STICKLEPATH GREEN SPACES MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Parish Council would like to prepare and adopt a management plan for the village that will set out the approach to managing the green spaces in Sticklepath. Opinions have varied over the years and the Council now aims to put a 5 year plan in place which reflects as many views from within the community as possible. With this in mind, there are questionnaires in St Mary's (open daylight hours) that you could fill in or simply send an email to info@sticklepath.org with your opinion of what you would like to see. The Management Plan will include the following:

- Management of highway verges
- Weed control on pavements and the highway
- Design for open spaces

There have been changes during the pandemic and in response to the Parish Council's acceptance of the Climate Emergency. There are some limitations in funding, but we all want to live in a village that is sustainable, pleasant and cared for.

Further details and pictures of the specific areas of 'green space' are available on the village website www.sticklepath.org and then scroll down until you see the article on Green Spaces Consultation.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

ST MARY'S HERITAGE CENTRE

St Mary's is now open during daylight hours and now contains a rolling programme of displays about the more recent history of the village. Do pop along and have a look.

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NEWSLETTER— AUTUMN 2022

Letter from the Chair

At the start of the year when I became Chair, it was commented on that it would be all dog poo and speeding. Well I can confirm that there are still a lot of discussions on those particular subjects but progress has been made on the dog fouling situation and reports are fewer. Speeding on the other hand is still an ongoing issue with the back road to South Zeal being a particular problem and we will continue to display signs along that route to make drivers more aware.

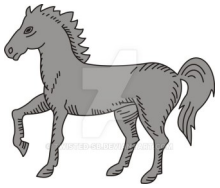
The year so far has brought us some highs and some lows. The Queen's Jubilee brought the village together with a lovely picnic in the park and SPC's first Olympics but then we sadly marked her passing in September with a public statement and a Book of Condolence. In the Spring we decided it was fitting that we show our support for the people of Ukraine and for much of the year a Ukrainian flag was flown from our flagpole. The plant sale this year was immensely successful raising the most ever and some of these funds were donated by the organisers to a charity supporting Ukraine. A huge thanks to Malcolm Brewer and Ged Fitzgibbon for their continued work with Open Gardens and the Plant Sale.

After many years of work and dedication to the village Ali Cruse stood down from SPC but still continues to support the village beautification amongst other things I would like to take the opportunity to thank her again on behalf of SPC for all her work over the years.

Kevin Sales — Sticklepath Parish Council

GREY MARE FESTIVAL

The Halloween Festival will take place this year on Friday 28th October starting at 6pm in the Village Hall and reaching the pubs by 8.30pm.



Everyone welcome in Sticklepath at Hallowtide.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Please come along and support this event hosted by Ali Cruse on Wednesday 19th October, 10.00- 11.30am in the Village Hall.

We will hold a raffle - Raffle prizes welcome.

A Hamper will also be one of the prizes - please support it by bringing items on the day, or deliver to Ali Cruse at Waterside. Cash offerings accepted to enable purchase of food.

A Cycle Way for Sticklepath

The Beacon Path is a planned active travel route linking South Tawton to Okehampton via South Zeal, Sticklepath, Belstone and the new Parkway Railway Station. Six residents have formed a Beacon Path Committee to fundraise for a feasibility study and the study will happen soon. There will shortly be a Beacon Path website which will contain the proposed route plans and progress reports so look out for that.

As your West Devon Borough Councillor I am a member of Devon Cycling forum, a County wide group raising awareness and grant funding for building more active travel routes. Our ambitious plan is for a ring of joined up active travel routes around Dartmoor and the Beacon Path proposed route is included in this.

Once the feasibility study is carried out it will go to Devon County Council who will be managing government grant funding for active travel.

The Beacon Path has a high chance of success because it will meet so many objectives; safe school travel, commuting, active tourism, business opportunities, health and wellbeing. If you have any comments or ideas, please email me on cllr.Lynn.Daniel@westdevon.gov.uk

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Unfortunately a few incidents of anti social behaviour; including fly tipping have recently been reported. We are working with the relevant Agencies to address these issues.

Wandering what to do as the nights draw in? Well make a diary note for Friday 4th November at 7.30pm as this is when Gonzo Moose comes to Sticklepath to present the comedy horror show that is

IS THAT A BOLT IN YOUR NECK?

The Village Hall was lucky enough to receive some funding during Covid, part of which could be spent on 'boosting morale in the community' so with this in mind residents of Sticklepath won't have to pay the usual £13 admission fee and will get in for free along with complimentary food and bar whilst there. Limited availability so please reserve your ticket before it's too late with Emma on 07971 434395 or Shane on 07854 062407

STICKLEPATH HARDSHIP FUND

Residents of Sticklepath Parish—if you are experiencing financial hardship and are struggling to pay your energy bills or buy food you can apply for assistance from the above fund.

No need to disclose your financial circumstances.

Applications are handled confidentially.

Contact : Lois Rowlands (Administrator) - loisrow67@gmailcom or call 07503 075881

ROAD WARDEN SCHEME

Fed up with potholes, blocked drains and overgrown hedges?

One of the solutions could be for Sticklepath to have a volunteer(s) who looks after the roadsides. Whilst Devon County Council, as the Highways Agency, retains the duty to uphold the rights for public to use and to enjoy the highways, you will have noticed the reduced attention that they afford to them.

The Parish Council has sought an agreement with the County Council which, if we find volunteers, could take on some of the tasks for which DCC do not have a legal responsibility. A Road Warden could organise other volunteers to help:

Repair some potholes - Clear weeds on kerbs and pavements - Clean signs

Clear drains - Cut Grass - Repair finger posts - Cut hedges

Set up road closures for special events - Manage verges for wildlife



The Road Warden would take some free training provided by the County Council, who would also provide 3rd party insurance. The Parish Council would look at how it has spent any funding on this area of work in the past and we would anticipate help with equipment, materials and other costs from the County Council.

Is this a good idea? Is the role of volunteer Road Warden something you would be interested in?

If so, have a discussion with any of the Parish Councillors listed overleaf