



Chideock Parish Council

Mr Jonny Hill
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Southwest Operations

Via Email

22nd November 2024

Dear Mr Hill

RE: A35, CHIDEOCK

I can recall being somewhat taken aback by a reply you sent to the previous Chideock Parish Council when they requested a meeting with you. If I can jog your memory - you said that there were a hundred villages in your area and you couldn't possibly meet with them individually.

I entirely agree with you and I completely see your point - however I would contend that Chideock is a 'special case' owing to its steep hills at either end and the very narrow road - add in the volume of traffic and a lack of pavements for pedestrians safety - and I am very much hoping that you will make an exception for us and either come and speak to us yourself so that we may have improved communication between us - or perhaps allow someone else to come to a meeting with us.

I am sure you are very busy and I do not ask this of you lightly but we are a new Parish Council and have several matters which are not clear to us - (Unfortunately the previous Clerk deleted all the Parish Council emails when she resigned).

Items which remain to be clarified are:

- Query on Average Speed Cameras
- Query on second crossing for pedestrians
- Better communication over road closures from BB than has ben the case in the past. (Claire Dean is aware of this but has not responded to my email of last September when we agreed I should contact her to discuss ways to disseminate closure information to residents and road users in the local area.

We are also extremely concerned about Dorset Council's 18 month closure notice of Carters Lane which runs between Morcombelake and North Chideock. We would like to ask for your backup to ensure that Dorset Council realise how important this small road is to both Villages - even if the A35 is open.

I do very much hope that you will reconsider your position and be able to spare us a visit - the Parish Council (4 members at present - all new!) would make ourselves available to suit you and our appreciation would be great!

Yours sincerely

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