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Editorial

I regret to say that there was an error in last months Editorial. I placed a correction message in the Shop, and on the Parish Hall Notice Board. The Web site version was corrected before sending out.

I had a call from Dawn Newman to my surprise and extreme pleasure, to point out this error in the Calendar and that she had not passed despite the note in the Editorial. I was mortified and apologized profusely. I had been told by someone of this, but it seems that the supplier of the information had mixed up the two Dawns. So Dawn Newman who did so much for the Parish Hall, along with husband Reg, remain well in Colyton. Indeed it was Reg who got me back on the Hall Committee all those years ago.....

The rear paths of the Parish Hall have been cleared by an excellent ROBOTS team and the moss is in the process of being treated. The fir trees behind the Hall had contributed considerably to this mess, and the moss treatment will now continue to the frontage as well.

One final matter in the Hall. The Hall curtains have not been taken down despite the note last month, and the fireproof options are hopefully soon to be resolved.

Simon Spencer
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Editor

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June Issue is 10th May 2024

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Please find below the list of names and telephone numbers of your current Parish Councillors for Talaton. Should you have matters to raise please feel free to contact one of them. You are also reminded that the first part of any Parish Council Meeting is an open forum for all residents to air their views.

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St James the Great

Services for April

14 th	Morning Worship	10.00am followed by refreshments
21 st	Holy Communion	10.00am followed by refreshments
25 th	BCP Morning Prayer	10.00am followed by refreshments

For other services in the Benefice, please look on the church notice board.

Midweek Coffee

Our next coffee morning will be on 10th April.

10.30am until 12 noon
in the North Aisle Room

Come and join us for non-stop chat,
laughs and good company.



All welcome newcomers always welcome. We even do
decaff and tea!

Lent Lunches

Thank you to all those who came along and made these
lunch times such lovely warm and happy occasions.

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Talaton Toddlers Parents and Babies Get Together

Either within the Church in the North Aisle Room
or if weather permits OUTSIDE on the Church Green
bring your own chair and drink but wherever we are
cake is provided

Fridays 5th and 19th April 2024

10.30am – 12noon

Join us in friendship

RSVP 01404 822482 email: peppiashaw@gmail.com

Talaton Knit and Natter

Talaton Knit and Natter is a relaxed informal group which meets once a fortnight (alternating Wednesday and Thursday). We meet at the Talaton Inn and our future dates are:

Thursday 28th March

Wednesday 10th April

We meet at 11.30 for coffee and cake (and some of us stay on for lunch). Please come along with any craft work or just join us for a good natter.



Talaton Knit and Natter



moorbroomakes@outlook.com



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GREAT DEVON BREAKFAST FOR FORCE

On Saturday 9th March we served 54 breakfasts in Talaton Hall. It was a lovely occasion & I'm really pleased to say that because of everyone's kindness & generosity we raised a fantastic £765 for FORCE Cancer Charity.

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the event & to all my lovely friends for helping with serving, washing up etc. Arnie (our chef for the day) did an incredible job.

Lyndsey

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**** Parish Hall NEEDS YOU ****

Talaton Parish Hall.

The Hall trustees are in need of two new people to keep the Hall running smoothly.

We need a new Treasurer and a new 100 Club Administrator, as soon as we can please.

Tony Hoare is the present Treasurer and Steve Spratt the 100Club Administrator as they want to retire. If you are interested in either job please make contact with me, Simon Spencer initially. You would become a Managing Trustee on the committee. Please think about this as we need this in place as soon as possible.

Don't be shy!

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TALATON GARDEN & PRODUCE
ASSOCIATION

I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful display of spring bulbs despite the rain and wind of early March and that you have tasted the first delicious crop of rhubarb by now.

April is an exciting time in the garden and there is plenty to do. Remove spent flowers from your Spring bulbs, but leave the leaves to make food and fatten the bulbs for next year.

