

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2026 – BEER, BRANSCOMBE & WEST SEATON

- 1- I am pleased to confirm that the refurbishment of the Peazen Flats in Beer will commence from 9 February. This will include complete re-roofing of the main block; new kitchen upon individual tenant's request; replacement windows; external render repairs & decoration; upgrade of cavity wall insulation; upgrade of fire detection alarms in accordance with BS 5839-6; external drainage & surface repairs. This work will be carried out by Jones Building Group est 1979 and who specialise in private & public sector work. The works will take approx. 24-weeks and will provide a legacy for existing and future tenants.
- 2- I am pleased to see that the road at Court Barton Hill has been resurfaced by DCC Highways which they completed in tandem with making the wall safe following its collapse. This in no way mitigates for the appalling state of the roads in all areas of the district.
- 3- The cliff behind Ducky's on Beer beach will be made safe. Fortunately, the netting prevented a more dangerous cliff fall. Tom B-S advised me on Friday that an inspection would be taking place on Monday this week. I'm awaiting an update which I have formally requested in writing. Normally Tom is a good communicator.
- 4- You may be aware that Branscombe parish council has raised a press release concerning the void social housing property in Branscombe and I support their actions. There are two properties in Underleys that have been empty for a long time and I have raised a letter of concern with EDDC Housing. It may need similar action to that taken by Branscombe to try to facilitate repairs and refurbishment of these properties given they are family size and there is a heavy demand from local families which I know about through their communications with me.

John Heath
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