

DC report July 2022 Petrockstowe

PC Planning Training

I postponed, after consultation with the Planning Manager, the planning training session for Parish Councils that was due to take place at the end of June. This was due to the fact that I was made aware of several parish councillors who would not be able to attend and would like to. The training session is now proposed to take place at the end of October. I will advise Parish Clerks in due course of the date of the meeting.

Beech House Shebbear

Quite a bit happening in the background which is quite convoluted to insert in this report. Suffice to say this is ongoing and the Officer at Torridge and I are still pushing for answers.

TDC and Housing Crisis

Torridge District Council has received £173,574 funding from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to provide three modular homes. The modular homes are fully furnished and can be used to house an individual or small family in a temporary capacity whilst longer term accommodation is arranged. Members at Full Council recently approved two sites, Windmill Lane in Northam and Springfield Car Park in Bideford to advance such accommodation, Officers will now seek the necessary consents to implement these plans as quickly as possible.

Planning Appeal

A planning appeal has been submitted with regard to the refusal of planning permission for land adjacent to the Laurels Inn.

Rural Policing Numbers

I recently discovered that our local police numbers were lower than I believed them to be. I sought reassurance from the OPCC that steps were being taken to increase numbers to pre determined levels. I have recently met with our local Divisional Police Inspector and have been appraised as to what actions are being taken to ensure that the police are able to fulfil their obligations.