Cherry and plum trees can be pruned once their leaf buds have opened. Split clumps of snowdrops and replant them if you want them to bulk up for next year. Ridge up early potatoes to encourage more tubers to form and stop them going green.

Sow seeds of annuals and perennials such as Nigella, single flowered marigolds, oregano, borage and thyme, to attract insects. Continue to sow beetroot, carrot, radish, summer cauli, spring onions, peas and perpetual spinach. Keep pests off brassicas and carrot by covering crops with horticultural fleece and securing the edges.

Hopefully the soil is warmer and less soggy than at the time of writing, but don't be too eager to plant out tender crops and bedding plants. We may still have frosts to catch us out.



If you have fritillaries and lilies growing in the garden do watch out for lily beetles.

Dates for your Diary

- 19th April Glorious Gardens The NGS in Devon a Talk by Julia Tremlett
- 10th May The Plants that Make Our Alcoholic Drinks - a talk by Andrea Rye of
Combe Garden Centre
- 11th May Plant stall in the Church car park 10 -12noon
- 15th June Coach trip to NT Arlington Court

Potato in a bucket a Challenge for young gardeners



If you are under 16 and up for a challenge, find yourself an old bucket, collect a potato from the Village Shop - you don't have to buy one, just ask for a competition potato and pick up an information sheet.

Harvests will be judged at the Annual Show

Happy Gardening

Find out more about The Talaton Produce Association type the link below:

http://www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk/Core/Talaton-TC/Pages/Produce_1.aspx

ROBOTs in the Wetlands



Not quite of the Shackleton mould but nonetheless intrepid in the face of amber weather warnings eleven stout (hearted) ROBOTs met in the main Budleigh Salterton car park to explore the newly created wetlands and Nature Reserve. Surprise, surprise, the amber turned to green, and the sun shone gloriously. A beautiful day.

The plan was to wander along the new footway on the west side of the plain and up to Otterton but alas the tide hadn't followed the rules and just over the road to South Farm the path was for amphibious use only. Not to be beaten, we crossed the wonderful new bridge and rejoined the old established – but pretty muddy – path on the east side. Now, glorious river scenery, wildlife and evidence of beaver activity. Oh, yes, wee bit of agility shown by some in straddling an electric fence to avoid one somewhat piece of serious riverbank erosion. Not sure but I think it was at this point that one or two members of the group forsook the riverbank and retreated to the higher old road. I think one of that group had exhibited this tendency to wander off route previously on a Dartmoor ramble, but we won't go into that, will we, Stephen ?

Onwards with sightings of Wagtails, Egrets, cormorants and even a kingfisher (this last sighting was fleeting and by one person alone !) until arriving at the King's Arms in Otterton. A very warm welcome, excellent meal and the odd well-earned pint followed. Nobody seemed in a great hurry to move and as usual there was a really enjoyable recounting of tales (surprising how many had been caught by speed cameras !) experiences and oh, yes, a few politics. The sight through the window of a lady passing by underneath an umbrella signalled a change from green back to amber and the idea of a coffee in the Otterton Mill was abandoned in favour of starting the return journey, in some cases now with waterproof leggings firmly on. In fact, the rain held off for most of the journey back which followed the old route until the raised bank crossing where the tide had now receded and allowed a return on the western path. It was good to have seen the wetlands both in and out of tidal conditions and the general feeling was that it was a brilliant creation that with time will evolve into a great wildlife sanctuary.

Overall, a good day out. Very lucky with the weather. Brilliant scenery, refreshment, and most of all the company.



Rainfall at the Cobblers & Parish Hall 100 Club

Rainfall at the Cobblers in Talaton During February

This February was a wet and warm month. Some area of the UK had twice their normal rainfall than usual, with the all the bother of extensive floods.

The Met Office tells us that the mean temperatures were warmer than average making this the 2nd warmest February since records began in 1884!

It was warm and wet and with some areas suffering more than twice the average monthly rainfall. White Barrow in Devon had over 3 inches of rain in 24 hours.

