Present: Cllr D. Mitchem (DM), Cllr B. Thrussell (B.T), Cllr C.Edwards (CE) Cllr S.Walton (SW), Cllr.C. Jones (CJ), Cllr E. Rylands (ER)

1. Apologies – Cllr Paula Fernley EDDC
2. Risk Assessment.-No Risks
3. Declarations of Interest/requests for dispensation-None
4. Minutes from January 2024 Parish Council Meeting: Accepted and approved. Cllr CE reported that the Solar farm was not likely to commence work before summer 2025 and to go on stream in summer/Autumn 2026
5. Open session: None
6. County/District Councilors Reports. Attached at end of minutes

Cllr ER stated Axminster Solar farm planning refused because of battery storage not having sufficient space between containers causing potential fire hazard, Insufficient water storage in case of fire and poor access/exit for emergency vehicles. There were also environmental issues with contamination of battery chemicals if there was a fire soaking in to local residential water supplies.

1. Local Issues. None
2. Highways. Ditches cleaned again and flooding has been minimal. Contractor again did a thorough job. Speed restriction changes still on going.
3. Planning

24/0227/lbc to 24/0226/ful. Town Tenement Farm proposals.( Mrs. Alex Stewart attended the meeting to explain the proposals to the councilors)

. Councilors fully supported the application.

1. Finance: Planters invoice and road sweeper invoice paid.
2. Correspondence- None

The meeting ended at 8:00pm

Next Meeting May 13th 2024 which will be the AGM

Minutes accepted as true and accurate

Signature 1 Chairman………………………………….

Signature 2 Cllr…………………………………………

Date……../…….../…

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**District Report Broadclyst Ward March 4th**

A contentious paper remapping the green wedges came to Strategic Planning Committee this month. We voted unanimously to ask the planners to come up with a different methodology for the green wedge assessment to prevent a 70% cut across the district, which was demonstrated by this paper. A green wedge is a planning tool to prevent settlement coalescence, but they are not the only tools planers have to stop development on greenfield sites. The green infrastructure plan has also been proposed for the whole district to help protect our green spaces. Plans are now in motion to make this happen to tie in with the new Local plan.

We are in the middle of making a new Local Plan with lots going on each month in Strategic

Planning, a committee I am a member of. Keep an eye on the agendas to see if there is anything near you that needs commenting on.

I was involved in the scrutiny meeting with Southwest Water, where we asked many questions about why the situation in East Devon was so bad regarding sewage overflows and why the treatment works that had planning permission in 2010 wasn’t built. Various unsatisfactory replies were given but it was said to be because at phase 3 of the build the out flow pipe would have to go all the way to the coast.

Apparently they are looking to build another on the east of Exeter, still with an outflow pipe that needs to go to the coast but they were concerned about the New town in Woodbury. They definitely hadn’t been consulting residents of Farringdon.

The council has voted on a motion of no confidence in Southwest water, following many sewage problems across the district, particularly in Exmouth and Clyst St Mary. Council is doing its best to foster, a better relationship with Southwest water to improve communication, particularly regarding planning applications. Strategic planning commissioned a report about the water cycle study which we hope will give us evidence about how the sewage network is working independent to Southwest water.

I’ve been working with the recycling team to help improve the East Devon app. It’s well worth a look if you haven’t done so for a while, it pretty much tells you how to recycle or dispose of

anything. Let me know if you can catch it out and I’ll let the team know.

There is a new local walking and cycle infrastructure plan for the Clyst Valley and new

communities out for public consultation. Please take a look and make your comments.

All councillors have had the opportunity to do some climate emergency training and we are to be offered carbon literacy training in due course.

A paper came to Council on the 21st of February to approve a council tax increase of 3.09%,

which is well below the national average of 5%. On average parish councils are going up by

12.42%.

It's very exciting to tell you that we've had beaver activity in Tithebarn, a few young trees have been taken down in our park. Apparently at this time of year males go exploring for new territories and females. Have you had any reports in your area I'd be very interested to hear.

If anyone has any question please feel free to email me on paula.fernley@edevon.gov.uk.

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