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- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>JAN</b>	261	69	153.5	63	88.5
<b>FEB</b>	136	89	90	91	241
<b>MAR</b>	87.5	109	132	114	88
<b>APR</b>	61.5	32	97.5	59	27
<b>MAY</b>	64.5	57.5	35.5	38	11
<b>JUN</b>	119.5	83	12	98	155
<b>JUL</b>	23	134	54	25.5	50
<b>AUG</b>	68.5	73	84	87	192
<b>SEP</b>	80	141	77.5	163	47.5
<b>OCT</b>	39	76	133.5	163.5	75
<b>NOV</b>	51	101.5	181	193	106
<b>DEC</b>	44	175	176	177.5	240
<b>TOTAL</b>	1035.5	1140	1226.5	1272.5	1321

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***Dear readers,*** of April's load of hog wash.

Well the weather lately has been lovely, a bit cold but at least dry, and work on the garden is moving on apace. I've just come in and made myself a cup of coffee after turning over some more garden, a job I find very satisfying as it's the first thing to do for the start of a new season, a clean slate so to speak and the potential for anything to happen. I thought the same last year and look what happened then.

Talking about which I've had the letter, the one that invites me to have my job, and you can bet your house I am going to have it, especially as now I or should I say, we have to seem to be very responsible, for on the 1st of March we were informed that the present Mrs Nash and myself are going to be grandparents. Baby is due in mid September so look out world. The downside is that the ex miss Nash can't help with the lambing this year so when we can we have been volunteered to go over and get stuck in so to speak.

After writing last month about my monthly trip to Derriford and it being the furthest I have travelled since before Christmas. I have heard that someone recently has gone one better than that. They were very excited about going to the opticians or they thought it was, it's been so long since they have had their eyes tested.

Will close now as my coffee is going cold. Best wishes to you all, keep safe and hope to see you soon, from your honorary chairperson Tim Nash.

Ps here's a collection of rubbish to make you groan.

My wife asked me if I could clear the kitchen table, I had to take a long run up, but I eventually made it.

We hired a handy man and gave him a list of things to do. When I got home only items 1,3,5 were done. Turns out that he only does odd jobs.

What do you call two birds stuck together?  
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Thinking ahead to August and hopefully well on our way out of lockdown, it will be time to get ready for

## **Lewdown Produce Show on the 4th Sat in August.**


We are hoping to make it a celebration of normality once again and perhaps doing a little extra to bring the community together by having a sunflower competition to involve people of all ages .

There will be 2 classes, one for the tallest and one for the largest head with cash prizes.

Last year we held a virtual show which was successful but with a limited amount of classes.

The committee would like to know if anyone has some good ideas for classes ,virtual or on the day, any feedback welcome to [sarahnash@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahnash@btinternet.com)

We are also hoping to finish the day with a barbecue or something.



*We would like to thank the person who has laboriously tidied up the edges of the pavements along the Downs , now 2 people can walk side by side !!*

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Justine welcomes you to come and join her  
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activities (some messy).

A great opportunity to meet other parents /  
carers.

£2.00 per session – please bring your own  
snack and drink (we are unable to provide  
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[www.lewtrenchard.devon.sch.uk](http://www.lewtrenchard.devon.sch.uk)

Email [lewtrenchard@andaras.org](mailto:lewtrenchard@andaras.org)

## Lewtrenchard WI April 2021

After being welcomed by our president, Margaret Dunn, on Monday March 8th, 15 members and a guest from Kelly WI, joined in a gentle, armchair Pilates class given by Lynne Rogers on zoom. First of all, Lynne concentrated on our breathing and explained how important correct breathing is on the different sets of muscles in our body. If we breathe properly, we will improve our core strength. She also told us how electrical pulses pass through our bodies and how important it is to keep these pathways open. This can impact on our whole bodies, including the vital organs. She then demonstrated the various techniques for doing this. These include, sponging, brushing and tapping. We then practised these methods on our shoulders, arms and necks.

In answer to members' questions, Lynne gave some helpful tips on dealing with migraine, tenderness in different parts of the body and cramp.

