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Editorial

Don't forget the Parish Halls AGM on 8th October in the Hall 7 for 7.30. New Trustee members are needed as three of us are stepping down after many years service to the Hall.

Front cover shows the plucky little sunflower on the old A30 near Straightway Head recently. Sadly just after I took the pic it lost its head...

The Hall has been successful in gaining grant money to finance a new sound and visual display system which will be simple to use and that may allow us to show licensed films in the future.

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please support us with your objections, your voice counts.

Scan the QR Code to
make your objections...



Planning Application:
24/1098/MFUL

By the time this issue is out the second stage of Hall storage clearance will have taken place and hopefully we will have more space in the shed to store what is important.

We now have a Starlink connection for the Hall since the demise of our promised

Voneus provider system. It seems not viable to get a new terrestrial based system into the Hall, and Voneus seem not to be interested in helping further.

What a wonderful summer we have had with loads of sun but garden watering needed. Rain will be here soon!

Simon Spencer
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Editor

Next issue is 10th Oct '25
Dec\Jan issue is 10th Nov '25

Information

Talaton Neighbourhood Watch Contacts.

**See our page on the parish website for terms of reference,
recent appeals and lots of useful web links.**

Farm co-ordinator: Anywhere across Talaton Parish

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Jan/Andy May

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Jan/Andy May

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Chris Harwood

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Helen/John Reeves

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Dear Talaton

Thank you for your cards, understanding, and support during our last few weeks, which were a difficult time for us and our family. We have made it to Norfolk. The weather has helped, and we are on the beach **daily with our dogs** ☺

We wanted to say 'Thank you' to all of you for the collection and so many cards, wishes and for making our last Friday night special.

Thank you also for all your support during our 22 years at the Talaton Inn.

- The ROBOTS for your gift cards and many Thursday lunches
- Knit and Natter for the lovely bunting and knitting
- The Gits – we heard the golf course is quieter without Tony!
- Nemo for all of his hard work organising the skittles
- Mum's and Dad's who drink (yes, the Mum's drink more!) and**
- our 'Friday Knights' of the round table, who have supported us**

through thick and thin, the good, the bad and the ugly, so, Dusty, Lurch, Alan Kingdon, Coops and the newbies Simon, Dave, Jonesy, etc. Keep the Friday Knights going, and thank you for the banter and laughs, and keep on smiling.

A BIG thank you to Trina and Gill for all their hard work, loyalty, friendship and lots of laughs.

Thank you to all our customers who have supported us over the years.
Without your support, there wouldn't be a village pub.

Talaton is a special village, with special people, and we are only pleased to be part of it for so many years.

We wish you all well, keep safe and keep on smiling.

Jan, Maria, Tony, Mum, Boo, Bear and Betty

xxxx

St James the Great

Services for October

Oct 12th Harvest Festival 11am

followed by Bring and Share Lunch

Oct 19th Morning Worship 10am followed by refreshments

Oct 26th Holy Communion 10am followed by refreshments

Please note that Morning worship & Holy Communion services may be swapped round. Despite being ordained, our clergy can't be in two places at the same time!

All the services at the other churches in the benefice are displayed on the notice board in our church porch.

Midweek Coffee Morning

Our next get together will be on

Wednesday 8th October



In the North Aisle Room from 10.30am until 12noon

Come and join us for non-stop chat, coffee, biscuits, cake and good company.

All welcome

Free Apples



If you would like some apples from the tree on the grass by the church car park, please feel free to collect some. You are very welcome.



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. Join us in friendship

Fridays 3rd and 17th October 2025

10.30am – 12noon

RSVP 01404 822482 email: peppiashaw@gmail.com

Talaton Parish Hall

The Parish Hall Café

On Tuesday Mornings 10-12. Look out for the signboard outside the Hall to see if it is on....

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Coffee Morning every Tuesday morning

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TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

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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Devon County Councillor for Whimble & Blackdown

Cathy Connor

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C/O County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon. EX2 4QD

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Richard Foord

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I'll be sharing my experiences and adventures from running the entire 630-mile South West Coast Path.