The warm temperatures made this the 2nd warmest month since records began in 1884! The highest temperature recorded was 18.1 degrees recorded In Pershore in Herefordshire, the lowest was of -13.8 degrees in Scotland.

Here in Talaton we had 7.36 inches of rain with only 8 days with no rain. Last February we had only had 0.48 inches.

This brings our total rainfall for the year to 9.44 inches.

ANNE BOLES

TALATON PARISH HALL 100 CLUB

Please find below the draw for March 2024

The draw for March was made by Gerry Hawkins on the 6th March

The winners were:

1st	No. 75.	Angie Pearman.	£20
2nd	No. 62.	Valerie Boles.	£10
3rd	No 13.	Sarah Witcombe.	£5

There are currently **NO** Numbers available at present should someone is interested in joining. Please phone Steve Spratt on 01404 822461 or e-mail stevespratt@btinternet.com Annual Subscription is still £12.

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Kaisha Dessalines Wright - Circus Artist from Talaton.

Hello everyone. I can say it's been a while since I last wrote for the Talaton newsletter. I think the last update I gave was that I had finished the circus school in Montréal in the summer of 2022. A lot has happened between now and that summer.



To begin, I graduated in July 2022 from one of the best circus schools in the world, and for the past year and a half, I have been travelling around the world, from the USA to Hong Kong; Europe and Taiwan. I can honestly say that my best memories in the last few years have been seeing and experiencing different parts of the world, while performing in front of thousands each week. People just watch us flip around, dance, and even sing. I had to sing a solo in the show, and trust me, I didn't take singing lessons in school.

The Show was called Passengers and overall got raving reviews in every country we visited.

These are the locations we performed in from Autumn 2022 to Winter 2023:



September 2022 - San Francisco, USA

October to December 2022 - Paris, France

January - February 2023 - Porto, Portugal

March-April 2023 - Montréal, Canada

June-July 2023 - San Diego, USA

September-October 2023 - Seattle, USA

November 2023. - North Carolina + South Carolina, USA

Late November- December 2023 - Hong Kong + Taipei, Taiwan

These adventures have taught me not just about the world of my profession, but a lot about myself as a person. How to deal with different time changes, being around the same people 24/7, and dealing with homesickness.

Let's just say I'm glad to be sitting down in our farmhouse, having a cuppa with my nana and writing down this letter, knowing that now my contract for this season is done, I can look forward to my next adventure with another circus company.

But first, I'm going to stay here at home for a while longer, with a cuppa and watch an episode of Pointless.



IN MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER DAWN CARTER

by Robin Carter

Dawn, mum, passed away on February 6th 2024 at the Royal Devon and Exeter hospital after contracting pneumonia. She was 88 years old. Dawn, mum, was the wife of John Carter. They lived and farmed at Lashbrook farm from the early 70s to the early 20s In her many years as a resident she was involved, along with dad, in many village events.

She took her role as a farmer's wife very seriously and was involved with lambing, potato planting and harvesting. She didn't mind going out in all weathers to straw up pig huts and generally looking after orphan lambs and poorly piglets. One of her main roles was looking after and feeding numerous farm workers, farm and vet students over the years. Some needing accommodation too. There was always a good meal on the table. I don't know how many packed lunches she would have also prepared for everyone in the fields during summer harvesting.

They had a farm shop in later years which she mostly ran. This was built by the farmhouse making it easy for her to do the job of shop assistant too! They sold a wide range of home-produced pork products and other local goodies. Mum did her stint at farmers markets along with us, dad and other willing helpers. She was part of the potato picking crew which some Talaton residents will remember being part of. They had lots of fun and at the end of harvest mum and dad hosted a spudders supper at which mum would put on a lovely spread. Games and singing were had afterwards.

Mum was involved in the W I when Talaton had one and numerous village activities over the years. The village pantomime being one. From the early days with Ted and Diana Spencer as writers up to the last held pantomimes. They continued being part of them even after they had retired and moved away. She was good at all her different characters, early years in her life in amateur dramatics put her in good stead for this. Despite being partially deaf this didn't phase her. She was part of the costume making team. Her talents as a seamstress throughout life served well for this. Mum and dad hosted many post pantomime parties at Lashbrook too.

