

Cllr Christopher's E-mailed Report.

Chideock Councillors asked the following of Cllr Christopher: -

Chideock Parish Council asked Cllr Christopher to consider these following questions in his report: -

1. Has the HE report re Safety and Severance etc, promised for April, been issued? If not, when is it expected? If yes, please can CPC have a copy?
2. Has Chris Loder's A35 meeting taken place yet? If yes, what are the highlights and when will minutes be available? If no, has a date been scheduled?
3. Despite CPC being told by Jane Gordon-Banks on 2 April that CPC would shortly receive Chris Loder's amendments to the minutes of the meeting with him held on 5 February, nothing has been received.
4. Please comment and advise on the BBC report of the coroner's confirmation that PM_{2.5} contributed to the death of the young girl in London.
5. What is Dorset Council intending to do about PM_{2.5} pollution – the smell from burning brakes is pervading the village. What is our MP actively doing to address this matter?
6. Roundabout construction at Miles Cross for Vearse Farm development – starting January 2022.
 - a. What arrangements are going to be put in place for traffic diversions for through HGV traffic and holiday traffic ?
 - b. Who will communicate directly with Chideock to inform / consult on any planned activity which will impact on the A35 , including limiting our access to necessary services?
 - c. What routes have been identified for construction traffic for the roundabout - will it come through Chideock or from the East ?

Cllr Christopher responded as follows: -

I am anticipating that it would be useful to have a meeting with yourselves after 6 May 2021 .

I will answer the 6 questions in your e mail of 22 April 2021 to the best of my ability and explain why the meeting should be after 6 May 2021

My replies are somewhat limited by the Police and Crime Commissioners elections and the Local elections on other parts i.e., sections of the A35 where there are elections. Accordingly, information will not necessarily be released e.g., by e mails by others e.g., Highways England until after the polling date of 6 May 2021 i.e., the end of a purdah period . It is my understanding that I will not have e mail reports from Highways England to forward to you until after 6 May 2021

1. There is an expectation that the safety and severance report will not as per above, be issued until after 6 May 2021
2. I have attended 2 meetings with Chris Loder MP this week. Please note that the first meeting involved a lead member for highways , the second meeting was not confined to the A35 and extended to cover all A roads in the County and interested parties e.g., Highways England, Dorset Highways, and a lead member for highways were in attendance with Chris and myself .
3. I spoke with Jane Gordon-Banks on 22 April 2021 who assures me that the minutes of the meeting Chideock PC had Chris Loder MP in February 2021 will be sent to you shortly
4. The news of the death is incredibly sad . As you know I update the Chief Executive of Dorset Council with concerns of residents and yourselves .Please note I am in contact with the head of public health for Dorset .
5. See 4 above. Please note that I have forwarded your questions to Chris Loder MP , who together with myself ,actively engages with Highways England and I look forward to discussing proposals and developments after 6 May 2021 to extend to and not limited to safety , speed cameras , speed limits , alternative transport modes, etc.
6. It is intended that updates will be available from the portfolio holder for Highways. Please note that construction programme for a roundabout at Miles Cross would in part be governed by the intentions of the developer working with the consultees

I hope this explains the current position