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When: Friday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Talaton Parish Hall, EX5 2RF

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Talaton Garden Club



Talaton Garden Club

The next meeting of the Talaton Garden Club is on the 6th of October commencing at 7.30pm and it will be a Gardeners Question Time. This will be an informal affair with initial responses from the panel and then audience members invited to contribute. The make up of the panel has yet to be finalise , but will probably consist of Garden Club members and our regular speaker, Andrea Rye.

The remaining program is: -

Mon 6th October	Gardeners Question time
Fri 31st October	Pumpkin Competition
Mon 3rd November	AGM with speaker
Sat 6th December	Garden Club stall at How d'ye Do

The cost for the Monday meetings will be £2.50 apart from the AGM which is free.

All Monday meetings will be in the Parish Hall with proceedings starting at 7.30pm so please arrive in good time. Meetings will conclude with tea/coffee and cake.

For more information contact Alan Franklin on 07546-075137

or email alanfranklin55@gmail.com

Things to do in the Garden

Hopefully you are still enjoying this season's crops and flowers in some mellow autumn sunshine. It is now time to start clearing up your veg plot, planting green manure such as field beans, to help enrich your soil and crowd out weed seedlings. Earth up leeks and celery, to keep them blanched. Finish pruning your blackberries and summer raspberries.

Remove yellow leaves from Brussel sprouts and cabbages because leaving them to rot on the ground encourages the spread of grey mould. Dig over your potato patch thoroughly. Even Monty Don admits to missing the odd potato in the ground. Those left will sprout again and may carry over viruses and other diseases.

If it rains, well sit back and design something wonderful for our Pumpkin Competition in the Talaton Inn. It is actually on Halloween evening this year and Angie is making sure that children, who enter their pumpkins won't miss out on the sweetfest of trick or treating, by giving every entrant a goodie bag. She will also be judging the best fancy dress worn.

In the past few years some amazing carved pumpkins have transformed the pub's skittle alley into a magical place. You don't have to have grown your own pumpkin, there will be plenty on sale. It is free to enter and details are elsewhere in this Calendar. Do have a go and help to make this year's competition the best yet. Too shy to carve your own pumpkin, then come along to the Talaton Inn at 7pm to enjoy the display, some good company, food and maybe a drink or two. Do see what the pub has in store for 8pm onwards elsewhere in this Calendar

Don't forget to feed the birds as the days shorten and nights get chilly, and leave some water for them. **And.....**



Don't forget to check that no hedgehogs have taken up residence in your bonfire heap, before you light it.

Do make a note to remember our AGM on 3rd November

Your chance to have your say, enjoy a good chat, with refreshments, renew membership, collect the new Dobies catalogue and Be entertained by **Andrea Rye** of Combe Garden Centre talking about

Ten Amazing Shrubs and why you should grow them

The Talaton Inn

What's On in October

Open Mic Night on Thursday 9th
(every second Thursday of the month)

Quiz Night on Thursday 16th
(every third Thursday of the month)

Bingo will be on Saturday 11th
(this will take place monthly, different dates)

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New Opening times:

	PUB	KITCHEN
Monday:	Closed	
Tuesday:	Closed lunchtime	18:00 – 20:30
Wednesday:	12:00 – 15:00	12:00 – 14:30 / 18:00 – 20:30
Thursday:	12:00 – 15:00	12:00 – 14:30 / 18:00 – 20:30
Friday:	12:00 – 23:00	12:00 – 14:30 / 18:00 – 20:30
Saturday:	12:00 – 23:00	12:00 – 15:00 / 18:00 – 20:30
Sunday:	12:00 – 22:00	12:00 – 16:00



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**QUIZ?
NIGHT**

**THURSDAY
16TH OCTOBER 8PM
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BASKET MEALS
only from 7pm**

EXETER VACCINATION CENTRE (ROYAL DEVON UNIVERSITY HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)

Good afternoon, I am contacting you as the Eastern Vaccination Service is partnering with Public Health Devon to offer free NHS Health Checks to local communities. We have a schedule of clinics across the area and would like to know how to advertise this service via parish newsletters and magazines to ensure the offer is being made equitably across the area.

