

TEIGNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL – REPORT OF WARD COUNCILLOR (EAST WARD)

TUESDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022

1. Work has now commenced at the old Aquarium site on the Den to create new toilet facilities as agreed by the Town Council. Work has started on the Beachcomber site and temporary toilets have been provided. It is understood that a new tenant has been confirmed but as Ward Members neither Councillor Phips nor myself have received any formal notification of this. (The Eastcliff footpath closure is another example of lack of information) Councillors do get asked questions by the public as to what is happening and the Town Council should receive a regular update on the work in progress.

2. The TDC Resorts Officer is now back (part time) from maternity leave and I have raised the concern that the seating on the Den near the cycle racks has still not been replaced. From my observations living opposite the site I have rarely seen any cyclists using this facility and I would suggest that the Town Council seeks to have the racks removed and the seating restored. Residents and visitors have to sit on the wall which is unacceptable in a resort such as ours. The Town Clerk informs me that the Town Council could provide the seating which is good news, but at the same time we are once again taking on the responsibilities for the Den and sea front area which should be undertaken and paid for by TDC. I would like to express my appreciation to Russell and his team for their hard work during the summer.

3. Market Cross garden, Regent Street. Although this is technically the responsibility of the County Council, the maintenance of the grass is done by TDC currently but following the heavy unauthorised use of the area as an outside seating area for the adjoining café the lawn is now non-existent. The Town Clerk is currently recording all outside tables in the town and how many are licensed and will bring a report to Council in due course.

4. Trees in French Street. The trees were planted when this area and the main Triangle were upgraded in the 1980's. However it will be noted that the tree cover in the summer is now so dense that the windows in the French Street properties directly behind are completely covered. Perhaps the Town Clerk could raise this with DCC at the next opportunity. The Town Council should NOT be required to arrange or pay for the tree surgeon.

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