

I was nominated Chairman in May 2012.

In July 2012, the Parish Council examined and adopted the updated West Devon Town and Parish Council's Code of Conduct. This document sets out the principles of public conduct by which Councillors must abide and gives details with regard to the declaration of pecuniary and personal interests. The Code is available for public scrutiny at [www.westdevon.gov.uk](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk).

The Parish Council precept has been kept at £6,300 resulting in a 1.36% decrease in the Band D council tax rate. Future Parish precepts will be subject to a cap. The Parish Council has, this year, financed remedial work to the War Memorial and given grants to The Nicholls Hall, The Sports Field, Lydford School, St. Petroc's, and Bridestowe Scouts ( which is attended by Lydford children ).

The Public Enquiry into the Schedule 14 Application to upgrade footpaths 41,49 and 10 (part) to a bridle way was held over four days in January and March. The Parish Council representative outlined, to the Inspector, the resolutions made by the Parish Council with regard to this matter. At the time of writing, the Parish Council has not been notified of the enquiry's outcome.

During the course of the year, the Parish Council has studied and made comment on a wide range of planning applications and notifications for work. They have also brought to the attention of relevant bodies eg. BT, English Heritage. South West Water, the Lengthsman - remedial work required in the village

Most recently, the Parish Council have been asked to consider becoming an " umbrella body " for a playground project based at the Sports Field. The proposal included a request for the Parish Council to become the sole responsible body upon completion of the project. The proposer is in receipt of the Parish Council's response. Further information will be available at the next meeting.

The Parish Council wishes to thank the many residents of our village who work hard to make Lydford a dynamic community. This includes all those who serve on various committees and individuals who take on specific tasks such as the village magazine, the produce shop, Lydstock, to name just a few. All of these people, in common with parish Councillors, undertake these duties entirely voluntarily.

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