

## Meeting of Clerk with Ines Pfister, Highways Devon County Council

**Date:** 11/02/2025    **Time:** 10:30 – 12:00    **Venue:** In and around the Village Butt's/Farrant's Hill/Crediton Lane

### Points raised: -

1. Butt's Pond – We visited to check the situation. The water was now not flowing freely under the road. Ines will try to get it jetted. No update from Fulford's, at the moment. **Action Ines**
2. Raised footpath near Butt's – this is on a list to make improvements. Ines will chase up and see when it is due to be done. **Action Ines**
3. The Lengthsman asked us to check the drain at the edge of the Village, in Boylands Lane. It doesn't have an outflow pipe. The purpose is to slow down the water flow rather than drain it somewhere. It does seem to be working, but it does get full of surface dressing. The Lengthsman has cleared it already but it is full again. Ines will get it cleared. **Action Ines**
4. Whilst checking the above, Ines checked out her theory that there should be a concrete haunch running into the drain. We discovered there is one that needs clearing! It would be a big job for the Lengthsman so Ines will see if it can be done by Highways. **Action Ines**
5. Grit bins – as a result from the email from Ines about funding available for grit bins, the Clerk discussed the possibility of having two new bins. One near Zeal Farm and one to replace the wooden one in Boylands Lane. Ines agreed that they are in locations that could be potential collision hotspots and advised me to contact County Cllr Brook to see if he would fund them and then Highways would maintain them. **Action Clerk**
6. Ines informed the Clerk that the ford near Zeal Farm has been inspected by her and a colleague from the Flood prevention dept. They are investigating whether it would be better to have a concrete surface or a tarmac surface. They are also planning to clean the sump and put a kerb in place on the upstream side of the ford to protect the future surface. It would be helpful if we can monitor the water flow and, when it gets really dry in the Summer, let Ines know and they will do a further inspection. The Clerk will try to ask local residents to help with this. **Action Clerk/Ines**
7. Farrant's Hill – It is on the list to be dressed but some holes are appearing again. We visited and they are actually failed patches. Ines will contact the Contractors to resolve. **Action Ines**
8. Flooding at the end of Crediton Lane where it joins the B3213 – We visited and part of the problem is that the buddle holes need digging out by the Landowners. However, the area reported to the Clerk is actually in Bridford so the Clerk will refer it on. **Action Clerk**
9. Some work has been done in Crediton Lane but there are still areas that need attention. We can put this as a priority for 2026-2027.
10. Depression by Village hall – this is subsiding again. The Clerk will report it. **Action Clerk**
11. Two signs need attention – Windy Cross finger post and the sign opposite Southwood House. The Clerk has tried reporting both of these again but was unable to submit them. Ines will follow up. Bigger bases are needed for both signs to stop them falling over repeatedly. **Action Ines**
12. Request from Ines – Clerk to talk to residents a) Coombe Farm – where vehicles are turning into the drive, they are cutting the corner which is affecting the water going into the new drain. b) The hedge on the corner by Green Bridge (on the left going towards Exeter) needs cutting right back. **Action Clerk**

Lynne Ogden Clerk to Dunsford Parish Council February 2025

It is important to keep reporting any potholes that fit the criteria of a defect as these will be dealt with. The Clerk will keep advertising the link to do this.

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