She was involved with Village Day along with dad and rarely missed one

even after they moved away to Yarcombe in later years.

Mum was an early volunteer in the newly formed Talaton village shop. She loved helping out and was happy to take a back seat role in things.

Mum was a talented painter and was involved with painting classes held in Talaton. Wild and garden flowers being her main subjects. Along with her embroidery and knitting she entered a few village competitions.

Gardening was her time to be in her own company and she always had an abundance of vegetables to feed everyone. Also she had time for us as children to create our own gardens. Mum was a talented flower arranger and took part in village produce shows.

Dogs were another passion of hers and she bred Bassett Hounds which were her main love. I remember feeding lots of Bassett puppies. There were always cats and dogs around and they all had a very comfy life. Along with all this she had time to look after dad and us when we were small. Running us to Art, Ballet classes. Pony riding and piano lessons.

When her grandchildren came along she had plenty of time and energy for them. They would spend days, nights and holidays at the farm along with my cousins children. They kept mum busy reading to them and feeding them. I don't know how she did it all.

Her warmth, energetic and welcoming nature was second to none. She was hard working and always had time for anyone who came through her doors. Always a cuppa or a meal if needed.

Mum and dad moved back to Yarcombe, where they used to farm, after their life in Talaton and carried on being busy in the community there but that's another story.

Even when mum went into a nearby nursing home after dad died, two years ago, she made her mark. She joined in with every activity going. I know my sisters and I were glad we were able to spend more time with her for the last couple of years of her life.

She will be sadly missed by us her daughters Robin, Sally- Ann and Ruth. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren and family.



A tribute to John and Dawn Carter from Simon Spencer

Dawn Carters funeral was held last Friday and almost two years after Johns. It was well attended at the Crematorium. I have known the Carter family from when they moved to Lashbrook Farm in probably 1970, when we shared a Party Line with them. One of my first memories of Dawn is performing in Romeo and Juliette in a drama group when I was about 16 in the Hall.

Amateur Dramatics progressed further and brought our two families, Spencers and Carters, together and deep friendships resulted, lasting to the present day (and beyond).

Raising funds for the Hall started the Pantomimes in 1971, and both she and John performed some wonderful parts such as the fairy (John) and the Demon Queen (Dawn see above). Many costumes were created by Dawn, and she and John were both fundamental to these shows. And after each show there was a Panto party at Lashbrook, where much drinking and fooling around took place as relieved cast members let their hair down.

The Pantomime photos in the Hall bear testament to these performances and show well the many characters and people who, over the years have been involved. Some have gone on to be involved professionally. Under new management the last Panto we had was 2013, following my mothers last one in 2001.

ATTENTION! MEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Have you been tested for Prostate Cancer?

- Are you over 50?
- Does a family member have Prostate Cancer?
- Have you noticed any change in your urination?



Within the UK over 50,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year and 12,000 men die of it, that's someone's father, son or brother losing their life to this horrible disease every 45 minutes.

As with many other cancers, early diagnosis is critical to stop the cancer spreading and to provide a curative pathway.

Even if you don't have a symptom of prostate cancer (see common symptoms below) you should get checked annually as cancerous cells can develop and mutate quickly without a man knowing about it and when it's often too late.

1 in 8 men will get prostate cancer in their lifetime so the chances are high you could be one of them.

Don't wait until it's too late.

