**Henry Gent Report for Brampford Speke parish council on 10th November**

In advance of the meeting, which I hope to attend, some thoughts on the following:

**Right of way to Stoke Canon**

I am a keen supporter of better “active travel” infrastructure, especially cycleways or multi-use trails(suitable for wheelchairs and others). I would be interested to hear your views on the right of way to Stoke Canon. I realise that I am ignorant of most of the history, and also that Sara Randall-Johnson may well be more up on it than me, but anyway I have had some discussions about this:

* An email and follow up call with one of your councillors
* Copied in on another email from another of your councillors to Sara
* Discussions with two officers at DCC
	+ A cycleway from Crediton to Exeter is on the DCC agenda but not high enough up the priority list to get any resources until 2022/23 at the earliest apparently
	+ The route from Brampford Speke to Stoke Canon would probably NOT be part of the Crediton-Exeter route and so even less likely to attract funding
	+ The Exe Valley Way has potential to be substantially upgraded and I would have thought that BS-Stoke Canon could be part of that. I attach a report from DCC called “Active Travel in Devon” from January 2021. The Exe Valley Way gets one line as item 13 on page 16, where is categorised as having local aspirations but not currently in the infrastructure plan
	+ This is in itself disappointing but I am told that there is still some merit in doing some work on this and this is what I would like to briefly discuss in the meeting.

**Other matters**

I don’t have anything else to discuss but happy to take questions. As a newcomer and a member of a very junior party I don’t have much responsibility at county hall but I am on the following committees:

* Pensions and Investments (where decarbonisation has been a hot topic)
* Farms Estates (perhaps unlikely to be of much interest to you)
* Employment (very unlikely to be of any interest to you)

Henry Gent, 3/11/2021