

Meeting Support Document 20th September 2021.

8.9.21 b): Planning Decisions Pending:

Number	Location	Proposal
0379/21	Weir Mill, Drewsteignton	Use as B1 light industrial - light carpentry and joinery works, ancillary wood storage, office, etc.
0392/21	Netherton House, Drewsteignton	Window alteration and re-open existing doorway
0427/21	East Fingle Farm, Crockernwell	Renew cement-based render to north elevations and insulated lime render to east, west and south elevations of farmhouse and repair cob and stone walls
0438/21	Higher Hopsyard, Drewsteignton	Erection of self-build carpentry workshop and studio space
0455/21	West Fingle, Crockernwell	Erection of timber framed building for storing swimming pool equipment, hot tub, keep fit area and sauna

10.9.21 f) Consultation on draft proposals to revise Dartmoor byelaws

Drewsteignton Parish Council will make any final comments at the Council meeting on Monday 18th October 2021.

Dartmoor National Park Authority has agreed draft proposals to review Dartmoor’s byelaws. There will now be a public consultation which will start week beginning September 20th 2021. The byelaws are in place to protect the special qualities of Dartmoor National Park including its wildlife, habitats, cultural heritage, archaeology, and the livestock that graze the commons. The current set of byelaws regulating access on the commons have been in place since 1989. They are now 32 years old and, in that time, there have been legal, practical, technological and societal developments.

The byelaws need updating to better reflect modern needs, improve public understanding and address issues which have the potential to damage the National Park’s special qualities.

The review aims to ensure the byelaws are updated to be:

- Relevant and proportionate for modern society
- Clear and easy to understand
- Cover the right activities and areas
- Complement other powers and legislation.

The Authority's Director of Conservation and Communities Alison Kohler said: “The Authority has agreed to consult on revisions to the National Park byelaws. We are doing this to ensure the byelaws are fit for purpose and help protect the National Park for all to enjoy today and tomorrow.

“Updating the byelaws is an important topic for everyone who cares about Dartmoor whether it's landowners, commoners, residents, businesses or visitors, and we recognise people will want to have a say.

“Following Authority agreement, a draft set of byelaws will go out to public consultation from week beginning September 20th. We’re keen to hear a diverse range of views so we can develop byelaws that are relevant, clear, enforceable and enable people to enjoy Dartmoor, help look after it and ‘[leave no trace](#)’.”

[The consultation will be publicised on the National Park’s website](#), social media and by news release. People can [subscribe to receive newsletters](#) to stay updated. The consultation will remain open for six weeks. The following step is that the Authority will meet again to consider responses, agree appropriate changes and formally approve the byelaws. They’ll then be sent to Defra for final confirmation.

Note: The six-week deadline should be around the 25th of October 2021.

10.9.21 g) Draft Memorandum of understanding - WDBC & Parish Councils

Covering Email:

Following a report into the Borough Council's handling of a planning application last year, it was agreed that it would be helpful for there to be a memorandum of understanding ("MoU") with each Town/Parish Council. It was agreed that the MoU would set framework for a more collaborative working relationship; one in which there is a recognition that each party can do things to help the other. We have now drafted and agreed the draft MoU with the Council Leader, Portfolio Holder and Chair of the Development Management and Licensing Committee. The MoU sets out:

- a description of the respective roles of the Council and the town and parish councils;
- the circumstances in which the Council will have pre-application discussions with the town and parish councils or seek their views about draft proposals;
- details of what information to be provided to town and parish councils by the Council when application is registered and how the information will be provided;
- guidance as to what should be included in consultation responses so that they are relevant to the application;
- timescale for town and parish councils to respond and the circumstances in which these may be varied;
- how town and parish councils will be consulted about amended plans; and
- speaking at Development Management and Licensing Committee.

The MoU will not be legally binding, although we accept that it looks rather "legal" at the moment (We are exploring with colleagues whether it can be turned into something a bit less formal-looking). We would be grateful if your Council could consider the draft MoU and indicate whether it would agree to enter into the MoU with the Borough Council. You will appreciate that given the number of councils it may not be possible to tailor the MoU to each Council's own requirements.

Draft MoU:

[Can be viewed online by using this link. Please note that this document originated outside the Parish Councils Control and as such may not be fully accessible.](#)

10.9.21 i) Climate Change to review information received from DALC and other sources.

Summary of email from Devon Association of Local Councils DALC:

Try looking at the [Devon Climate Emergency Project](#), which is a collaborative effort of about 25 organisations including councils, emergency services, etc. They have worked on the [Devon Carbon Plan](#) which is full of ideas, including ideas that councils could put in place. They're currently running the [Devon Climate Assembly](#) and have a selection of [videos on YouTube](#). More focused on the ecological aspects and biodiversity is the [Wild About Devon initiative](#), which includes a network for parish and town councils. There's a Facebook group called [Devon Towns and Parishes for Climate Action](#). We've attached a few other resources that have come our way from time to time! [NALC also has a lot of information and resources on their website here](#), including case studies and suggestions for what councils can do.

Additional information received via DALC can be viewed online using the links below:

Please note that these documents may not be fully accessible.

1. [Climate Action Planning](#)
2. [DALC Annual Report 2019-20 \(see Page 10\)](#)
3. [A toolkit for city regions and local authorities](#)
4. [20 actions parish and town councils can take on the climate and nature emergency](#)
5. [NALC Charter for Trees, Woods and People](#)
6. [Top Ten Tree Tips for your Parish or Town Council](#)