

14. Correspondence.

- 14.1. **20240513 Free Tree Schemes and Support for Woodland Creation** *For consideration* The Parish Council has been contacted as some years ago it completed a survey expressing interest in tree planting on council-owned land. Devon County Council is currently promoting several 'free tree schemes' to help accelerate tree planting across the county and is seeking to identify local councils interesting in planting trees on their land next winter. There are small schemes to plant at least fifteen trees as well as more significant schemes to plant 1000+ trees. The Parish Council is asked to respond if it is interested in participating. The email can be forwarded to others in the community if the Parish doesn't currently have scope to participate.
- 14.2. **20240515 #20 2024 DALC E-bulletin** *For information* Cllrs are informed that this e-bulletin includes a reminder that the updated Model Financial Regulation 2024 are now available and can be downloaded by members from the Devon Association of Local Council (DALC) website. Training is available on requirements of the Code of Conduct. Links have been provided to a Devon County Council Highways update that focuses on Highway tree safety, the update on maintenance of highway verges during 'No Mow May' and the 'Parish Paths Partnership' initiative in place that can support the maintenance of the rights of way network. The newsletter can be forwarded to interested cllrs.
- 14.3. **20240522 #21 2024 DALC E-bulletin** *For information* Cllrs are informed that this e-bulletin includes a call to action for cllrs elected or co-opted the last 12 months to complete an online [survey](#) to help DALC understand the support received and to identify areas for improvement in the sector. The issue includes a link to [The Good Councillor's Guide 2024](#), considered by DALC as essential reading for all councillors, to help councillors understand their responsibilities and the limitations of the role. The 2024/25 pay offer is still in negotiation.
- 14.4. **20240522 Recent Flooding across Devon** *For consideration* Due to heavy rainfall some areas of Devon have been affected by flooding (approx.. 20th – 22nd May). The Parish Council has been asked to provide an update to Devon County Council if areas in the Parish were affected.
- 14.5. **20240605 #23 2024 DALC E-bulletin** *For consideration* Cllrs are informed that this e-bulletin includes news that the new Practitioner's Guide now advises Parish Councils to use a .gov.uk domain. There is currently there is support (including finite funding) available from the Parish Council Domains Helper Service, set up by the Cabinet Office to help parish councils move to a [gov.uk](#) domain. A free webinar is available with Parish Council Domains Helper Service for DALC members, to help the clerk and cllrs explore the benefits of a [gov.uk](#) domain, what support is available, and the risks of not having one.