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Community Road Warden Training – I am liaising with ITC to organise bespoke chapter 8 training, a requirement of our road warded.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) – the latest news is that the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Governments decision to create four unitary authorities for the county has been withdrawn. It confirmed that it is still committed to LGR, with all options and proposals for Devon remaining under consideration. Further details are to be announced early in 2027. Devon is to elect a Mayor, possibly by September 2027.

General Notice of Registerable Interests – we are required to undertake an annual review of these to ensure that they are kept up-to-date. I recently sent an email asking for those on the website to be checked but did not hear back from all. At the December meeting Councillors will be asked to sign to say they have reviewed them.

Berrynarbor Emergency Plan – the final draft will go out in December and it is hoped for adoption in January.

Toilet & Car Park Update – NDC have raised a report to the Valuation Office with regards the rates position on the Car Park, as following our meet on site Jon Triggs made further enquiries on the rateable value of the Car Park as he thought it looked too high; and it transpires this assessment includes both the parking spaces and the toilet block, they had not been assessed separately. Currently the overall rateable value of the site is £10,750 (which is then multiplied by the rates multipliers to produce the actual rates payable). However, the above £10,750 RV incudes £7,380 for the Car Park and £3,600 for the Toilet block – this total RV is then rounded down to £10,750 before multiplied by the multipliers to produce the rates payable.

Moving forwards, if the car park is to be transferred over to the Parish (whether by leasehold or freehold, still to be determined) then we need the above rating assessment split out, as separate rating assessments on public toilets get a 100% relief and pay no rates, whereas currently as above there are rates paid on the toilets due to being under the one assessment with the car park. We await the response from the Valuation Office about separating out these assessments so that position can be clear moving forwards.

InPost Lockers – I am liaising on behalf of the community shop with NDC regarding the installation of some InPost Lockers at the rear of the shop.

Speedwatch Update – the VAS went live last week and the campaign officially launched.