Town & Parish Conference
Stokeinteignhead
29 September 2014

Comments by Parish Council’s representatives

- PC/TC to establish closer ties with Highways and vice versa.
- Suggestion for a Self-help scheme for drainage clearance – suggests that we utilise the compost for nearby fields.
- Like google- we should have ‘how to’ guides to illustrate how to self-help that pings to top of results.
- Share best practices with neighbouring Parishes, regarding Emergency storm events etc.
- Barriers – Risk assessment, volunteers, best practice for insurance.
- Closing down low cat roads – concerns on impact and implications to local community economy and the community as a whole.
- Central Communication officer – liaise between each dept. – keep comms open both ways.
- Would like Devon County Council to provide insurance for the volunteers as for smaller councils this would be a burden.
- County led funding bids to support community initiatives as parish councils cannot easily access large grants and there are cost implications for parishes to research and write up funding bids.
- Abandon pound coin tolerance on footway defects.
- Safe clean highways to promote well-being.
- Better quality repairs where possible.
- Better consultation with parishes as to what needs to be done – (new roads in particular to proposed new housing developments.
- Barriers – Available finance, available and able volunteers, accessible information and lack of consistency.