

Mary Tavy Parish Council

The Parish Council is aware of the considerable amount of comment regarding the ongoing closure of Brentor Road despite it being part of bus route. The closure has been caused by the partial collapse of the cattle grid which separates the Blackdown part of Mary Tavy from open moorland. Many road users, rather than face a lengthy and inconvenient detour have been making use of the main bypass gate to the side of the road grid but sadly there have been reports of this gate being left open after use. In such circumstance the straying of farm stock into the village and onto other roads is a very real possibility. As there are no signs of the necessary major repairs being carried out in the immediate future we must ask all who use the bypass gate to negotiate it carefully to avoid further damage ~ a new gate post had to be installed this week ~ and to ensure that it is left closed as a matter of good country practice.

When local residents encounter damage to the highway or blocked road drains in the parish we must remind you that the first point of contact to register such problems should be Mrs. Higham, our Parish Clerk. She will know who to contact and this ensures an efficient recording of such problems and hopefully as speedy a response as possible. As much of our drain cleaning service is programmed by the relevant authority to specific times in the year, keeping our Clerk informed of blockages ensures that they are brought to the attention of those undertaking such work. Mrs. Higham cannot be available all day every day but she can promptly deal with problems recorded on her answerphone. She may be contacted on 01822 810786

My comments in the July edition concerning the recently circulated housing questionnaire caused public attention to be focussed on housing availability in the parish. We would like to assure all residents that no further progress appears to have been made in regard to the redevelopment of the specified sites beside the A386 nor are there currently any other proposals to build houses on any other sites in the village. Our research has revealed that there has been an increase in second home ownership within the parish. Statistics on such matters are difficult to come by but figures from the 2011 census have revealed that in that year there were 26 second homes out of a total of 387 dwellings in Mary Tavy. We can only speculate how much that figure has increased some 5 years later.

Finally, my fellow Councillors and I would like to say how deeply saddened we are to report that no-one has answered our invitation to fill the 4 vacancies on MTPC. The work of the Council is still being carried out by 5 Councillors instead of 9 and this serves to limit the number of projects we can undertake.

Councillor Peter Jarvis, Chairman Mary Tavy Parish Council