

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Town Maintenance Overview Working Party

Notes of the meeting held at 10am on Thursday 8th December 2022 via Zoom

Present

Councillor Ian Kirvan	IK	Exmouth Town Council (Chair)
Councillor Frank Cullis	FC	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Olly Davey	OD	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Tony Woodward	TW	Exmouth Town Council
Chetna Jones	CJ	Exmouth Town Council

Apologies

Councillor Steve Gazzard	SG	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Maddy Chapman	MC	Exmouth Town Council

1. Welcome and apologies

IK welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

2. To approve the notes of the meeting held on 10th November 2022

The notes of the previous meeting were proposed for approval by OD, seconded by FC, and agreed by all.

CJ gave an update on actions from the previous minutes. She spoke with Streetscene and raised concerns about the weeds in Belvedere Road and Madeira Villas and this will now be included in the barrow work rounds. Information was circulated with the agenda confirming this is being tackled. An update on work completed will come through monthly. It seems the lane by Brixington Drive is a back alley for properties rather than a well-used footpath. Other lanes were found nearby and will be cleared. CJ confirmed email had been sent to Streetscene Operation Manager and discussions were taking place on winter work and traffic island cleaning. The signs for Exmouth In Bloom Gold winners has now been commissioned and installed. CJ added that she will be looking in the new year at the action raised about a dummy camera being installed at the compound.

3. To receive an update on EDDC Grass cutting and Winter work

CJ read out TWood emails in response to her email and TWood has confirmed reports sent to date and identified work they will be doing. CJ confirmed she has given TW a list of traffic islands. TWood thanked ETC for doing this and explained that they lacked a chapter 8 trained supervisor and would need to consider the workers safety. He asked if it could be left with him, and he will review how they are going to tackle this. IK asked what EDDC are doing for ETC now. CJ explained that

they have to give the guy with the barrow something to do whilst TW investigates his safety concerns. It may be that they focus more resources to clear the traffic islands when a plan is in place. If ETC has the work completed that has been requested, then there may not be a need to request that work takes place two days every week.

IK asked if a machine can be used to pick up detritus and leaves as currently all done by hand using brushes. CJ explained that she has looked at this including site visit with Exeter City Council and speaking with their team the machines do not pick up detritus very well. It was felt it was better to continue with a broom. IK suggested sweeper tackles roads on the estates more frequently, but this would be for EDDC to decide if it has the capacity. However, our Town Maintenance team are working with Streetscene and asking for help on one off basis such as Gorse Lane where it would be more practical to have the road sweeper present.

4. To receive an update on general Town Maintenance work

Winter planting is now completed. The flower towers were a major job and CJ will be discussing how this went with the team next week. The team have been weeding in Brixington, working across Dinan Way and they will continue moving towards Bystock Road. They have tackled various other tasks such as graffiti clearing and helping with the Winter Festival

5. Any other business

IK reported that he has some graffiti concerns but will send an email to CJ.

IK further reported Dinan Way bus shelter by Meadowview Road has bramble growing which needs cutting back.

Action: CJ to arrange for the TM team to tackle these issues.

6. To note the date of the next meeting

CJ confirmed the next meeting is on Thursday 12th January 2023 and members will be provided with a full update on this year's grass cutting as well as the new contract to review. IK suggested that the grass cutting needs to be flexible in its period due to seasonal changes such as this year we were cutting right up to November.

The meeting ended at 11am.