

Meeting of Clerk with Ines Scillitoe, Highways Devon County Council

January meeting

Venue: In and around the Village/Sowton Bridge

Date: 16/01/2026 Time: 1pm to 3pm Weather: Cold, dry and sunny with showers

Points raised: -

1. Hedge by Butts end of village has now been cut by volunteers. The Clerk will send a letter thanking them. **Action Clerk**
2. Drain at junction of Boyland lane and Collabridge lane. This has blocked up and has been reported by a nearby resident. A gulley wagon has visited and sucked it out, but it isn't functioning fully. Ines thinks it is likely that they haven't jetted it. She will organise for it to be done again. **Action Ines**
3. Grit bins –The Clerk has been in touch with the County Cllr. and he has said Highways are willing to defer the payment for the new bins so we can get them before April. Ines will put into action. The Clerk had asked for salt bags to be provided in the interim. We delivered to Butts and left one to be given to a resident. Two more are needed for near Zeal Farm. Ines will deliver them next week and leave on the platform that the resident has made for the grit bin. **Action Ines**
4. The old grit bin at the end of Collabridge lane needs removing before the new one arrives. The Clerk will discuss with the Lengthsman. **Action Clerk**
5. Crediton Lane –Ines will drive the whole lane to assess in the New Year. **Action Ines**
6. Residents had asked the Clerk about the ownership of an area of land next to their house to consider extending their parking area. The Clerk introduced them to Ines who is willing to advise them. They were very grateful. **Action Ines/Clerk, when necessary.**
7. The Clerk has been made aware that water is spreading over the road at the bottom of Briton Street, causing an ice hazard. This is due to the haunches being driven over by lorries, preventing them from taking the water away. They have been cleared, but it is a recurring problem. Ines suggested that we get our Lengthsman to clear the area and she will provide us with some verge markers to put in here. This should stop lorries driving on the verge and, hopefully, solve the problem. **Action Ines**
8. The Clerk has been made aware that the bridge neat Reedy Corner is broken. It is likely to belong to Highways but there is little money available at the moment. The Clerk will see if the Lengthsman can help. **Action Clerk**
9. As we were driving around, we noticed potholes on the way up to Butts and in the layby by Butts. Ines reported them. **No further action needed**
10. The Clerk had been made aware of a loose stone on the top of the bridge by Sowton Mill. We drove to check this and Ines reported it. **No further action needed**

Lynne Ogden Clerk to Dunsford Parish Council January 2026

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.
For flooding, please allow 24 hours after the rain has stopped, to allow for it to drain away, before reporting.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/>