Know the Symptoms

These symptoms may not be associated with prostate cancer, but it is best to get them checked out

- Difficulty starting and stopping
- Decrease in urination pressure or frequent urination
- Pain or burning sensation when urinating
- Persistent pain in the back, hips and pelvis
- Blood or pus in the urine or semen

The infographic features a blue background with white and yellow text. It includes several icons: a man sitting on a toilet with a speech bubble, a man standing with a speech bubble, a man sitting on a toilet with a speech bubble, four men standing in a row with speech bubbles, and a man sitting on a toilet with a speech bubble.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

hosted by Talaton Parish Council

Wednesday 24th April 2024

7.15pm for 7.30pm

In Talaton Parish Hall

Tea, Coffee, Wine will be served

**Your Parish, District & County
Councillors will report on the work
they have done on your behalf
Village Organisations will give a
short update on their activities
over the last twelve months**

Everyone welcome!



Talaton Garden & Produce Association
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Glorious Gardens The NGS in Devon

a TALK by Julia Tremlett

on the History of the National Garden
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in the TALATON PARISH HALL

7pm for 7.30pm

Friday 19th April 2024

Tickets at the door to include refreshments
£4 to Association Members £5 to Non-Members

**TALATON PARISH COUNCIL
WILL BE HOLDING A**

'DROP IN' SESSION



**AT TALATON PARISH HALL
ON**

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL

10.30AM – 12 NOON

WHERE TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED

Come along and meet your councillors and have a chat on a 'one to one' basis on any subject you wish, without an appointment

It may be useful to give advance warning of any detailed question to:- Mrs Christine McIntyre (Clerk to the Parish Council), 3 Katherine's Lane, Ottery St Mary, EX14 1FB
Tel: 01404 814128 or Email: clerk.talatonpc@btinternet.com

COMMUNITY THEATRE 4ALL

Both the children's group and the adult group join forces for our next production "Toad of Toad Hall"

The adult cast has been in rehearsal for this production since early January. Now they are to be joined by members of Young Community Theatre 4All who recently completed their highly successful production of "The Little Prince".

"Toad of Toad Hall" will be staged in the grounds of Rull House, on the outskirts of Whimple. The grounds provide the perfect venue for an open-air production of this particular story, the performance area being backed by woodland.

This highly amusing play, with a range of fantastic characters and over the top situations will appeal to both adults and children of all ages. The boastful Toad, helped by his friends, Ratty, Mole and Badger eventually becomes a partially reformed character, as he regains his ancestral home and good triumphs over bad. The dastardly Wild Wooders led by the Chief Weasel and Sergeant Sybil are sent packing from Toad Hall, their tails between their legs!

This play, written by A. A. Milne, author of 'Winnie the Pooh', was first performed in 1929 and is based upon Kenneth Graham's classic children's story "Wind in the Willows". We have tightly edited Milne's script and written new material to create a faster moving, slightly more modern feel to this timeless story.

On site car parking, adjacent to the performance area and portable toilets will be available.

Community Theatre 4All Presents

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Toad of Toad Hall

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ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND DROP IN SESSION TO BE HELD AT THE PARISH HALL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2024 AT 7.15 for 7.30PM

The Annual Parish Meeting is the meeting where the Parish Council report to its electorate on what it has accomplished in the preceding year. Electors, public and press are invited to hear reports from the Chairman, community groups and any organisation that the parish council has funded during the year. The Council may also invite the neighbourhood watch co-ordinator, local head teacher etc. to address and inform the audience on community matters. The Annual Parish Meeting is a **SEPARATE** meeting from the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting is a relatively informal event for the community whereas the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is a formal council meeting.

DROP IN SESSION - SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 2024 FROM 10.30AM – 12 NOON Parishioners are invited to `drop-in` without an appointment to raise any parish issues/concerns they may have

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2024 AT 7.30PM

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council must be held in the month of May and in an election year (which 2023 was) the meeting must be held between 4 and 14 days after polling day. This is the meeting of the Parish Council where they elect the chairman, make other annual appointments and review their insurance, risk management policies, etc.

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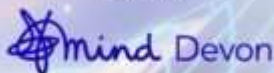
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 Saturday 8th June 2024 at 11:00pm

A FRIENDLY REQUEST FROM TALATON PARISH COUNCIL



It would be really helpful if persons took their dog poo home if they are not in the vicinity of a dog bin when their dog poops. Incidents of dog fouling along the New Town Straight have recently been reported and there may be other areas in the Parish that have suffered similar. Your co-operation would be much appreciated to ensure that Talaton remains a lovely and clean place in which to live.

