

DITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Incorporating the Hamlet of Capton and the Manors of Bozomzeal and Coombe
Monthly meeting Wednesday 6 May 2026

Item 13 Correspondence and contacts summary

To note:

- 20260330 The DARTY Work ... Someone's got to do it! Cllrs are informed that a team cleaned the 3 mile forshore from Dittisham around to Mill Creek on Sunday March 29, with South Hams District Council disposing of the bags of rubbish collected. Another litter pick will be arranged in the autumn
- 20260410 Minutes of the Meeting of the South Devon National Partnership Cllrs are informed that the minutes of the meeting held on March 13 2026 have been received and can be forwarded on request.
- 20260430 Footpath No. 7, Dittisham – Confirmation Cllrs are informed that the order has been confirmed to divert public Footpath No.7, Dittisham from A – B , to a new line A – C – B – D from the county road north east of Capton Cross, running north north west along a hedge of Little Capton, formerly Homelea, and then west north west across a paddock exiting through a gate, turning west over the highway verge to join the county road to Capton Village. The order came into effect on 17 April 2026. A map can be viewed on the Order Plan CCET/PROW/25/61 online www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay.
- 20260430 DALC #21 E Bulletin Cllrs are informed that this bulletin includes a link to a recording of the recent Connect Event about 'clustering'. The session brought together examples from councils already working collaboratively, highlighting how clusters can take many different forms - from small, informal groups to larger networks involving councillors, clerks and officers. A [link to the recording is available from the DALC website](#).

To consider:

- 20260415 Parking for the 2026 Bathing Water sampling season The Environment Agency's Field Monitoring Officer has requested that the arrangement agreed in 2025 by the Parish Council to provide 30 minutes free parking at The Level Car Park whilst undertaking water sampling visits is repeated in 2026. Visits will take place once a week between 15 May - 30 Sept 2026 while water samples are taken from a site off the pontoon. Vehicle registration plates can be supplied for the period.
- 20260423 DVH Christmas Show Cllrs are informed that the Village Hall will be in use by the Ditsum Players between 30 November – 6 December 2026 and therefore unavailable for hire. An alternative venue will therefore need to be arranged for the meeting of the Parish Council on 2 December.
- 20260430 Meeting to discuss planning policy (Case Ref CV21972) Caroline Voaden MP has invited an open meeting with other South Hams Town and Parish Councils to discuss the role of Neighbourhood Plans in Planning Policy. The meeting is called following the MP's awareness that many Town and Parish Councils are unhappy that the Neighbourhood Plans they worked so hard to put together are being disregarded in planning decisions. The MP's view is that development should be community-led, and that local authorities are best placed to know what developments are needed in their area, not central government. Each Council is welcome to send a maximum of two representatives, providing names by email ahead of the event. 13:45 – 15:15 on Thursday 11 June 2026 at Halwell and Morleigh Community Hall.
- 20260430 Highways Assembly 6 May 10am – 1pm Cllrs are informed that a Microsoft Teams link has been provided for the Highways Assembly. 30 'in person' places are available at the Cary Room, Follaton House, on a first come, first served basis. The programme includes introduction to positive engagement with Parish Councils, including a new 'Handbook for Highways' to help understanding of Highways issues, and opportunity to ask questions, before a session on 'Financial Constraints and Opportunities'; a session on 'Busting Highways Myths', a video-d masterclass on how cold-lay materials can provide a permanent repair by road wardens, a session on 'The Big Picture' on how repair and restructuring decisions are made and how road wardens can work alongside County Council teams. The Handbook has been made available by email and has been circulated to all cllrs by the Clerk.