

District Report Councillor January 9th 2023

Cllr Sweett

Westonfield's Park- Heavier machinery was need that expected due to some unforeseen ground works which is why the grass is so damaged. They will be returning in the spring to rectify. We are also waiting for some specific hinges before the park can be signed off by ROSPA . Hopefully in the next week or so. I have ensured there are benches available and these will be fitted ASAP. There are also benches to be fitted up in the top park at the same time although this is BPPC.

Vapes- My motion regarding the immediate restrictions g of Vapes to be in line with all nicotine product's was successful. It seems the campaign has some success and Morrisons stores nationwide are trailing keeping vapes behind counters when a store is within 0.5 mile of a school, I think our store is just over but I will continue with this. I'm in contact with the MP and will push for the adoption of the Khan report (see Gov website). Please contact me if you'd like more detail.

Skatepark- There are meetings taking place this week regarding Borough Park as a whole. The noise survey is complete and planning application should be submitted by end of Jan.

Obviously very sad that one of our long term homeless lost his life to the Dart before Xmas. I knew [REDACTED] well and am in contact with funeral arrangements and a memorial tree for him. He was well liked, a good person, a long-term volunteer and a friend who I will miss. It further highlights the need to have a wider provision for different types of travellers and van dwellers throughout the Ward and particularly in Totnes. The governments budget has allocated grants to District councils to tackle homelessness and I have highlighted that van dwellers should be a priority.

SHDC has been awarded over £1million to help reduction of carbon emissions. See website for details.

Our council budget setting is coming through meetings this month to be set next. Specific for Totnes I would love to have funding for the leisure centre much needed improvements, more allocation market square improvement's, skatepark, permanent and short stay travellers, gypsy, van dweller park ups.