities and demand and obviously any guidelines.

We have established that the focus on public use, rather than club use does bring in higher revenues and if we are to develop the Leisure strategy effectively, we may have to look at the balance in sessions.

Dry-side is expected to pick up as normal with demand is expected to start ramping up via the app as lockdown eases.

#### Recreation:

Open spaces look great, and it is good to see parks and play parks looking in good form. Decoy play park renewal should start soon. The annual to-ing and fro-ing over the croquet pitch has started and hopefully ended.

Our open spaces are open for events soon, so if you know any that may want to book, please encourage them to contact and book. A local choir is holding an event for instance in Forde Park.

Trees - We completed another 1500 tree planting this year.

Housing - Our Council Built House projects in East Street and Drake Road, have or are about to start. We are also at bid discussion stage over the Bradley Lane site in NA.