To give some background, the **NHS Health Check** is a free assessment of your overall health and can help identify whether you're at increased risk of developing certain conditions, such as:

- Heart disease
- Diabetes
- Kidney disease
- Stroke

During the appointment, our team will also provide personalised advice on how to reduce the risk of these conditions.

You may qualify for a free NHS Health Check if you:

- Are aged between 40 and 74
- Have not had an NHS Health Check in the past 5 years
- Do not have certain pre-existing conditions (e.g. heart disease, chronic kidney disease, atrial fibrillation, diabetes, or high blood pressure)

A full list of exclusion criteria is available [here](#).

If you are planning any community events in the coming months, or have any regular community groups where our service could be a valuable addition, we'd love to hear from you. Alternatively our team can be based at your venue to offer this service.

We're keen to explore collaboration opportunities and the team would be happy to discuss how we can support your community together.

Mandi Tydeman

Operations Support Manager
Eastern Vaccination Team
Exeter Vaccination Centre

[Chat to me on Teams!](#)

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ROBOTs Leave Fish Stocks Intact

Well, it took quite a fight for Colin to land the first fish on the recent ROBOT fishing trip out of Beer, but first a bit of history and flannel.

For three years we have waited to venture out into Lyme Bay (and sit with bated breath- awful pun) awaiting that magic tug on the line. Storms and rough seas have prevented previous bookings but this time it was on and eleven of us clambered aboard the Lillie May – (as it turned out she didn't) and sailed out into beautiful calm waters. Hopes were high. Two hours of expecting and awaiting that tug on the line (it came once for one excited angler when Gordon yanked the line from behind Roy whilst he nodded in the sun). It did eventually happen for real, and Colin fought bravely to land the first fish of the day, even suffering line burn. Alas, first and last fish of the day and it was a mackerel but NOT what could be called a large mackerel. It lay in glorious isolation alone in the bucket awaiting company that never came. A few ribald comments surfaced regarding the cool boxes that had hopefully been left back in the cars – Oh, he said, I'm not having a pile of smelly fish getting hot in my car, I'm bringing a cool box. There was one other catch of the day when John managed to embed his hook in Pete's shirt.



So, poor fishing – might have to think of a new boat with rod and feathers next time (any excuse). Obviously, the expression Hook, Line and Sinker did not



apply – but a wonderful warm, sunny, calm and scenic day around the Jurassic Coast. The day was completed with a good refreshment in the sun in the Fountain Head Inn, Branscombe. The fish and chips item went down well. Here the solitary little mackerel,

generously donated to the skipper, assumed the proportions of a whale and Colin recuperated from his ordeal.

Another good day out with a wonderful group of friends. Next time the cool boxes will be needed.

COFFEE, CAKE & CREATIVITY

AT THE TALATON INN!



ALL WELCOME, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

Start your morning with yarn, laughter, and a slice of something sweet! Whether you enjoy knitting, crochet, or other small crafts, you'll find a warm welcome and plenty of inspiration at our friendly group.



WHY JOIN US?

- ✓ Boost your wellbeing – Crafting is a calming, mindful activity that melts away stress and lifts your spirits.
- ✓ Keep your mind active – Learn new stitches, patterns, and techniques in a supportive setting.
- ✓ Make friends & share ideas – Swap tips, show off your creations, and learn from others.
- ✓ Give back to the community – Work together on fun group projects like colourful post box toppers, charity blankets, and seasonal decorations to brighten up the village.

NO EXPERIENCE? NO PROBLEM!

Free, friendly instruction in knitting, crochet, and other crafts. Perfect for beginners or anyone wanting to refresh their skills.

WHEN & WHERE?

We meet fortnightly, alternating Wednesday and Thursday mornings, at 10:30 at the Talaton Inn, where coffee & cake are always on hand. Bring your project – or just bring yourself and borrow our spare materials to get started.

October dates are Wednesday 1st, Thursday 16th, Wednesday 29th
November dates are Thursday 13th, Wednesday 26th.

Come for the crafts, stay for the chat (and cake!)

Did You Spot the Post Box Toppers this September?




Throughout September, you'll have seen the beautifully handcrafted **post box toppers** appearing in our village — each one made with love to raise awareness and funds for the Alzheimer's Society.