Lynne informed us that she is starting a new 3 week session on zoom and invited anyone interested to contact her on [Lynne-inmotion@e.mail.com](mailto:Lynne-inmotion@e.mail.com) or on Facebook.

Finally, she reminded us all to drink plenty of water and most important of all to be kind to ourselves.

A vote of thanks was given by Mary Edgecombe who thanked Lynne for an enlightening and interesting talk.

A short business meeting followed. Our treasurer gave us an update on our financial situation. She was very pleased at the number of members who intend to renew their memberships. Margaret Dunn thanked members for completing the recent questionnaire. She thanked them for their suggestions which would be discussed at a later meeting.

Barbara Scott read the minutes of our February minutes when we enjoyed a talk by Beyond Limits.

The annual jumble sale in aid of our funds has had to be cancelled for a

# Lewtrenchard WI



**Come and join us for Fun, Friendship & Laughter  
The first meeting is free!**

Our meetings are normally in the evening on the 2nd Monday of each month in Lewdown Victory Hall, but we are currently meeting on ZOOM.

We have lots of interesting speakers and demonstrations as well as fun and chat over a cup of tea.

**For more details please contact:**

**Margaret Dunn on 01566 783779 or Barbara Scott on 01566 783636**

**We'd love to see you!**

**Here is our proposed 2021 Diary (subject to COVID):**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> - Zoom Meeting @ 7.30pm 📖 Poetry reading**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> - Zoom Meeting @ 7.30pm 📅 AGM & Quiz**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> - Outing 🍷 TBC Tour of the Alder Vineyard + tea in their café**

**July 12<sup>th</sup> - Outdoors 🌿 Groups working on Nature Trail + small picnic**

**August 17<sup>th</sup> - Small outdoor gatherings**

**September 13<sup>th</sup> - Zoom @ 7.30pm 🍳👩🍳 Cooking demo**

**October 11<sup>th</sup> - Zoom @ 7.00pm 🌿 Peter van Delft gardening tips**

**November 8<sup>th</sup> - Zoom @ 7.00pm 🌍 Teresa Bowers - Falkland charity**

**December 13<sup>th</sup> - Zoom @ 7.00pm 🎄 Christmas Party**

**As soon as allowed we will return to Lewdown Victory Hall for our meetings, resume walks and skittles**

For more information about the WI check out: [www.thewi.org.uk](http://www.thewi.org.uk)

# **The Blue Lion, Lewdown**

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# Don't be lonely, have a chat

I thought I saw a parrot, down round Stowford way,  
He circled round the church twice, but then he flew away.  
I saw green and blue and I think, some pink, much to my surprise,  
It could have been the cider, 'cos that buggers up your eyes!

I went down there the next day, as sober as can be,  
And what d'you think, he flew right down and settled next to me.  
Now I know it weren't a black bird, by definition they are black,  
And this one had a blue stripe that went right down his back.

Green feathers on his belly and pink ones on his rump,  
I studied very carefully, as he sat there on a stump.  
I'm not an horni -thologist, but know most things that fly,  
And take a special interest in, what's up there in the sky.

I've seen the helicopters and those super Phantom jets,  
But this was something special, and not what one expects.  
Too big for a blue tit, too small to be a hawk,  
but then he gave the game away and gave a mighty squawk.

I'll have a chat with him I thought, not sure quite what to say,  
He flapped his wings and scratched his head, so I started with, "Good day".  
He looked at me, a look that said, "Who the hell are you?"  
Perhaps, he had absconded, from far off Paignton zoo.

Might be just a wild one, some parrots are that way,  
I'll teach him how to talk, yes, I'll teach him what to say!  
I'll say a word, and "parrot fashion", you repeat it after me,  
We'll have a chat and chew the fat and fluent you will be!

Now Percy, 'Percy -verance', could be my middle name,  
With not the brightest parrot, we got there just the same.  
Politics, pandemic, anything! - the economy's a must,  
I know a chatty bird nearby, whose discussions, you can trust.

If you're sad and lonely, get down round Stowford way,  
Look up high, up in the sky, shout, "P a r r o t !!!", that's all you need to say,  
Passers -by may wonder, whatever's is going on, but  
don't be shy, shout loud your cry, I know he won't be long.

