

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

WD Members and Lead Members have been working on producing a new strategic Plan for West Devon, based on the thoughts and wishes of the new administration. These are slowly coming together with reports coming to the full council later this year. For me, I am happy that the majority of what we have been doing over the last few years dovetail quite nicely into what is being suggested going forward.

### **Footpaths to the east of the town:**

After a lot of talking, it does look like we may well be able to find ways to install additional footpaths around the Crediton road area to enable people to access the school and the town more safely, but like anything that involves highways, this will not be something that will happen quickly. Apart from DCC, there are still agreements with landowners to resolve.

I fear that even when new footpaths are put in, there will be a high risk of accidents for those trying to get off Parcel 4A, as there is no safe alternative other than to cross the Crediton Road and new Link Road at least twice to get to the school. I believe that people will just walk down the road towards the dangerous bend over the Brook.

### **The Kellands Lane Blockage**

This is one that after over eight years of debate, is just about back to where we started. As the owner of this area has now taken WD to the Inspectorate for non-determination of a planning application, we can't make any progress until this case has been resolved. There have been many promises made by those who own a section of the road to the north of the blockage that is still to be completed, but nothing ever seems to happen.

### **Community Safety Partnership (CSP)**

WDBC is in partnership with the Teignbridge and South Hams CSP, but I fear that not many people know exactly what the CSP do. They are also in partnership with a lot of organizations but mainly with the Police, to try to help stop children and young adults from going down the wrong road. They work a lot with our schools, and I would urge you all to look up their website as this will explain much better what they do, than I can.

I attended one of their virtual seminars this week, and although I probably should have known, I was unaware that when it comes to Anti-Social Behavior, there is a three strikes and you're out system. If the same people do the same things that come under ASB three times, they can then be issued with a Community Protection Warning by the CSP / Police. This has been found to be quite an effective way of stopping a lot of the problems our communities face without the individuals being given police records. There are of course some that will take no notice, but then this does have to go down the legal route.

### **Flooding:**

Due to the amount of flooding of late, there is a push to try to find ways for Parishes and Towns to work together to help to minimize the effects of the storms that we are having and keep in mind that these may well get worse in time. WDBC is working with Devon Communities Together to try to find ways for us all to be involved. I guess that WD will eventually be contacting the Clerks to see what thoughts their members have on the subject. I thought that I would just give the heads up that this will be coming.

### **ADPAD site:**

There are still concerns that the footpaths and other amenity services have not been started on this site.

### **St James Primary School playing field.**

No change as yet.

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

A confidential meeting has been held and we are awaiting a response from the Developers. The meeting was cordial but there was a lot of very straight talking.

### **Forthglade issues:**

I understand that the WD Environmental Health officers have attended the site and are happy at the moment that the new equipment that has been installed will stop the smells. They will however be monitoring the situation.

**Tony Leech**