Every stitch tells a story.

These creations honour those living with dementia and support vital research, advice, and care.



 **Take a stroll, find them both, snap a photo, and share the joy!**

If you've enjoyed the toppers, please consider donating — every penny helps the Alzheimer's Society provide support for families and work towards a future without dementia.

Donate here:

Or pop your contribution in the collection tins at Talaton Community Shop or The Talaton Inn



Let's stitch hope together and make a difference!

Young Community Theatre 4All

**A Drama Group for young people
from school years 4 to 9.**

**An opportunity to make new friends
Gain in confidence
Learn new skills
and
work towards a public performance.**

**Young CT4A is lead by Tom and
Frances Samson both of whom
have enhanced DBS clearance for
all group activities.**

**A small termly participation fee is
charged to cover hall hire fees and
production costs.**

**First meeting Tuesday 30th
September 4.30pm to 5.30pm
in Talaton Parish Hall.**

TALATON PARISH HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WILL TAKE PLACE AT
7.00 for 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

IN THE PARISH HALL

All village residents are welcome

Wine and light refreshments
will be served



TALATON

**Sunday 12th October
2025**

**Harvest Festival
Family Service
11am**

**Followed by a Bring and Share Lunch,
cider and soft drinks will be provided,
in the Church of St James the Great**

Pumpkin Competition

6pm on 31st October

in the Talaton Inn



Be sure to bring your pumpkin down in good time for the
judging at 7pm, with a nightlight

The competition is open to Adults and Children
Prizes for the best carved pumpkins and for the best dressed
child, (new this year thanks to the Talaton Inn)



Join FORCE for local food producers & crafters, refreshments & more.

Telephone Lyndsey: 07964836429 for more info or visit us on the following dates:

OPEN 9.30AM-12.30PM

- ☒ 27th September
- ☒ 25th October
- ☒ 22nd November
- ☒ 13th December



The Institute, Yonder St
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4	19	22		49	54			
	18		32		53	68	74	
	15	25		43		62		81

Saturday

Family Bingo

Bangers & Mash

8 11 2025

Eyes down 5pm

5pm-7pm

in the Talaton Parish Hall

£8 per Adult and £5 per child under 12 years

**Book your place now on the LIST in the Community Shop
before Saturday 1st November**

The evening will include a light supper of sausages and mash
vegetarian or special dietary options are available, but
please indicate on the list. There will be a Licensed Pay Bar

QUIZ

Night



🗨️ ✨ Quiz Night at Talaton Parish Hall! ✨ 🗨️

📅 Saturday 29 November 2025

🕒 Doors open 7.00pm | Quiz starts 7.30pm

Bring your friends, your neighbours – and of course, your brain power – for an unforgettable evening of trivia, laughs, and a little friendly competition!

📖 A stocked bar and snacks will be available to keep those minds fuelled.

💎 Ticket details coming soon – keep an eye out!

Don't miss one of the most fun nights in the village calendar – mark the date and start brushing up on your general knowledge now! 📝

TALATON PARISH HALL

TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

WILL BE HOLDING A

'DROP IN' SESSION



AT TALATON PARISH HALL

ON

SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER 2025

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@outlook.com**



GRAB A GRANT!

APPLICATIONS INVITED

Talaton Parish Council seeks to support and strengthen the many networks and community groups which help to make a positive difference to Talaton.

To facilitate this, the Council operates a Grants Award Scheme. Details of the scheme are contained in the Council's Grants Policy. The Policy provides information about who is eligible (eg community groups) and how to apply for a grant. There is a standard application form which will need to be completed. The Policy together with the Grants Application Form are available on the Council's website:-

<https://www.talatonparishcouncil.co.uk/> in the Community Shop, or can be e-mailed or posted out by contacting the Clerk

The completed application form will need to be returned to the Clerk by post/e-mail by **31st October 2025**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Mrs C J McIntyre (Clerk to Talaton Parish Council)
3 Katherine's Lane, Ottery St Mary. EX11 1FB
Tel: 01404 814128 E-mail: clerk.talatonpc@outlook.com



TREES AND POTENTIAL ISSUES FOR PROPERTY OWNERS DUE TO THE HIGH SUMMER TEMPERATURES

This summer has been long, hot and sunny with minimal rainfall. Some trees have been struggling due to the unusual high temperatures. Rapid shifts from heat to moisture can cause cracks in limbs and bark as tree tissues expand unevenly. Deadwood may become heavier with rain, increasing the risk of unexpected branch failure. Combined with any undiagnosed decay or internal weaknesses from the dry period, this becomes a serious safety hazard, especially in public or high-traffic areas.