Don't worry what the folks think, they've seen it all before,  
Stand up in the church yard and just shout out more and more.  
If you're a non-believer, in parrots, I really mean,  
I find a drop of cider helps clarify the dream!

Geoff Dodd

## **The Reluctant King**

May Day is always a special time of year  
With a May King and Queen, maypole dancing too  
It was a regular event at our little school  
One day teacher said this years May King is you.

Now I didn't mind being May King, my turn I suppose  
As long as I could have the May Queen of my choice  
When they said it was Josephine, ginger hair and freckles  
I wasn't too pleased for I wanted my Joyce.

So off we went around the village singing our Maytime songs  
Down to the Manor where they gave me a silver tie pin  
Josie got a broach that didn't look right on her dress  
By the time we arrived at the Vicarage, we were itching to get in.

That May Day was cold with a biting East Wind  
All the girls wore pretty dresses with flowers in their hair  
Yet we had to stand outside in the awful wind  
Singing "Early One Morning" and then "Begone Dull Cave."

There is a photo in one of our albums  
Of me looking about as miserable as sin  
It is clear I did not enjoy the experience  
For those shiny royal clothes were so thin.

At last it all came to welcome conclusion  
We were all glad to get in from the "storm"  
Glad it was all over for another year  
And we could sit by the fire and get warm.

Frank Rolfe

# Stowford Parish Council



These minutes are abbreviated, for the full minutes visit our website  
[stowfordparishcouncil.org.uk](http://stowfordparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Ordinary meeting No 691 held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January

1. Stowford Tithe/Rental document case – Currently the document is protected with a supermarket plastic bag. Council considered a quotation for the supply and purchase of a protective case. It was resolved to accept the quotation of £85 for the supply of the protective case. Cllr Edmonds kindly offered to support the project and suggested that money from the Locality fund could be available to help with the purchase. Proposed Cllr Dunn and seconded Cllr Law. Clerk to apply.
2. R.F.O. Reported a current account credit balance of £5189.14 after approval of payments Proposed Cllr Dunn, seconded Cllr Lorna St Louis. Draft budget - considerations for 2021/22+ setting of the 2021 precept request. After discussion it was resolved to approve the budget of £2926. Cllr Bowers recommended that should an overspend of over £250 arise then an analysis of the ongoing costs should take place. Proposed Cllr Bowers, seconded Cllr Hennessey.
3. Councillor reports: Councillor Lorna St Louis reported that she received a complaint over dog fouling around Stowford. Cllr Bowers suggested the use of cctv to identify offenders. Cllr Edmonds suggested the use of strategically placed **Clean it Up**” signs in area’s most affected. Cllr Edmonds also suggested the use of the locality officer who could occasionally patrol the village at various times to catch offending dog owners. Also considered was the purchase of dog waste bins and the use of the WDBC waste removal service, however the purchase of the bin and the annual service charge was thought too prohibitive. Cllr Leroy St Louis reported of the Stowford Church success of staging the bi-annual Christmas tree display outside the church. The display raised £264, the proceeds will be equally split between the Childrens Society and Stowford PCC. The chair wanted to thank Cllr Hennessey for donating the Council trees and all the councillors for contributing towards the purchase of the decorations for the tree. A great effort was made by all involved to support the church and charity.
4. WDBC Cllr Edmonds reported that Highways was contacted regarding the excess water from Sprytown cross towards Tinhay, the problem stretch was inspected, work to clear the drains will be in next the financial years budget.



Cllrs should inspect the grit bins for stock levels, top-ups can be provided by highways. WDBC Covid 19 response to help local businesses especially in providing government grants has been very successful. Community support groups have been working well.

5. Remembrance Day 75 years tree - Cllr Hennessey suggested the cllrs Christmas tree decorations surplus of £22.10 could go towards the purchase of a tree. Cllr Leroy St Louis suggested that parishioners may wish to choose what type of tree and where it could be planted. It was resolved to support the motion, proposed Cllr Leroy St Louis, seconded Cllr Bowers. Cllr Leroy St Louis offered to plant the tree. Cllr Dunn reminded the council that a tree maintenance program should be in place to ensure the longevity of the tree's life.
6. Facebook – Council presence on the media platform. Cllr Leroy St Louis updated the council with his progress, it was thought that a draft could be in place in 2-3 weeks.

