

DITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Incorporating the Hamlet of Capton and the Manors of Bozomzeal and Coombe
Monthly meeting Wednesday 4 February 2026

Item 15 Correspondence and contacts summary

To note:

- 20260101 Happy New Year and updates from the River Cllrs are informed that the Friends of the Dart newsletter includes a [link to a 'behind the scenes' video](#) from the Friends of the Dart lab, hosted at Dartington Hall Estate, where weekly E.Coli testing takes place. A meeting was held on Jan 15 to share news about most recent water quality results. [December results can be found by following this link.](#) (HTML). Stoke Gabriel bathing water rating has been downgraded. It is recognised that businesses who rely on contact with the river will be affected and encouraged to get in touch. A weekend festival '[We Are the Water](#)' coinciding with the weekend of world water day will take place March 20 – 22.
- 20260115 Beach Clean - Dittisham Foreshore - March 29th Cllrs are informed that the beach clean will take place from March 29, meeting at The Ham car park at 9am before walking to Dittisham Mill Creek and collecting rubbish and plastic on the way. Bags to collect refuse have been requested from the District Council, with the bins at the Ham Car Park or top of the lane to the Creek on Lower Street as being suggested as a rubbish collection point.

To consider

- 20260114 Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Community Risk Management Plan engagement survey Cllrs are informed that the Fire and Rescue Service is beginning to develop a new 5 year plan and keen to collect as many views as possible through its [online survey](#). All recipients of the email are asked to display a poster and encourage participation.
- 20260116 Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – Update and Forms for the New Financial Year Cllrs are informed that a reduced P3 team at Devon County Council has been working to update and streamline the scheme so that it becomes a more efficient and effective service. The email received lays out all the changes to the scheme in detail, including a new contact address, a new reporting process, an updated grant form, a new Improvement Bid form, Seasonal Cut form and Materials Form. New guidance and criteria information is provided across a number of attachments.
- 20250116 The Level speeding traffic A resident has written to the Parish Council commenting that the speeding along the Level in Dittisham is a matter of urgency that must be addressed. It was commented that vehicles build up speed on the straight road between the Red Lion and the car park. Very few vehicles travel at the 20mph speed limits. Residents take their life in their own hands in areas without footways. A vehicle recently sped past someone who had fallen on ice, nearly running them over. Despite this resident regularly flagging down traffic, it makes no difference. The proposed solution is to look into installation of speed bumps to slow down traffic, or at least start with a few 20mph signs in the village. It is noted that some SatNav apps indicate that the speed limit is 30mph, not 20mph. This would be a preferred approach to a digital radar sign, that would be out of character with an area that does not have street lights.
- 20260124 Re Draft minutes of the January meetings of Dittisham Parish Council [Response re ownership of land] Following circulation of the draft minutes of the January meeting, a resident comments that the DHNA's statement that the triangle is part of the fundus leased from the Duchy cannot be correct since the area in question is above the Mean High Water (MHW) and therefore owned by the riparian owners who, according to the Land Registry plan held by Councillor Unitt are DPC and Soundings. The fact that DHNA pay rental to Dittisham Sailing Club for the land used by the ground chain of the Dittisham running moorings confirms that DHNA acknowledge this boundary to ownership and respect it. The gravel triangle is exactly the same. Having said that, no one that I have spoken to objects to DHNA organising a clean-up operation as long as the long-term occupiers, some of whom have satisfied all the requirements of adverse possession ie long term, continuous, open, undisguised use of an area without reference to the owner, are respected. The resident has suggested a future system of management similar to the Ham carpark; with possibly Dittisham Sailing Club control with annually designated allocation of dinghy spaces, free to residents, however they found useful. The Harbourmaster knows these views and the legal department at the RYA has confirmed the resident's understanding of the fundus boundary.
- 20260126 Request for local insight on mobile phone coverage in Devon Parishes Cllrs are informed that Parish Councils across Devon are being asked by South West wifi business working on rural connectivity projects across Wales and the South West to help build a clearer, ground-level picture of mobile phone coverage in rural

areas via an [online form](#) (html). This is not a sales message and there is no obligation or commitment at any stage.

- 20260127 Storm Chandra Flooding 26th - 27th January Devon County Council's Flood and Coastal Risk Management Team have asked for information about any areas affected by flooding due to Storm Chandra. The Council is asked for any information about the date/time and location that flooding occurred; If any properties were flooded internally (and the addresses of these properties, if known); Any key roads which were affected Photographs (if possible); Any other information deemed relevant.