A tree becomes a hazard when it has a structural defect that may cause the tree, or a portion of the tree, to fall and injure people or damage property.

Landowners or occupiers need to regularly inspect and maintain any trees on their land that are adjacent to, or within falling distance of the highway. This includes trees in hedgerows and banks on private land.



THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN AN UNSAFE TREE

Damage

Look out for:

- splits or cracks in the trunk or branches
- branches that are broken or hanging
- sections of bark damaged or stripped to show the wood beneath – some trees such as Plane or Eucalyptus naturally shed their bark
- soil movement around the base of the tree in strong winds

III health or disease

Look out for:

- sections showing signs of rotting
- growth of fungi on the bark, wood or around the base of the tree
- foliage dying back or going brown for no apparent reason on evergreen trees, or out of season for deciduous trees

The legalities of tree ownership

- A tree is owned by the landowner on whose land the trunk originally grew
- The central tenet of tree ownership is that owners should take 'reasonable care' to ensure their tree is not causing harm or injury to neighbours, or damaging their property. Failure to do means they have been negligent, and could be liable for any damage, injury or harm caused if it was 'foreseeable'. For example, if a dead branch has been heard creaking in the breeze over a few months, and this branch falls through the roof of a neighbours shed, the tree owner is liable because the shed was damaged due to a breach of the tree owner's duty of care to their neighbour. Similarly, if a tree owner was advised their tree was dangerous and did not take action to have it made safe, they are liable for injury or harm it causes.
- Property owners should undertake tree inspections to keep an eye on the health of their tree(s), either themselves or through hiring an arboriculturist. There are no set rules for the regularity of inspections or whether it is always necessary to employ a professional - this is down to the judgement of the tree owner. If in doubt, consult a professional.
- The central tenet of dealing with trees that encroach on your property is that, whilst you have a right to cut back the parts of a neighbours' tree to the property boundary, you must exercise 'reasonable care' when doing so and you are liable for any damage caused to the tree. It is well worth hiring an arboriculturist contractor if you are not confident in your use of the equipment or processes.



The ROBOTIC Few

Small in number but huge in heart and gusto! Well, nearly a crowd but of the original five, four of us managed to find the right car park whilst number five chose a different park and had a fight with the RingGo. We did eventually all unite and hit what was the old Tiverton and Exe Valley Railway Branch Line. Thank goodness when it was closed in 1964 someone had the foresight to retain it as a walk and cycle path. It must have been a fun ride on the old steam train but now it is a level, quiet, tree covered track with just the sound of birds – Oh, and the occasional cur!



Eventually, the cleared track finished and climbing up a stairway we emerged on a really quiet lane. Looking over the brick bridge it's still possible to make out what would have been the route of the old track. Moving down the road – in the sunshine, too – we found the way down to the banks of the Grand Western Canal beside Manley Bridge. Being fit and hearty we ventured for nearly a mile away from Tiverton, passing moored canal boats, to the aqueduct. Here an excellent information board gave us the lowdown on the history of the railway, canal and aqueduct. It seems the coming of the railway finished off what was a busy canal whilst ultimately our friend Beeching finished off the beautiful rail branch line. Fully informed we turned round and followed the canal back towards Tiverton Basin. Wonderful flora and wildlife, particularly noisy moorhens and broods (got it right Garry!) of ducklings. Interesting seeing the grooves in the bridge walls rubbed out by the old canal boat ropes. We stopped to look at a somewhat sad information board detailing the crash of a plane at this spot in the 1960's with the death of two young airmen. And hey, the famous canal horse drawn barge appeared moving sedately – very slowly, actually, with its full passenger load. Beautiful horse in all its finery pounding its huge hoofs on the tow path. Seems they don't turn the barge around but tow it backwards!



