

**DITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Incorporating the Hamlet of Capton and the Manors of Bozomzeal and Coombe**  
**Monthly meeting Wednesday 7 January 2026**

**Item 15 Correspondence and contacts summary**

**To note:**

- 20251203 #52 2025 DALC E-bulletin Cllrs are informed that the e-bulletin includes an update from the DALC Chair on Local Government Reorganisation proposals, now submitted to the Secretary of State. It was commented that DALC had sent its [position statement](#) to all Principal Authorities and invited discussion with DALC on how the sector could help inform their thinking as they developed their ideas for governance at the most local level. DALC confirmed that the organisation would not endorse any one proposal unless it was clearly the view of a majority of its members. This seems an unlikely outcome as DALC members are affected differently by these very different proposals. What DALC will do, is evaluate whichever proposal/s the minister chooses for public consultation against its position statement.
- 20251217 #54 2025 DALC E-bulletin Cllrs are informed that this bulletin includes details of a new training course for 2026: An Introduction to Neighbourhood Planning & Design Codes on 6:30 – 7:45pm 18/02/26 on Zoom. The Course includes an overview of the Neighbourhood Planning process, bringing a plan into force, design codes, resources (including grant funding), other options to Neighbourhood Planning and what reforms to the planning system may mean for Neighbourhood Plans. Booking can be made via the clerk at a cost of £42 to the Parish Council. 12 places are available.
- 20251219 The credit interest rates on your business account are coming down on 20 January 2026 Cllrs are informed that new interest rates for the Lloyds Commercial Account will decrease by 0.10%.
- 20251222 Message from the SDNL Partnership Chair Cllrs are informed of correspondence thanking all contributors to the draft South Devon National Landscape Management Plan. The SDNL team are developing a consultation draft of the new plan drawing together the considerable evidence gathered and new policies are taking shape. The Plan is taking longer to draft, due to its ambition and also to take into account accordance with newly released documentation including Environmental Improvement Plan 2025 and National Planning Policy Framework both released in December 2025. A programme to engage local schools is also in planning, due to there being limited input from young people. The Parish Council will be asked to respond to consultation on a refined draft within the first six months of 2026. The existing Management Plan will remain in force and be material to any planning decisions until the new Plan is adopted by the Local Authorities
- 20251223 Temporary Traffic Notice - RIVERSIDE ROAD, Dittisham (TTRO2667336) Cllrs are informed of a road closure in place from 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 between the hours of 9:30am – 3:30pm to enable gully sucking and cabling work. No alternative route will be in place, but access will be maintained for residents.

**To consider**

- 20251215 Trees on Ham Lane Cllrs are asked to consider topping a clump of trees to stop them getting any taller. The trees are thought to be mainly hazel with some dead elm. It is suggested to top at/to 2 meters.
- 20251219 2026 Devon BOOKING REQUEST - Dittisham, Devon Cllrs are informed that the cost of the annual play inspection from RoSPA Play Safety will increase in the coming year. The cost in March/April 2026 will be £83.00 plus VAT per area for up to five play items. Any over five is an additional £4.00 plus VAT per item. If the number of play items to be inspected will not be changing in 2026, the cost will be £83.00 plus VAT. If the Parish Council would like to confirm an inspection for April 2026, an order should be made before the end of February.