



Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council

CLERKS REPORT – July 2023

1. **New developments and dog waste bins** – I have received complaints from a couple of residents re lack of bins in Redrow Development, I have explained the difficulties experienced with Redrow. Alternative location needed or more questioning of Redrow – decision required.
2. **Speedwatch** – the Okehampton Hamlets Speedwatch Group has been set and I have completed and passed the required training. More volunteers are now needed to undertake the training and sites for undertaking the Speedwatch exercises need to be agreed before submitting them to the Police. Update required.
3. **20's Plenty for Devon** – consideration to be given to supporting this initiative and if agreed appoint Councillor to attend future meetings/briefings. Extract from email from Sustainability Officer at Totnes Town Council below -

'You may be aware that a growing number of Devon Parish Councils are campaigning to make 20mph the default speed limit where people and motor vehicles mix, with 30mph being an exception.

These Parish Councils have started their campaigns with the support of 20's Plenty for Us, a not-for-profit organisation which campaigns to make cities, towns and villages better places to be.

I am supporting the campaign through my role at Totnes Town Council as any effort put into getting 20mph limits locally might as well be put into the Devon-wide campaign to get DCC to change their default policy.

We are now trying to contact those Parish Councils that are not yet involved (as far as we know) to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate in this countywide initiative. Could you therefore please bring this email to the attention of your councillors.

If you already support this campaign, please do let us know and we will add you to our ever-growing map: <https://shorturl.at/imgEP>

We have two webinars coming up: **28 June, 1-2pm** and **6 July, 7.30-8.30pm**.

We can also arrange for 20's Plenty for Us to give you a Zoom presentation directly if neither of these dates are suitable.

- There is increasing evidence that residents (and voters) want a 20mph default speed limit. They are fed up with intimidatory and anti-social driving, air and noise pollution and in particular they are concerned for their own safety and that of their families.
- There is now a considerable amount of research showing that the introduction of 20mph limits can be low cost and bring wide benefits, including fewer road casualties, less air and noise pollution, and increased walking and cycling.

