

DITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Incorporating the Hamlet of Capton and the Manors of Bozomzeal and Coombe

Monthly meeting Wednesday 7 October 2026

Item 16 Correspondence and contacts summary

To note:

- 20260827 Temporary toilet removal Cllrs are informed of a query from a member of the public asking if the toilet that in the parking bay on Higher Street can be removed now works have been completed.
- 20260902 Temporary Traffic Notice - OLD MILL LANE TO DOWNTON CROSS, Dittisham (TTRO2672331) Cllrs are informed of the road closure in place between 08:00 – 18:00 on 17 and 18 Nov 26 to enable pole replacement. An alternative, signed route, will be in place.
- 20260903 #39 2026 DALC e-bulletin Cllrs are informed that this bulletin includes an invitation to the next Connect Event that focuses on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy. The event will focus sharing information about the strategy, how to use its resources and how you can engage with nature recovery in your area. The online session takes place between 6.30-7.30pm on 21 Oct. A booking link can be provided to any interested councillors.
- 20260907 DAA Dittisham Landing site - annual re survey - Thursday 10th September 2026 Cllrs are informed that Devon Air Ambulance were due to undertake a site survey on 10 Sept to check that nothing has substantially changed that would affect safety of helicopters, staff or patients. This includes resurveying for potential obstacles or height of trees, access etc.
- 20260907 LGR Update It is noted that the d.cllr forwarded cllrs a letter from the Minister for Local Government, Devolution and Regional Growth that, having received updated legal advice, the Government undertake a review of the Local Government Reorganisation Programme, and any work being undertaken by local authorities to implement any decisions by Government should cease. The consensus from those on the frontline of this exercise is that this means LGR is now unlikely to proceed in any form during this parliament. The c.cllr had also written to cllrs to note that the Minister of State for Communities, Housing and Local Government confirmed that the elections to be held in May 2027 will be for Councils in their current form.
- 20260908 Trees on Riverside Road Cllrs are informed that the county council's Tree Inspector has no concerns about a reported broken branch on overgrown trees on Riverside Road, commenting that this is most likely the result of the recent period of very hot weather.
- 20260927 River Hub is live Friends of the Dart is circulating news that a new site, 'River Hub' has been launched. The site brings together all available data on storm overflows on the River Dart, how often it spills, whether its treatment works has the capacity its permit allows for the people it serves, the spills that happen in dry weather with no rain to excuse them, and whether an improvement is planned. Where there is a known problem and no clear plan to fix it, River Hub shows that gap. Information is freely available here:
<https://riverhub.friendsofthedart.org/explore/spills>
- 20260929 Town & Parish Council Briefing: Recording and Presentation Slides SHDC has circulated a recording of the 1.5hr briefing on '*Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution Update*' and '*National Scheme of Delegation*' along with presentation slides. The clerk can forward to cllrs on request.

To consider:

- 20260911 New cables Cllrs are informed that residents on The Level have been upset to find two new cables have recently been installed outside their primary outlook and cut right across their previous uninterrupted view of the river, and within 2.2M from the house. They have lodged complaints to OpenReach and sought advice from Devon Natural Landscapes. The Parish Council is asked if it can do anything else to help or support the resident in their complaint.
- 20260930 Community Litter Picking Groups in Your Parish South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council are reviewing and updating records of community litter-picking groups operating across both districts. The councils are seeking to establish a directory of community litter picking groups should other volunteers be interested in joining them. The Parish Council is therefore asked to provide any information about active groups known to them, to confirm if there aren't any, or to share information if there has been interest in establishing a group in the area. Information will help district councils understand where additional support, promotion or community engagement may be beneficial.