

**DITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Incorporating the Hamlet of Capton and the Manors of Bozomzeal and Coombe**  
**Monthly meeting Wednesday 1 July 2026**

**Item 14 Correspondence and contacts summary**

**To note:**

- 20260603 Bus Timetable Cllrs are informed that a generic timetable for the West Dart Bus has been received, for publication on the Parish Council's website.
- 20260611 South Hams and West Devon Joint Local Plan South Hams District Council (SHDC) and West Devon District Council are working in partnership to prepare a new local plan for both areas outside. A scoping consultation to gather views will take place from Thursday 16 July until Thursday 14 September. [A timetable is available on the SHDC website.](#)
- 20260612 South Hams Town & Parish Council Update Planning Changes Cllrs are informed of an email circulated to all Parish and Town Councils that confirm changes that the Government is making to the way in which planning applications are to be determined. From 31 October, Town and Country Planning (Discharge of Local Planning Authority Functions) (England) Regulations 2026 introduce a national scheme of delegation for all planning decisions. The Government's objective is to introduce greater clarity and consistency in the role of planning committees in development management decision-taking. The intended effect is that there will be fewer applications decided by planning committees and more delegated to officers. The 2026 Regulations adopt a two-schedule structure: Schedule 1 applications must be delegated to officers unless the application is one that is being made by the Council, or by an officer or member of the Council. Schedule 2 applications, which are the more significant applications, are subject to a presumption of officer determination but may be referred to committee where the nominated officer and nominated member agree that the statutory criteria for referral are met. The published regulations as laid before Parliament and statutory guidance can be found [here](#) and [here](#) respectively.
- 20260615 Compliment for the PC Cllrs are informed of a message from a member of the public commenting that it is nice to see proper progress with positive projects that the Parish Council is leading or involved with.
- 20260619 Patching works on Higher Street TTRO 2670061 Cllrs are informed of a temporary road closure in place between 8am – 6pm on 15 – 17 July 2026 to enable patching works. The road closure will affect: Higher Street, Brambletorre Cross to Higher Street, East Cornworthy Cross to Brambletorre Cross & East Cornworthy Cross to Brambletorre Cross, Dittisham/East Cornworthy. A signed diversion will be in place.
- 20260619 SWW Surveys South West Water's contractors have applied for minor permits to survey some of Dittisham's water system in advance of proposed works this Autumn. They will be in the area on 13 July and surveys will be undertaken with Stop and Go boards on 14-16 July.
- 20260620 Open Eco Homes tour 2026 - call for hosts The co-ordinator of Sustainable Dittisham is seeking householders and projects in Dittisham, Ashprington & Cornworthy, Blackawton, Dartmouth and Kingswear willing to take part in this year's Open Eco Homes event, happening this autumn as part of the Devon-wide Open Eco Homes programme. Visitors are often most inspired by homes that are similar to their own. Ongoing projects and low-cost improvements such as heat pump installation, improved insulation, solar panel installation, creating a wildlife-friendly garden, experimenting with natural materials or simply taken steps to reduce energy use are all helpful when sharing experiences and helping someone else take their first step. Contact details have been shared on the Parish Council website.
- 20260624 Overgrown trees on Riverside Road Following comments made at the Annual Parish Meeting, a report was made to Devon County Council via the 'report it' website. In response the Tree Officer has been asked to visit the location and assess the trees to determine whether any action is required. He will also check whether there are any Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) in place within this area. Cllrs are also informed that concern that overgrown trees are the sewage plant on Riverside Rd has been redirected back to the Dittisham Court Management Committee as it is their responsibility, not South West Water.

**To consider:**

- 20260611 Variation application Woodlands Leisure Park Cllrs are informed of an application to change the premises license and make the following additions: add a new premises known as the Cosmic café to supply alcohol Monday to Sunday 17:00-21:30. On Sales to have both as Off/On Sales on the Premises Licence ref. SHPL0458. Increase the hours of the supply of alcohol at the General Store Monday to Sunday 08:00-20:00. Representations on the application should be made before 09/07/26.