A very observant ROBOT felt that if we didn't arrive at the café before the barge then we would be at the back of the queue of some 100 people! We moved quickly – mind you, it was not difficult to remain ahead of the barge – and secured a table in the garden to settle for very healthy pasty and chips and have our 10-minute discussion of our respective health problems. Strange, we all have the same problems – huge

stamina, appetite and egos! A great short walk and fun company – just sorry a few more couldn't get there.

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INFORMATION FROM THE MEETINGS OF 3RD SEPTEMBER 2025

UPDATE ON ACTION REQUIRED (IF ANY) FOR THE GRIT BIN NEAR THE TELEPHONE BOX AND TO CONSIDER THE ROADWAY ADJACENT AND IF FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED

After much discussion it was **AGREED** that the grit bin should remain in situ. The responses from SWW regarding the road works and the further delayed date for the commencement of the works were noted by the Council

UPDATE ON ESCOT MATTERS INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF REPORT FROM WILDWOOD RE ESCAPED BEARS

a. Escaping Bears

Paul Whitfield of Wildwood advised:-

'Wildwood have been working closely with East Devon District Council in relation to this incident. Wildwood Devon has a zoo licence that is granted and enforced by the council. Following the incident there was a Section 11 Special Zoo Inspection that took place on 1 July 2025. That was attended by:

- Emma-Jayne Weston, Animal Health & Licensing Officer, Environmental Health/Environmental Protection, East Devon District Council; and
- Dr Matt Hartley – DEFRA Appointed Vet Inspector.

Following the inspection, a number of directions were given to Wildwood including the review of safe systems of work, retraining of staff and updating the emergency procedures. All the directions have been now been fully complied with. The inspectors were confident that Wildwood had taken the incident seriously and that steps have been taken to ensure that it will not happen again.

Our internal report is confidential and can't be shared. However, full details of all the circumstances around the incident have been shared with the zoo inspectors and I would be happy to put you in touch with Emma-Jayne if that would be helpful'?

Further information had been received from Emma-Jayne Weston - Animal Health and Licensing Officer at EDDC

Emma-Jayne advised that the issue at Wildwood was human error. *'The whole incident did not exceed 1 hour. An inspection was carried out within 24 hours of the incident by myself and a vet inspector, to establish how the incident had occurred and to ensure Wildwood's licensing conditions were being complied with. Escape drills/staff training etc were looked at. Adjustments have been made to the licence with further requirements re safe systems of working and further training of staff.*

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The recall system of ringing a bell worked which resulted in the bears going voluntarily back into their enclosure`.

The Council noted this information

b. Update - re the planning application at Escot Ref. No: 21/2045/FUL | Validated: Fri 30 Jul 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision Expiry date:- 2/11/22 - Change of use from agricultural land to outdoor leisure pursuits and associated operational development. Land North Of The Shrubbery Escot Park Ottery St Mary

Andrew Wood – Head of Planning at EDDC had advised the Clerk that the Case Officer in relation to the application had been away on leave but was back next week and he would chase this up then.

Cllr Richard Jefferies was also chasing up this matter

c.Ed Polding DCC Highways Officer re the water run off from the fields at Escot
Ed has advised:- *`I have been told by the management company that as well as the different field usage, the field will be ploughed horizontally to help prevent the run-off. Let's hope the new crop eventually helps to reduce the severity of the issues we have had here in the past. I will keep an eye on the situation when the at the beginning of winter`*

DCC RESPONSE RE 20MPH SPEED REDUCTION IN TALATON AND TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF A VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN (VAS) IN THE PARISH

DCC had confirmed that Talaton has not been selected for a 20mph speed reduction area. A parishioner had suggested Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) be installed instead. The Clerk had explored this option. However the information provided by Ed Polding DCC's Highway Officer indicated that a VAS would be too costly and was not affordable by the Council. After some debate if was **RESOLVED** not to proceed further with this project due to cost