Meeting closed 9pm

Date time & place of the following meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – 7.30pm, this will be a virtual remote Zoom meeting.

### **Extraordinary meeting No 692 held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

1. Planning Ref: 3892/20/LBC – Listed building consent for installation of solar panels on roof of outbuilding. Address – Homeleigh, Sprytown, PL16 0AY. Council decision – Support- proposed Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Hennessey  
Planning Ref: 0172/21/TCA – T1: Sweet Chestnut – Reduction of lowest tertiary branch on north Westside by 1-2m, interfering with low growing shrubs. T2: Turkey Oak – crown reduction by 1-2m on southside, branches overhanging building. H3: Laurel – heightreduction by 1-2m and lateral reduction on all sides by 1m to contain and manage as topiary shrub. H4: Bay – height reduction by 1-2m and lateral reduction on all sides by 1m to contain as topiary shrub.  
Address – Hayne Barton, Stowford EX20 4BZ, Council decision – Support – proposed Cllr Law, seconded Cllr Roberts. It was resolved weather the council should respond to a need for a TPO and on what plants at the next meeting.
2. Councillor reports – Cllr Edmonds reported that WDBC had approved a balanced budget for the financial year 2021-22 despite all the challenging financial constraints placed on it. WDBC are helping many local business with 13 different government Business Support Covid 19 grants, contact WDBC for more details or visit their website.
3. Consideration for the role of a Tree warden – it was resolved to bring this issue back to the next meeting when a full council is present.
4. Consideration for a planning sub-committee – It was resolved to bring this issue

back to the next meeting when a full council is present.


5. Correspondence - A parishioner complaint was received regarding damage to highways verges in Stowford parish, earth/soil waste nuisance on the highway through the c822 and Portgate Hill, through to Allerford Farm, environmental concerns and breaches of planning applications. It was reported that the parish council had limited powers in such matters, however all the relevant authorities have been notified and are aware of the complaints, the complaint is currently being investigated.

Meeting closed 20.36

Date time and place of next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – 7.30pm, a remote Zoom meeting.



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Unfortunately it has not been possible to reuse the curtains over the door in the Bell Tower, we have been donated fabric and a new curtain pole, and if anyone can help with making the curtains we would be very grateful for assistance.

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Joy McSmythurs

From the Parish Priest

Dear friends,

Spring is always a hopeful season, and the colours of the flowers and the emergence of bulbs and new greenery on our trees always reminds us of the excitement of new life.

We are all looking forward to new life beyond lockdown, and are hopeful that we will be able to return to normal social activity such as family gatherings, church services and travel within a few months. In the mean time we still must be sensible and careful. We very much hope to be worshipping in our Church buildings again before too long, but are unable at present, to give exact times and details. Please do keep in touch with our website, or with notice boards to find out exactly what will be happening between April and July, including our Easter services celebrating the new life of the Risen Christ.

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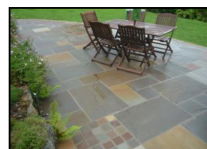
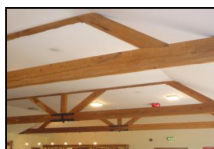


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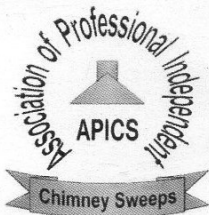
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# Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

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Minute No 734 Ordinary meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

