

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

Item 15 Correspondence and contacts summary

To note:

- 20260505 Dart Harbour Port Masterplan Consultation Cllrs are informed that the final draft of the Dart Harbour Port Masterplan has been published for consultation. The plan can be found here: <https://arcg.is/0GPfHu>. The online feedback form can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DartHarbourMasterplan>. The Harbour Authority is keen to receive as wide a range of opinions as possible. Consultation presentation events and drop in sessions are being held throughout May, June and July. Those upcoming include: 15 June in Kingswear, 18 June in Totnes, 3 July in Galmpton, 25 July in Dartmouth.
- 20260511 Slippery Lane, Dittisham Cllrs are informed that following a report made via Devon County Council's 'Report it' site on 20 April, a response has been received to comment that an assessment was made on 11 May 2026, with the officer entering the following comments: *"DCC are considering ways to stop the surface water coming from the adjacent properties causing this route to become slippery, an order is currently in our planned programme for attention in 2027-28."*
- 20260527 Community Conversations- June event Cllrs are informed that the next event being run by Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service will take place on 12 June will be sharing the insight and ideas behind an upcoming campaign which focuses on reducing preventable garden fires linked to BBQs, fire pits and outdoor burning. Information about all upcoming Community Conversations are available via the [Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service website](#) (HTML)
- 20260526 Closure of The Level for 3 days Cllrs are informed that following queries about the nature of the road closure and if alternative parking arrangements would be offered to residents who have permits at The Level Car Park, the Clerk has been advised by Highways that the road closure will only be in place for 1 day and those working on site will enable vehicles to pass when it is safe to do so.
- 20260528 DALC #25 2026 e-bulletin: Publishing cllrs home addresses Cllrs are informed that this bulletin includes an update from NALC which advises the Parish Council that from 29 June 2026, local authorities must not publish an elected or co-opted member's home address in local authority registers of interest. A new Section 32A of the Localism Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) makes clear that a member's home address must not be disclosed on the authority's public register of interest unless the member has requested otherwise. The requirement not to publish a member's home address extends to parish and town councils that publish registers of interest on their own website in line with Section 29 (7) of the 2011 Act. To aid transparency, public registers of interest will still state that a member has an interest, the address of which is withheld. The exact address details are still declared to the monitoring officer, remain available internally to authorities and will continue to prevent conflicts of interest.

To consider:

- 20260505 Protecting the River Dart - Potential Legal Action Against South West Water Cllrs are informed about correspondence from a law firm investigating legal action against all water companies in the country, including South West Water, for polluting rivers, beaches and lakes. As part of the investigations, the firm is keen to know more about the impact of sewage pollution in the River Dart to understand whether litigation can hold South West Water to account. In order to do that it is critical to speak with those affected by pollution. The firm intends to visit Dartmouth in the coming weeks to see what the pollution has done to the river, and would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with the Parish Council in person. The firm is happy to arrange an introductory call in advance of their visit. The Parish Council is asked if it is interested to meet with the law firm, and if so, to provide available in June. Full correspondence includes more information about the case and about the law firm in question.
- 20260507 DALC #22 2026 e-bulletin Cllrs are informed that the e-bulletin includes a call for councillors interested in joining Devon Association of Local Council's board of directors. Contact details can be provided to any cllrs interested in finding out more.

- 20260513 Community Emergency Hubs - June Workshops Cllrs are informed that Devon Communities Together is providing a free Community Emergency Hub kit to 100 communities across the county (first come first served). Community Emergency Hubs are run by the community, for the community. They can be set up in a wide range of local buildings and do not require volunteers to be identified in advance. When a hub is opened, simple role cards allow those who are available to step into clear roles immediately, helping the hub operate safely and effectively. To be eligible for a; Interested community members should attend an online workshop; A suitable location within the community must be agreed and identified; The community should be notified about the hub. The next workshops are taking place 6-7pm 3 June or 1-2pm 10 June, both online. Booking links can be provided to anyone interested.
- 20260521 Temporary Traffic Notice - Higher Street, Brambletorre Cross to Higher Street, East Cornworthy Cross to Brambletorre Cross & East Cornworthy Cross to Brambletorre Cross, Dittisham (TTTRO2670061) Cllrs are informed that a road closure will be in place between the hours of 8am – 6pm from 15 -17 July 2026 to enable road patching. A signed diversion will be in place
- 20260527 Membership has expired CRM:0001559 Cllrs are informed that membership to Devon Communities together has expired. The membership fee for organisations with an income over £5000 is £50 per month.
- 20260527 Worst car park experience ever Cllrs are informed of an email received commenting on difficulties using coins in one of the car parking machines and the issues with downloading the relevant app. It is noted that the coin fault could not be replicated on later testing. The Parish Council may wish to consider if any actions could be taken to improve experiences of taking digital payment.