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

- i. Ivy around telegraph pole (DP 247) at the bottom of Rosemary Lane - BT advised 27th July that it was not willing to come out as they considered ivy was not dangerous. They would only remove it in the event of works being required to the pole (and in order to effect the works, the ivy would need to be removed). BT suggested the owner of the ivy should trim it back. The Clerk had looked at Land Registry records and it appeared that the land on which the pole was sited was not registered, so ownership was not known
- ii. Pot holes - All pot holes were reported to DCC by the Clerk. They had to meet a criteria to be repaired. If someone in the village was willing to volunteer as a road warden (which would mean being trained by DCC)

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- he/she would then be insured to fill in minor pot holes etc. However previous requests by the Council for a road warden, had not generated any positive responses.
- iii. Village Green – It had been requested that a section of the village green be used to widen Rosemary Lane in view of larger vehicles parking there and other vehicles having problems negotiating around them. As the Village Green was protected, then the Council would not be willing to follow up this suggestion
 - iv. Water leak outside the toilets at Talaton Inn - reported to SWW by Clerk on 27th July. SWW advised that they would get one of their inspectors to investigate and carry out any necessary repairs. It was understood that SWW were currently carrying out works in the area and that there had been an unpleasant smell (presumably coming from the drains). It was understood that SWW was 'on the case'.
 - v. The overgrown hedge running from Bankside to Orchard Close had been reported to EDDC by the Clerk by email 27th July. EDDC advised 26th August 'An outside Contractor has been requested to cut this back as Streetscene do not have the capacity to undertake these works'. Cllr Walker advised that the work had still not been carried out.
 - vi. Problem property at Hillside - garden overgrown etc – The Clerk requested on 27th July that EDDC should provide an update as to when the garden etc would be cleared. A further reminder was sent by Clerk on 13th August. EDDC advised 26th Aug 'it is with the voids team (Kim Slater) and we have requested to cut back the garden asap- Apologies for the delay.' The Vice-Chair was unhappy with this response. The Clerk would contact EDDC Cllr Jefferies to see if he could expedite matters
 - vii. Broken manhole cover in road opposite Hillside – DCC advised that an assessment was being carried out
 - viii. Network rail advised that the ivy growing on the brickwork of the railway bridge near the allotments presented no concerns and the next vegetation clearance would be in 2027
 - ix. Ed Polding has advised that the verge running from Sunhaven to the Newtown junction did not qualify as a safety defect (height of grass) and no further action would be taken by DCC
 - x. A report on Talaton Talk advised that 'The rivets have come undone and it won't take much more wind to break' (in relation to the finger post at the Newtown Junction). The Clerk would relay this matter to DCC via its website

PLANNING MATTERS TO INCLUDE THE CONSIDERATION OF:-

25/1407/LBC - Mill Farm Fairmile Devon EX11 1LS - Aaron & Cheney Fairchild Proposal: Re-render north, south, east and west elevations. Replace 1no. window (WG3) on ground floor north elevation; replace 2no. windows (WG1 and WG2) on

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ground floor and 3no. windows (WF1, WF2 and WF3) on first floor west elevation;
replace 3no. windows (WG4, WG5 and WG6) on ground floor and 1no. window
(WF4) on first floor south elevation

A site visit had taken place. Following this it was **RESOLVED** that the following comments be submitted to EDDC – *Talaton Parish Council approves the application. We are happy to see that the concrete rendering is to be replaced with lime rendering. However in our opinion the windows desperately need replacing with suitable double glazed windows which are environmentally suitable and will also provide adequate sound proofing`*

TO REPORT ANY DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL (INCLUDING PLANNING)

Paytherden Solar Farm and the lorries travelling through the village

The Clerk and Chair agreed that the matter should be reported to the Enforcement Officer which the Clerk had actioned under the Council's delegated authority. She is waiting a response. It was **AGREED** that the matter should be included on the October agenda for further consideration

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1 OCTOBER
5 NOVEMBER
3 DECEMBER
7 JANUARY 26
4 FEBRUARY
4 MARCH
1 APRIL

INFORMAL DROP-INS

25 OCT 2025; 31 JAN 2026

10.30AM – 12 NOON

to enable parishioners to chat to councillors about any Parish related issues they may wish to raise

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Wednesday 1st October

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Talaton Knit and Natter



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Thurs	9.00	-	6.00		
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