1. Speeding and Safety concerns on the C822 – A parishioner wished to know what progress the council was making since the virtual meeting with highways in November. The parishioner also stated that a pedestrian hit by a vehicle at 40mph has a 90% chance of very serious injury or death but at 30mph this is reduced to 20% chance of serious injury or death. Cllr Ball who was unavailable to attend did forward an explanation for the slow progress that this issue has taken to resolve. After much deliberation it was resolved to action several points in readiness of an extraordinary meeting to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Proposed Cllr Harrop, seconded Cllr Southcott. Action points include :-
  - a) Signing review – Speed-limiting measures Action D.H.
  - b) Further speed data – A review of when the next survey will be undertaken, this must be after the current lockdown restrictions have been lifted – PC to obtain agreement with D.H
  - c) Plan to identify frontages on the highway – Action:- Cllr Southcott to identify properties throughout Lewdown. D.H to provide a definition of a road frontage for a village. Action:- councillors to identify other villages with similar speed limit
  - d) Possible removal of centre line at narrower section near the Blue Lion – P.C concerns over safety should this take place. D.H. to provide data that suggests this would make this a safer environment on the highway. Action:- D.H.
  - e) Village gateway improvements - Cllrs Southcott, Wilkinson and Yeo have created a draft plan this to be circulated prior to the next meeting. Action:- Cllr Southcott
  - f) Lining review - D.H. to provide a draft plan and data that supports this safety measure.
2. Finance: Report from R.F.O. showed a combined credit balance of £18,624.16 after approval of proposed payment of invoices.
3. Councillor reports: Cllr Wilkinson reported he had a meeting with a tree surgeon regarding the fallen ash tree at the Ramps, they concluded that the tree should not be removed, no other trees showed visible signs of disease. Cllr Wilkinson also reported that excess stones and ground waste had been

removed from the highway between Lewtrenchard Church and Lew Mill. Cllr Southcott reminded members who were on the 3 week general waste collection trials to complete the on-line survey. Cllr Harrop and Southcott received a report of a problem of foul water in the Stoney Croft road. A problem of aging S.W.W. pipework in the main sewer was the cause of the problem.

It was suggested that clean wipes etc were now getting caught on rusty parts of the pipe-work thus a buildup of wipes etc was causing the pipe to get blocked. Cllr Crocker commented that the problem would only get worse because of all the additional homes due to be built. Clerk to write a letter. Cllr Southcott to write a report of the problem in the Newslink.

4. Emergency Plan – Draft Emergency plan booklet– Cllr Crocker suggested that a note providing the reasons for the production of the plan is inserted inside the booklet. Cllr Southcott to make amendments to back page. It was resolved to approve the draft E.P with amendments, proposed Cllr Yeo, and seconded Cllr Wilkinson. It was resolved to approve the quote of £210 for the production of the booklet. Proposed Cllr Dawe, seconded Cllr Yeo.
5. The Ramps – No fund raising has taken place. The clerk confirmed that the land at the Ramps is registered as a ‘Village Green’ with D.CC. Cllr Perkins to provide details of the proposed play equipment before a planning application is made.
6. Snow Warden vacancy response to advertisement - It was too early to analyse because adverts were only recently posted. Cllr Harrop suggested that the role could be an “organisational role” rather than an individual role.
7. Highways – Cllr Dawe reported that there were several deficiencies between Lewtrenchard Church and Lew Mill, Cllr Southcott to inspect and report to highways. Cllr Southcott reported that the closed road near Coryton Station was now listed on Google Maps, improved road signage for diversions due to the road closure was now in place, road repairs due to be completed by the end of March. Cllr Southcott reported that the C822 highway clean up had progressed a little further however more work was still required to complete the job. Cllr Southcott to write to Steve Brockman.
8. Correspondence – Parishioner planning concerns with Land east of West Headson, Council noted the contents of the correspondence. Letters of appreciation from Lewdown Cricket Club, Lewtrenchard PCC, Marystow PCC, Thrushelton PCC, Citizens Advice, for donations received. Cllr Edmonds (WDBC) provided details of the 2021 grass cutting contract for the West Devon Drive.
9. Offer from Lewdown Cricket Club for a game of cricket after the restrictions are lifted. Council agreed that it would be a good opportunity to participate, fund raising possibilities were not yet discussed.

Meeting closed 21.38pm

Next meeting is an Extraordinary meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 7.30pm, this will be a virtual meeting.

