

Councillor Jayne Mackie
District Report to Parish February 2022

Training Plenty of mid-term training is being delivered to us over the next few months namely, Equality and Diversity, Members Code of Conduct, Health and Safety and Safeguarding.

St Andrews Road Today, Monday, Cllr Biederman and myself had a confidential meeting with the developer and officer heading up the proposal. There is currently an updated plan going in to resolve some of the concerns with the last plan. Yourselves and the neighbours, once formally consulted, will have 21 days to write in with any additional comments for or against before the report will be written for Committee.

Pavements I have received concern about the ever decreasing pavement space opposite Ballards junction that goes to the bus shelter opposite Pottery Lane and the new Tarka Ridge path. There is so much overgrowth on the footpath that buggies or walkers are pushed towards the road. I've tried County and they say it's not bad enough and it is clearly this side of the landowner's fence, so they are not responsible. Can the Parish help out and spare some time for Nigel to work his magic? – I know he's getting a great reputation for sprucing up the area.

Covid 19 NDC would like to stress that the measures that have been put in place, and the manner in which staff have respected and complied with those measures, has served to protect them very well. There have been Covid cases amongst the workforce, but cases of onward transmission have been extremely limited. In fact, the only cases of onward transmission within the workplace have been amongst the crews in Waste and Recycling where, although various precautionary measures have been put in place, the need to work in close proximity in a cab cannot be removed. Some bank staff are brought in to help in these cases which may explain a few missed bins as these staff are not familiar with the routes. Please urge patience in your areas.

Funding The Council have been successful in winning significant funding from government recently and have secured £150,000 to help improve cyber security measures and another £150,000 to allow improvement in planning processes.

Platinum Jubilee The June Bank Holiday will see many local events taking place and the NDC are collating a list of events planned by communities and would like you to advise them of those you know of so that they can be promoted. Email memberservices@northdevon.gov.uk

Yelland Quay Just to advise you that the start date for the Public Inquiry is now confirmed for the 19th April 2022. They are yet to confirm whether this will be virtual, face to face or a combination of both. Once I know I will get back to you with these details.