

Devon County Council

Minor pothole repairs are being carried out by some of Devon's Community Road Wardens in a number of pilot areas of the county. DCC launched its Community Road Warden scheme 18 months ago to enable communities to do a wide range of highway work for themselves, which the County Council can no longer do due to reduced levels of funding. To ensure that they can work safely on the highway, the County Council has provided free training for around 60 volunteers nominated by Parish and Town Councils over the past year, with another 27 on the waiting list or booked for training. The training enables volunteers to sign up to the Road Warden scheme, which provides County Council third party liability cover for properly completed volunteer work and recommends communities to provide their own personal injury insurance cover for their volunteers.

The Road Wardens are not replacing County Council staff and their role is to help with more minor maintenance work. Repair of larger potholes that meet the safety defect criteria and other safety defect repairs on the highway will continue to be carried out by Devon County Council.

Road wardens will be covered by Devon County Council's third party public liability insurance and will be able to use tools provided by the County Council. They will act as their town or parish's primary point of contact with the County Council's local Neighbourhood Highway Officers.

Holsworthy Rural Policing Update: 15/3/16 – 14/5/16

The following incidents have occurred:

Germansweek: Security cameras and gate had been stolen.

Pancrasweek: Theft of large bird case

Broadwoodwidge: Criminal damaged to granite post.

Pyworthy: 16 x Sheep taken from a field.

Chilsworthy: Criminal damage to a vehicle.

Milton Damerel: 6 x Concrete troughs stolen

Highampton: Criminal damaged to wooden fence

Please remember to mark your property and take note of your SERIAL no. or EMEI no. , please register your property at www.immobilise.com

Don't hesitate to ring the Police on 101 for non-emergency or 999 if you see a crime taking place.

PCSO 30099 Raquel ROWE, Holsworthy Police Station

Recent Planning Applications and Determinations

March 2016 to May 2016

Ref. No: 1/0061/2016 FUL Construction of two new build holiday units, new three-bay garage and conversion of former agricultural building to holiday unit at Glebe Farm Barn, West Putford, Holsworthy. Validated 07 March 2016. Status: Permitted.

Ref. No: 1/1164/2015 FUL Proposed new agricultural dwelling at The Barton, East Putford, EX22 7UG. Validated 31 March 2016. Status: Permitted.

Ref. No: 1/0282/2016/FUL Prior notification of Change of Use of an agricultural building to a dwelling under Class Q (a) and (b) in relation to a farm building at Nicholls Farm, West Putford. Validated 18 March 2016. Status: Permitted.

Ref. No: 1/1777/20115/FULM Construction of 5 megawatt Solar Park and ancillary developments on 14.6 hectares of land at Bulkworthy. Validated 21 December 2015. Status: Permitted.

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Putford Parish Council

Mrs L. Drake (Chair) , Mrs M. Lewis, Mr A. Bewes (Vice), Mr M. Cornish, Mr P. Bond, Mrs G. Clark, Mr D. Pomeroy, Mr N. Moulder, Mr J. Wooldridge, Mr M. Thomas, Mrs P. Geen, Mr J. Jessell.
Parish Clerk Sue Squire 01598 710526 or sue@suesquire.com

St Stephens Church

Cider & Sizzle
Sunday 17th July
Starts 2pm—4pm at Five Acres, Colscott
approx 3 mile walk
Adults £8, children £4

For tickets phone Katie Taylor on 07867 120445

St Stephens Church Services

June 12th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
June 19th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
June 26th	6.30pm	Evensong
July 10th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
July 17th	11.30am	Sung Eucharist
July 24th	6.30pm	Evensong

Bradworthy History Society

Our next Open Morning is on Saturday 4th June from 11.00am to 12.30pm in the Collacott Room, Bradworthy Memorial Hall.

We welcome photographs or documents to scan or add to the archive and appreciate your continued help, putting names to faces in our large collection of photographs.

Refreshments will be available and we look forward to seeing you.

Daphne, Sarah, Margaret, Jackie and Lin.

Three Villages Heritage Festival

Towards the end of last year Malcolm (Woodcock) had an idea. With the closure of Putford School and Chapel he thought about holding a festival for the communities of three small parishes which had no other meeting place other than their church.

With the same three churches being considered "at risk" (high maintenance and upkeep costs, small congregations) he thought it might also be a way to raise awareness, help them diversify and raise a little money towards general running costs.

Contacts were made and an informal group of parishioners met for the first time just before Christmas 2015. The rest - you might say - is history!

Fast forward to Thursday 26th May and here we are at the final meeting for our 2016 event, looking back on what we hope you will all agree was an extremely well supported and successful event.

The total amount raised (less expenses) was £900 and if you would like to see our Constitution or have any thoughts or concerns about this event, please contact either Lin (01409 240098) or Mavis (01409 241049) or email Malcolm - malcolm.woodcock@me.com and we will do our best to help.

The Organising Committee would like to sincerely thank the companies and individuals who contributed to this event and say how much we appreciate the amount of work everyone put in to this, our first Community Festival. To build on our experience and your support this year we plan to hold more events in the future.

Our warmest thanks as always to all contributors, sponsors and advertisers.

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Tennis

Woolsery Tennis Club opened for the summer season on 11th April and will continue through to mid September. The regular club nights are held on Friday evenings from 6.30pm and all abilities are very welcome. Additional club nights will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm only when league matches are not taking place. Please contact our club secretary to find out further details about our club, club evenings, our membership fees and how to join.

