

Picnic Area – dog fouling

Further notices requested last month from the Dog Warden have been received to be installed by PPC.

Highways

PPC understands that removal of the kerb ticks will be added to the next Amendment Order, which will be advertised early in 2024. It is expected that this will lead to the kerb ticks being removed by around April next year. Meanwhile, Somerset Council's parking services department have agreed to a site meeting to review interim measures to alleviate the situation while the process for removing the kerb ticks is being followed. During the site visit, a more flexible charging scheme for the Doverhay and Central car parks, and better information for the electric car charging points in the Central car park will also be discussed.

A site visit with the owners of Myrtle Cottage on the High Street, at their request, is being arranged with Highways regarding the land in front of their property.

The culvert opposite the Top Ship has been cleared after it became partially blocked, following heavy rain. A request has also been made to clear the culvert in Higher Doverhay, above Orchard Rise.

The Traffic Calming working group reports that draft construction of the online version of the consultation questionnaire is complete and is under review. This means the traffic consultation should be able to be launched quite soon. Following the completion of a road signs audit, a number of signs obscured by overgrown vegetation have been identified. A request will be made to the Somerset Council Highways Steward for these to be cleared.

The street lights at West Porlock have not been working for many months despite repeated reporting to Somerset Council. It has now been reported by the Highways Lighting Team that the previous faults were due to electrical supply issues and were attended to by the local DNO (distribution Network Provider) National grid who own the service cables. The streetlight faults have been reported again and will be re-visited by Highways' Term Maintenance Contractor 'Enerveo' who will attend and complete a thorough investigation and repair. PPC has not received a timescale for the repair but will continue to monitor the situation.

A problem with household waste being left in the Drang at the Church end has been reported to PPC. Rubbish left in the Drang is a potential health hazard and can look very unsightly. Signs have been put up requesting rubbish be put out no earlier than 5pm the evening before the rubbish collection day. This is particularly important for the black bin collections which are only every three weeks and even more important for rubbish left in black bags as these get broken open by animals, etc. The notices also ask for responsible recycling. This approach was used very successfully with regards to the rubbish left out for collection on the pavement in front of the Methodist Church, so it is hoped it will work as well for the Drang site.

Following reports from a resident about overgrown hedges, trees, etc. and a damaged wall on Somerset Council land adjacent to the parking and turning area at the end of Crawter Drive and affecting the paths and wall down into Church View, a request to SC was submitted by PPC via the SC portal. PPC has been advised that work was started by SC on Friday 6th October and could last 3 days.

Ongoing:

- Missing sign on High Street by the Castle directing cars and pedestrians to Central Long Stay car park
- 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
- Car parks and bus/coach parking – meetings being arranged