As an aside for 24/25 Talaton Parish Council will pay EDDC an annual fee of £318.24 plus Vat for the weekly emptying of the two dog bins in the Parish. For 25/26 it is likely the cost will increase to approx. £ 418 plus Vat.

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY MEETING DATES* FOR 23/24

HELD AT TALATON PARISH HALL

(ALL MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7.30PM UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY)

3RD APRIL

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TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

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**PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK -MRS C MCINTYRE
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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Don't want to open your garden, but would like
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help with parking &/or selling tickets & plants
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TALATON'S ICONIC RED TELEPHONE PHONE BOX REQUIRES SOME TLC

**IS THERE A WILLING VOLUNTEER AVAILABLE TO REPAINT
THE TELEPHONE BOX AND RESTORE IT TO ITS FORMER
GLORY?**

IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK AT TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

MRS CHRISTINE MCINTYRE ON 01404 814128

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Talaton Parish Council Report

The following are major items from the minutes but a full copy of the minutes may be viewed on both Parish Noticeboards and on the Parish Web site www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk

INFORMATION FROM THE MEETING OF 6TH MARCH 2024

REPORT OF DCC CLLR IAIN CHUBB

Cllr Chubb provided an update re DCC matters including the Development Management Committee and Public Rights of Way Committee meetings. Last month DCC agreed its budget which would increase council tax by 4.99% (the same rate as EDDC). He gave a warm endorsement of DCC's new CEO. He mentioned devolution re DCC and Torbay councils and the likely benefit of receiving more money from central government, if this was to proceed. Highways would have more money earmarked from the budget

CONSIDERATION OF EDDC'S 2024/25 CHARGING RATES FOR THE EMPTYING OF DOG BINS IN THE PARISH AND TO MAKE A DECISION ACCORDINGLY

The Council **AGREED** to continue with the existing arrangements for the emptying of the two bins weekly. It was noted that in 23/24 the cost of the dog bin emptying service was £220 plus vat per annum. For 24/25 the cost will be £318.24 plus vat per annum and for 25/26 the costs would be increased by EDDC to approx. £418 plus vat. The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the 24/25 increased costs of £318.24 per annum plus Vat. In addition it was **AGREED** that an article be placed in the Calendar advising about the costs and requesting that it would be helpful if persons took their dog poo home if they were not in the vicinity of a dog bin (it was noted that New Town Straight currently had a dog fouling problem)

ALLOTMENTS UPDATE (INCLUDING THE GROWING OF PUMPKINS, H & S TRAINING COURSE, THE OFFER OF WATER BUTTS AND ANY ACTIONS TO BE AGREED.

The Clerk advised that four allotments were now occupied and all the paperwork had been completed and the rental payments received. Plots 5 and 6 were vacant and no interest has been expressed in these plots by parishioners, despite advertising on noticeboards; website; Calendar and Talaton Talk. It was **AGREED** that further advertising be carried out. Correspondence had been e-mailed to all councillors regarding the growing of pumpkins on one of the vacant plots and the matters that needed to be complied with (if this was to be progressed) It was **AGREED** in view of these requirements that the Council did not wish to progress the matter further. SWW had offered the Council three water butts FOC. These were the only water harvesting items available to the Council. The land-

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lords of the allotments had consented to the water butts being delivered on Plot 6. It was **AGREED** to accept SWW's very kind offer and also let the allotment holders know that the water butts would be delivered shortly. SWW had also advised of pending works to be carried out to the adjoining treatment works. They stated *'we will be providing further details on what the site improvements will consist of and will share this with the community once this has been finalised'* The Clerk had attended a H&S allotments course – the main points from the course were:- i. the Council is not legally required to provide water; ii. noticeboards on the site are a useful means of communication with allotment holders (although it was **AGREED** that in view of the allotments only consisting of six plots, communication could be by means of e-mails); iii. the erection of a shed on the allotments may require planning permission; iv. an annual risk assessment needs to be carried out;

D-DAY CELEBRATIONS 6TH JUNE 2024 – UPDATE

The Clerk advised that the Church would have bells ringing on the day. The Council after much consideration **AGREED** that it did not wish to purchase a lamp ('Light of Peace' lamp) due to the expense.