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Minute No 734

Extraordinary meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

1. Speeding and Safety concerns on the C822
  - 1.a Signage – A review of current locations of existing signage and where, if required, new signage should be. Cllr Southcott provided a draft village plan proposing, speed limit and zoning plus warning signage. Proposals were welcomed by all the council, Cllr Ball suggested that on the village signs “Please drive carefully” would also be a beneficial inclusion. Repositioning of the village signs at some of the entrances were also proposed. Cllr Ball and the council thanked Cllr Southcott for the work done on the draft village plan.
  - 1.b Speed data – Review of current data available and when new survey should be undertaken. There was some speed checking prior to the beginning of government lockdown restrictions however data is also required to show what difference the Wig-Wag lights have made since their introduction, this will be resumed when full lockdown restrictions have been lifted. The latest government traffic policy DTP34/05 dates back to 2013, Cllr Ball is to confirm if this is still the current policy.
  - 1.c Properties with road frontages on the C822 – Comparisons with what other similar communities with 30mph speed zones have. Cllr Wilkinson produced a comparison summary table of other local towns & villages that have 30mph speed limits, only Sourton had a 40mph speed limit through their village. The summary table provided clear evidence that supported the councils request for the speed limit reduction. Cllr Ball and the council thanked Cllr Wilkinson for the valuable work done on collating the information. Cllr Ball will forward this to Devon Highways. Meg Booth (head of Highways) agreed to look into a review of the D.H. road frontage policy so that it would also deal with issues relating to Lewdown village. Cllr Ball was asked to provide the current definition of the highways frontage.
  - 1.d Removal of white lines proposals – assessment of D.H. safety data. No data has been provided.
  - 1.e Removal of white lines near the Blue Lion. The road is at its narrowest at this point.
  - 1.f Draft village gateway improvements – This was covered in the draft proposal presented by Cllr Southcott.

Cllr Ball provided value information, these included the following; At a DCC

meeting he confirmed his continued support for the councils request for a speed reduction and increased safety measures. Cllr Ball also confirmed that his meeting with the Head of Highways Meg Booth was also in full support of the parish councils concerns. The comparison evidence provided by Cllr Wilkinson was valuable plus a draft safety measures proposal by Cllr Southcott. There was a lot of work to be done by DCC, unfortunately those processes would mean that any funding for the changes could not be budgeted for in the year 2021-22. Approved alterations would therefore be considered for the budget in the year 2022-23. Cllr Southcott mentioned other trouble spots on the C822, these included blind spots at the junction at Lobhill cross, near the village hall, and Reddicliffs, photos to be sent to Cllr Ball. Cllr Crocker enquired if DCC was aware of current attendee numbers at Lewtrenchard School. Cllr Ball in conjunction with the police has data for accidents, relevant information will be forwarded onto the council.

2. Councillor reports: Cllr Southcott thanked Cllr Wilkinson and a parishioner in helping to clean up the road verge. Also mentioned was the 'Road Warden Scheme' this initiative would require volunteers to help clean up the roads through the village. Complaints relating to the building work at the development opposite the school had been received, these have been relayed to WDBC. Cllr Wilkinson informed that the usable width of the pavement from the Victory Hall to the former Police station was reducing in width due to the outward growing of the existing hedgerow. Cllr Dawe asked that when the development was completed could a review of hedge location take place, the chair suggested an appraisal of the pavement, Cllr Wilkinson offered to do this. Cllr Vanstone reported that a main Western Power electric cable was a concern to the hedge cutter because of its low position, clerk to report. Cllr Vanstone also reported highway drainage problems near Thrushelton Church, to be reported on the D.H. website. Cllr Harrop reported that drainage problems in Stoney Lane were reported to S.W.W and were being looked into by them, Cllr Vanstone reported that the problem was still ongoing when severe weather took place. Cllr Perkins asked if she could have some help with the fund raising applications, Cllr Southcott agreed to help out. Cllr Andrews reported that salt/grit had been supplied by D.H and had been distributed in area's that reported a need of some bags. Storage of surplus bags are held with Cllr Metherell, contact the clerk for further distribution.
3. Application Ref- 1642752 to name/number a new street at Crossroads, Lewdown. It was resolved to name the two roads 'Brentor View West' and 'Brentor View North'. The proposal 'Bluebell Way' was thought inappropriate.

Date & time of next scheduled meeting, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 7.30pm, this will be a virtual meeting

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