

Again, I need to send my apologies as I will not be attending the meeting this month, as next Tuesday I already have a full diary of personal and council meetings to attend.

Kellands Lane blockage:

The West Devon Planning Officer is still working with Leander on the planning application for their land which does include the opening up of the blockage, but only if they get a green light for their new application. What we don't have is a plan B if this does not happen.

Broom Park Footpath from the Vistry site:

Having had a conversation with the Vistry manager, he is still in agreement and working with the developer of parcel 3 when it comes to having access up to where the Vistry footpath stops. DDC have still to agree a design for the footpath, but due to the topography, I find it hard to see how a footpath can be created without steps, but the Barrett manager has been discussing this with his higher management.

Crediton Road footpath:

From a discussion I have had, there might be a possibility of a footpath going from the Broom Park footpath going west behind the hedge and then through and along the north side of Crediton Road, but unfortunately the roadside verge is not wide enough and does not belong to Highways. There are also a lot of lampposts and signs that would be hard to move. There may be a possibility of having a short section of path along the Persimmon side and then a crossing to a new footpath on the north side of Crediton Road, but this will need a lot of goodwill by several companies and authorities, but worth looking at.

St James Primary School playing field.

The Planning Officer is about to finalise the report on the new revision, and we await what is being suggested. From what I have been told, the nearest residents will not accept anything other than going back to basics and getting the levels right first.

Exeter Road Persimmons site:

Having been on this sight a couple of times, I do find that the new bank to the east does obscure the traffic coming into the town, which needs looking at, because, as the hedge grows, it will only become more of a problem.

Parcel 3: Parcel 4a & b: Link Road / 106 issues:

Letters have been sent to the developer, but I have not been told of any response to date.

General:

Now that WDBC has a working council, I am to remain as the Lead Member for Health and Wellbeing for this year, so any issues that may come your way that fall under this heading, that you or your residents need help with, please give me a call or send an email.

The new West Devon Borough Councils lead group has put together their new thoughts, wishes and ideas for the future and over the next few months, these will be incorporated / added into the present Plan for West Devon. This will mean a lot of work for lead members and especially the authority's officers.

The Cost of Living Crisis as well as all the other crises that we have declared have not gone away, and will also need a lot of time spent on making sure that we can help as many people as we can with the existing human as well as financial resources that we have available. I feel that it will be some time before we can see any light at the end of this tunnel.

Regards**Tony Leech**