AVAILABILITY OF PORTRAIT OF KING CHARLES III A SIGNED AND FRAME PORTRAIT IS AVAILABLE FOC.

The Council **AGREED** that it did wish to take up the offer of a free portrait of King Charles III. It was also **AGREED** that the consent of the Parish Hall Ctte would also have to be obtained if it was to be hung in the Parish Hall.

PARISH MAINTENANCE: ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION AND UPDATE ON ITEMS REPORTED AND TO AGREE ANY FINANCIAL PROVISION (IF APPLICABLE)

- i. DCC had advised that the pothole on the road from Aunk Cross to Talaton Cross had been repaired
- ii. DCC had advised that the lane opposite the Parish Hall (leading to a number of properties and full of potholes) should be repaired by 21 May 2024
- iii. At the meeting the following potholes were reported - six from Half Moon Farm to the railway bridge; one down from Riverwood Farm entrance; and a number at Bittery Cross and at Newtown
- iii. Weeks Farm ditch issue – The Chair advised that the works to repair the ditch (damaged by a vehicle) had now been carried out, to the satisfaction of the relevant parties
- iv. Kyle Walker the DCC Highways Officer will shortly be having a meeting with the Escot land agent regarding the water run off issues
- v. Road closure notice 26th – 28th March Road from Larkbeare Cross to Talaton Farm Cross for the installation of an overhead cable

Talaton Parish Council Report Cont'd

- vi. SWW and DCC had both advised that they were not responsible for the water leak (on the highway) opposite the Parish Hall. However a parishioner had advised that the road surface which had been wet for an extensive period of time (not due to rainfall) was now dry and the problem appeared to have been resolved

TELEPHONE BOX – TO CONSIDER FURTHER I. THE POSSESSORY TITLE REQUIREMENTS II. RESPONSES FROM THE COMMUNITY RE THE COUNCIL'S REQUEST TO REPAINT THE TELEPHONE BOX AND III ANY OTHER RELATED MATTERS AND TO MAKE DECISIONS ACCORDINGLY

i. POSSESSORY TITLE OF THE LAND SURROUNDING THE TELEPHONE BOX

The Council would need to be able to show twelve years adverse possession of the land to be able to claim possessory title and register the land in its name.

ii. RESPONSES FROM THE COMMUNITY RE THE COUNCIL'S REQUEST TO REPAINT THE TELEPHONE BOX

The paint for the telephone box had been delivered. However despite extensive advertising, no volunteers had come forward offering their services. It was **AGREED** to readvertise again in the usual places

iii. ANY OTHER RELATED MATTERS AND TO MAKE DECISIONS ACCORDINGLY

The shelves had now been made and should be installed shortly

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY OR DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

The Clerk attended an on-line course re the proposed devolution of DCC and Torbay – information had been e-mailed about the proposals to councillors
Both Defibs had been checked and were found to be in order

MATTERS OF URGENCY: ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE CHAIR'S DISCRETION

The handles on the noticeboard on the Moor required replacement. The Clerk would check past invoices to see if she could locate details of the manufacturer to be able to place an order for replacements

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

3rd April 2024



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Talaton Inn Summer Skittles 2024

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An entry form will be in the pub from the middle of March until the 6th April, and all we need is a team name, a contact name and phone number.

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Any youngster over the age of 14 who would like to stick up the skittles, check with your parents, and if ok, contact Nemo 01404 822644 to get your name on the list. For every game you stick up the skittles you will receive £12.00 from each team.

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