

Highways

Traffic Calming Working Group

The Traffic and Road Safety Working Group's report and recommendations were approved by PPC at the February Full Council meeting. Meetings are being requested with Somerset Councillors and Highways Department representatives to understand the processes involved in moving forward with the Working Group's recommendations. An initial meeting will be held with Cllr's Pugsley and Nicholson on March 7th. The Working Group's report will also be reviewed during the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

Other Highways matters

The hedge/bank growth at Villes Lane leading to the cul-de-sac has been cut back.

Fixing the faulty light at West Porlock is being chased.

The design for the missing sign on High Street by the Castle directing cars and pedestrians to Central Long Stay car park has been provided to Highways who are reviewing the design so it can be submitted with their Road Order.

Other matters

A suggestion to provide/plant trees in the Memorial Garden at the Recreation Ground has been passed on to the Rec Committee and was discussed at their meeting on Tuesday 20th Feb 2024. The feedback from the Rec is that the Memorial Garden is currently being renovated and whilst there is probably not enough room to replant the missing trees as the original ones that remain have grown so big, other ideas to remember the fallen are being considered.

Project to provide water butts to collect rain water for the OSC is being progressed by the Caretaker and Cllr. L Thornton, purchase of the equipment being before the end of the current financial year, expenditure having already been budgeted and approved.

Floral Displays

The watering contractors are confirmed for 2024, start and finish dates to be agreed by FC. Some volunteers have come forward to help with tidying and planting with Spring bedding, etc.

Hedgehog Highway Project

PPC has been contacted by Hedgehogs R Us regarding their project to help with Hedgehog Conservation. Cllr. L Thornton, following research and feedback received, feels the plastic surrounds which the project wishes the Council to purchase do not fit with Porlock's plastic free status and that creating highways using these as described by the project is not as applicable to the landscape and properties typically found in Porlock.

Ongoing:

- Financial support for maintaining areas devolved from SWT and permission for volunteer maintenance of some areas
- Idverde bin emptying SLA
- Signage for OSC/Parish Room – to confirm opening times going forward before replacing sign
- Further notices requested from the Dog Warden have still to be installed by PPC
- Car park provision – a Somerset Council countywide review of parking is to take place in 24/25