

Shillingford Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

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HIGHWAYS

On a wet and windy day the Clerk and Cllr Carr met with a representative of Devon Highways to identify and log several issues with the roads and the gullies. Since the meeting the road edges have been ploughed and jobs to remove the No Cycling sign by the Church path and to erect new signage to try and stop cars using Sampson's Hill have been created. Work will be carried out in the next 3 months along with cleaning several of the gullies that run through the villages.

PHONE BOX ADOPTION

Following a request from a local resident, the parish council are investigating Adopting the red BT phone box in Shillingford Abbot. The phone box along with the notice boards and the letterboxes are important features in the villages. Adoption would mean removal of the telephone service in the box and the parish council would own and maintain the red box.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In September, Trand held a public consultation to gather comments and opinion on their proposals for an affordable housing development in Shillingford Abbot. They have recently been in touch to

confirm that following the public consultation there is currently not sufficient support for them to proceed and they have withdrawn their interest.

366 BUS SERVICE

The bus service between Kenn and Exeter is an essential service for those that use it. The parish council have spoken to the Devon Transport team who have confirmed that the 366 service will continue after April 2015. There is still concern as to the future of this service given the budget cuts taking place across the County. The parish council will keep a close eye on developments.

DEFIBRILATOR

The parish council are looking to support a local project and the purchase of a defibrillator has been suggested. The Village Hall Committee are investigating First Aid courses and we would hope that the community would come together to support both projects. In rural communities this knowledge and equipment could be life saving. There are many questions to answer as to the best location for a defibrillator, how people would access it and how it would be maintained. If there is not strong support for this then the money could be allocated to another project. We welcome comments on this matter.

PLAY AREA

The parish council are also looking into building a small children's play area near the village hall. This is still in the early stages but we do know that this would be a costly and challenging project were we to proceed.

WAYBROOK LANE

We are still waiting for news of the impact of the South West Exeter development on Chudleigh Road and Waybrook Lane. This is a major concern for the parish council and we have already made representation to the District Council planners that we do not want traffic from the new developments turning roads in the villages into 'rat-runs' and we are working closely with our Teignbridge District Councillors to get the best outcome for the parish.

NEXT MEETING

The next full parish council meeting is scheduled for Monday 26th January, starting at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Local residents are invited to attend and every meeting starts with an open forum allowing comments to be made on agenda items.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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MORE INFORMATION

Details about the parish council including meeting minutes, agendas and major topic information can be found on the website.

www.shillingford.org.uk

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

If you have any comments or questions for the parish council please contact the clerk.

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