

Meeting of Clerk with Ines Scillitoe, Highways Devon County Council

March meeting (no meeting in February) Venue: In and around the Village/Collabridge Road/Fulford Road

Date: 17/03/2026 Time: 10:30 – 11:30 Weather: Cold, dry and sunny

Points raised: -

1. Grit bins – a) The Clerk had been in touch with the County Cllr. and he has said Highways are willing to defer the payment for the new bins so we can get them before April. This situation has now changed, and the Council needs to purchase the 2 grit bins and arrange with County Cllr Keeling to refund the money. Ines will then organise for them to be numbered and adopted by the Highways' team. b) We had previously discussed the fact that a number of bins had ant colonies which made them unpleasant to use. Ines advised the Clerk that we had to report them to their Ecology section. The Clerk will send the information to Ines to pass on. c) The Clerk asked for clarification about the usability of grit that was solid. Ines said it is all usable but there needs to be means to break it up. The Clerk will investigate ways of providing something that could be used. d) We also discussed the correct method of using the grit. Some bins do have instructions in them. Ines will provide the Clerk with some more laminated copies that can be added to those which don't have them.

Action Clerk/ Ines

2. Briton Street verge where lorries drive over the gully - The Lengthsman has prepared the area in readiness for the Verge markers. Ines will get these and arrange to pass them to the Clerk. **Action Ines**
3. We drove Collabridge Road as residents and Cllrs had become aware of its pore state. Some potholes had already been marked up for repair and Ines reported some more. The Clerk informed Ines that the Council were in favour of prioritising the road for repair.
4. We drove part of the Fulford road and found a flooded drain. Ines has reported this.
5. Berry Lane drains – these had caused a great deal of trouble during the heavy downpours in February, despite the Lengthsman working to keep them clear. The Clerk is aware that the lane has been unadopted but Ines thinks that Highways might still provide support in keeping the drains flowing. She will find out. **Action Ines**
6. Annual Parish meeting 30th April – Ines will attend the evening session. **Action Ines**

Lynne Ogden Clerk to Dunsford Parish Council March 2026

It is important to keep reporting any potholes that fit the criteria of a defect as these will be dealt with. The Clerk will keep advertising the link to do this.
For flooding, please allow 24 hours after the rain has stopped, to allow for it to drain away, before reporting.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/>