

**Loxhore Parish Council**  
**County Councillors report**

**Library Consultation- reminder**

**A public consultation asking people to help shape the future of Devon's 50 libraries was recently launched, this is to seek views about the future of the library service in Devon.**

It will run for 12 weeks and focus on a number of options, including opening hours, the use of technology, and the potential for community-managed libraries. **Closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

The consultation is available online via a Devon County Council engagement platform at <https://devon.cc/devon-libraries-pm>

Visitors will be able to:

- Fill in one of two surveys (one is specifically for young people aged 13 to 17 years)
- View a detailed overview proposal
- View an opening hours document and other information

Printed copies of the survey are also available in libraries and Devon County Council reception areas (County Hall in Exeter, Tav View in Barnstaple)

LPC questions;

4.1 Progress on clearing area by the RAM? The portal has not been updated since the first entry saying thank you for reporting this matter.

*This is in for ploughing. I know M group are working through these requests atm, to be honest I can't really prioritise it due to A roads being the priority with potential wet weather in Jan/Feb*

4.4 Progress on signage for Mill lane width restriction?

*Chased this before Christmas, so far I've not received a reply, I will ask the highway officer if he's heard anything further.*

4.6 Contact for community payback group. *Will update on this very soon, DCC is in the process of working up a protocol with probation.*

4.8 Highway W251886311. Unauthorised digging of Longpot Lane. What is going on? The portal has not been updated since first entry saying thank you for reporting this matter. From the PROW officer;

*Longpot Lane – I visited and asked them to cease works at the time, explaining they needed to apply for a closure to continue and finish any works. I followed this up with the enforcement team, Chris Caley I believe via Teams. I spoke to him prior to his visit and after he had completed the visit and Chris let me know that he had been advised to apply for a closure.*

*I haven't been out since the visit and not heard whether the work has been completed. I updated the lways at the time to say that the site had received a visit both from myself and the Enforcement team, close it accordingly, and it is now no longer on my system.*

Have you had an answer from highways about white lines at edge of road if no centreline? *Yes, it was established before Christmas this lines needed to be reinstated, the highway officer contacted the contractor about it but I haven't heard anything more since the 17<sup>th</sup> December. I will ask again now the Christmas break is over.*

What is the process for requesting a road be adopted? Is it a parish council matter or the residents?

*It would be for the residents to take this forward.*

*This link provides guidance: [Adopting a road - Roads and transport](#)*

## **Highway Defects**

With the winter now very much upon us, it is more likely there will be defects in the highway network, this includes streetlights and signs.

[Report a problem - Roads and transport](#)

Weather conditions are being constantly monitored and gritting teams are ready to be called into action when needed. However, preparations started months ago. Gritting

depots across the county are topped up with almost 24,000 tonnes of salt for the start of the season.

Gritting lorries have been serviced and maintained, and five of the 37 frontline gritters have been replaced with newer models to help improve reliability and reduce maintenance costs. All of these newer gritters feature touchscreen controls to enable drivers to adjust salt spreading rates and the position of their plough attachments without leaving their cab, which improves safety.

The DCC website is very useful for reporting problems and the reports go straight to the contractor. Alternatively the highway contact number is 0345 155 1004

If it's a river flooding the environment agency can be contacted on 0345 988 1188

Please do get in touch if you think I can help with anything; [Andrea.davis@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Andrea.davis@devon.gov.uk)

*Happy New Year, I look forward to working with you in 2026.*

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