

Meeting of Clerk with Ines Pfister, Highways Devon County Council

Date: 12/03/2025 **Time:** 10:30 – 11.45 **Venue:** In and around the Village

Weather: Dry; there had been no rain for a week

Points raised: -

1. Butt's Pond – We visited to check the situation. Ines has ordered the large gully wagon for next Wednesday to jet the culvert underneath the road. Once this has been done, the stream will be the only problem so this needs to be done. Ines will then send an enforcement letter. **Action Ines**
2. Raised footpath near Butt's – this was on a list to be done but Ines chased this up from last time and all footpaths have been removed from her list. **Action Ines**
3. Grit bins – there has been a mix up with the funding promised. Ines has spoken to the County Council and the incoming Cllr will be informed that the grit bins have been promised. **Action Clerk/Ines**
4. Farrant's Hill – This has been marked up to be mended. Ines is also planning to fix the problem of the water running down the side of the road by jetting the drains with the large gully wagon next week. **Action Ines**
5. Flooding at the end of Crediton Lane where it joins the B3213 – Ines had actioned this and is just waiting for the contractors to remove the rubble. The resident that contacted the Clerk is very grateful as are other residents in the lane. **Action Clerk**
6. Water bubbling up through the road by Linhay had been reported. We visited but were not able to see any evidence of this as it had been so dry. There was still water running down the side of the road, towards Butts. It is difficult to see where it is coming from.
7. Thomas Cross – the double pipe is blocked where the drain comes out of the field onto Reddy Hill. We looked at this and the Clerk will liaise with the Lengthsman to see if he can fix it. **Action Clerk**
8. Lea Lane – it had been reported that, where the end of the lane floods onto the B3212, it can become dangerous in icy weather. Highways are aware and it is on the list as a priority for Dunsford. **Action Ines**

Date: 19th March 2025 - Meeting to jet Butts culvert under the road

Ines confirmed that the wagon was available. (If the weather is icy the crew are taken off gulley cleaning to grit the roads)

The Clerk placed cones at the top of the Village to allow the large gully wagon to pass through.

The crew spent about 2 hours jetting the culvert both ways and clearing debris and the water is now flowing. The only problem is now that the stream is silted up and the water backs up.

They also jetted the other drain near the noticeboard. This also has a culvert which goes under the road into the same field.

Future action: 1. Ines will send an enforcement letter to the landowners

2. The Clerk will contact the tenant to explain the work that needs doing

3. When the stream has been cleared, Ines will get the contractors back to plough the culvert to remove any regrowth of vegetation on the walls of the culvert.

4. The Clerk will get the Lengthsman to remove the build-up of gravel and stones in the area of Butt's Pond.

Lynne Ogden Clerk to Dunsford Parish Council March 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.

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