Our two ladies league teams are both doing well. Woolsery A team (Capt: Denise Baggott) is currently lying mid table having played half their league matches - they have won 3 and lost 3. Woolsery B team (Capt: Shirley Grills) are almost half way through having only played 3 matches (as one was a walkover and 2 have been cancelled due to rain) but they are playing well as they have won all their matches so far. We wish them lots of good luck for the remainder and for their Knockout Cup challenge which is to start soon.

Club Secretary: Jane Walter on 07969015348 or jane.walter@live.co.uk

What's on

Chilsworthy Village Hall

We are having a special lunch on **Sunday, 12 June** in the Village Hall to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday this year. There will be a service in the Chilsworthy Chapel at 10.45 a.m. for those who wish to attend, followed by lunch in the Hall at 1.15 p.m. Lunch will consist of salads with potatoes followed by desserts. The bar will be open for alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks. Cost £5.00 per adult., £3.00 per child up to and including age 11 years. Booking essential by telephoning Marlene Heard on 01409 253339 or Pam Rutson on 01409 253063.

Woolsery Community Hall

POP UP RESTAURANT. **Saturday 4th June** from 7.30pm. 3 course a la carte meal, to include entertainment. £20 a head. Book with Faith 01237 451627

COME DANCING— Live Music, SEQUENCE & OLD TIME with Simon Inch. **Saturday 11th June 8pm**, 'bring & share' supper.

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OPEN GARDENS **16/17th June**. We have a wide range of interesting and new gardens to explore surrounding the village, so come on your travels. We still have room for gardens in the village, and anyone who wants to display / sell craft or art items. Please contact Derek, 01237 431218.

Friends of Woolsery School are holding their Annual Summer Fete on **Saturday June 25th**, 11am - 3pm. With the ever so popular cake stall, face painting, Fete games, Tug O war, cream teas, raffle and demonstrations etc.

Barnstaple Hospital

There have been reports in the local press about the possible closure of various essential services in Barnstaple. Anyone interested can sign a petition to resist this change and at the time of writing, the petition has over 9000 signatures. If there are 10,000 signatures the government will respond. If there were 100,000 signatures the matter would be considered for debate in Parliament. Registering an interest is a simple process via <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/128996>

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REPORT ON THE APRIL AND MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS.

April.

- Members completed their 2016/17 Register of Interests forms.
- Apologies from Councillors Moulder & D Pomeroy, PCSO Rowe.
- Councillor Mrs Lewis declared a Personal Interest in the grant from District Councillor Hick in connection with the Mini Heritage Festival.
- Reports. PCSO Rowe had sent a written report. None related to West & East Putford. County Councillor Julian and District Councillor Hicks was not present. Councillor Mrs Geen had circulated a report on her attendance at a Market and Coastal Towns Initiative Meeting. As a result, a letter of support has been sent to Holsworthy Town Council to help them secure funding from TDC to upgrade the Pavilion in Stanhope Park. Councillor Mrs Lewis to supply a map for the May Meeting for potholes and other safety defects on the roads to be marked. A letter from DCC to the Chairman was noted following her representations regarding material being disposed of in appropriate places particularly in regard with surplus tarmac being spread in a gateway. A letter to be drafted in reply.
- Planning. Proposed new agricultural dwelling at The Barton, East Putford was recommended for approval; Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1 dwelling at Nichols Farm, West Putford was recommended for approval. Five items of planning correspondence was noted.
- Finance. Balances were given and payments agreed.
- Five items of correspondence was noted. A letter of support to be sent to Black Torrington Parish Council to support the resurfacing of the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area).
- Councillor Thomas suggested the Parish Council has its own website. Councillors had no objection to him investigating this matter further.
- Councillors were in agreement for the notice board at Putford Bridge to be relocated on the garage door of Bridge Farm, as has been the case in the past.
- Councillor Mrs Geen spoke about Neighbourhood Plans. The item to be on the May Agenda.

May (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

- The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on the rising of the Annual Parish Meeting.
- Councillor Mrs Drake was re-elected Chairman and Councillor Bewes re-elected as Vice Chairman. Councillor Mrs Geen was elected as the Parish Council's representative at the Market & Coastal Towns Initiative Meetings. Councillors agreed that Minutes and other correspondence is sent by email to Councillors.
- Apologies from Councillors Mrs R Clark, J Jessel and N Moulder. PCSO Rowe.
- There were no Declarations of Interest and the Minutes of the Meeting on 26 April 2016 were agreed after some amendments were noted.
- County Councillor Julian was present and spoke about various issues in connection with DCC. As a result of divisional boundary changes from May 2017 he would be losing 3 Parishes, among them West & East Putford which would be in the Holsworthy Rural Division.
- Councillor Mrs Lewis provided a map and various areas were marked showing potholes and the poor state of the road. It will be forwarded to DCC.
- Councillor Thomas had made enquiries about a website and would do further work on it.
- Councillor Mrs Geen would reply on behalf of the Parish Council in connection with TDC's Strategic Plan Consultation.
- Finance. Balances were noted. Payments were approved. The accounts for the year ended 31/3/16 were approved as was Sections 1 & 2 of the 2016 Annual Return. The 2016 Statement of Internal Control was signed.
- Three items of correspondence were noted.
- Councillor Cornish spoke about boulders placed on grass verges and was advised by County Councillor Julian that it was possible to submit a complaint to DCC Highways.
- The next Meeting would be on Tuesday, 6/9/16 in Bradworthy Primary Academy at 7.30pm.