

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

**Date:** 21/01/2025    **Time:** 10:45 – 12:00    **Venue:** Butt's Pond – The Clerk met with the Highway's Officer and Mr C Dixon, Agent for Fulford's/ Boyland's Lane/ Zeal farm area - ford

### Points raised: -

1. Ines had already discussed the need for the stream on the Orchard side of Butt's area to be cleared to allow water to run freely. This had been identified by the Lengthsman. Mr Dixon agreed to talk to the present tenant to get the work done. He was aware of the situation as Cllr Matthews had already approached him. **Action Mr C Dixon**
2. Ines and the clerk then went to check the area that had been flooded in Boyland's Lane. The landowner had cleared the entrance to the culvert and it was now flowing freely.
3. The area past the Nature Reserve had also been cleared and water was flowing through the buddle hole. Both these areas now need to be kept clear to help avoid the flooding issue. However, it was noted that the weather was extreme in this case but that we must expect more of these situations in the future.
4. Lea Lane – this area has been flooded again but does gradually drain. It will not be clear of flooding until the major works are completed in the next tax year (from April 2025). Meanwhile, we need to keep reporting it and Highways will jet the drains in order to speed up the draining of flood water. **This is a priority works for 2025-2026.**  
**Action Clerk/Ines**
5. The ford near Zeal Farm – the fact that the road surface had broken up had been reported. We visited the site and the extreme levels of water had washed a lot of the surface away. Ines advised it would involve major works to rectify this and will take advice on how to proceed. **This will be added to the Priority list.** **Action Ines**
6. Ines advised that she was also looking into all the surface water that was lying on the road from Greenbridge to Sowton Mill. **Action Ines**
7. We discussed that councils are no longer able to claim funding from Devon County Council to employ contractors as Lengthsmen. However, Councils can apply for grant money for items such as protective clothing and equipment. **Action Clerk**

Lynne Ogden Clerk to Dunsford Parish Council January 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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