

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th April 2008 at 7.30p.m.

Chairman Cllr.J Clarke-Irons

Present. Cllrs.P.Burton,J.Clarke-Irons,B.Mason (arrived 7.50pm),C.Pratt, P.Shirley, A.Turner,P.Whiting. County Cllr.

M Rogers, District Cllr.K.George.6 Members of the public

Apologies for absence Cllrs.B.Denham, J.Duffin ,C.Sellers.

Minutes. The minutes of the March 2008 meeting, as circulated, were adopted and signed.

Matters arising. There were no matters arising.

Planning.

Applications granted by East Devon District Council

Strathaven, Pound Lane. Crown lift 4 beech trees

Greenties, Lyme Road. Demolish 3 garages and erect detached house

Enmore, Lyme Road. Single storey side extension to provide improved entrance and downstairs wc/shower room

Applications dealt with by the planning Sub-committee.

Hunters Croft, Charmouth Road. Conversion and extension of garden shop to form self contained holiday unit. *The Parish Council has no adverse comments. A majority of the planning sub committee consider it a significant improvement on the original application. Approval recommended.*

Application withdrawn

Post Office, Lyme Road. Demolition of P.O. & store & construction of replacement 2 storey building with P.O. on ground floor and 2 flats above

Finance.

Present Position

Balances at 31st March 2008

Treasurers Account	£1,321.31	Including Restricted Funds of :	
Business Instant Access A/c	£5,256.57	Footpath funds	£899.29
Millennium Tree Fund	£54.23	£6,632.11 Playground Funds	£173.80
		Uplyme Speed Campaign	£879.01
			<u>£1,952.10</u>

Payments Out

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	437.96
Bay Gardens and Landscaping	2346.32
Stationery	18.39
Ground Maintenance (Millennium copse)	110.00
Footpath Maintenance	275.00
	<u>£3,187.67</u>

Payments In

Uplyme Speed Campaign	879.01
Bank interest	17.95
	<u>£896.96</u>

Footpaths.Cllr.Burton reported that no progress has been made with regard to footpath 12 but he will continue to chase.

Maintenance of Parish Council Land. As Cllr. Sellers was unable to attend the meeting he contacted the Clerk and reported that he was happy with the work of the contractor and payment could be made. He and the contractor had carried out the six monthly safety inspection of the cemetery and there was nothing of concern to report. A tree had blown down in the recent storm and the contractor cleared this promptly.

Cllr. Mason joined the meeting at 7.50pm

Children's Playground. Cllr Clarke-Irons reported that the bearings on the flat seat swings were faulty and it was agreed that he should write to the suppliers (Hags Ltd) for remedial action to be taken. At present weekly safety inspections of the playground were carried out by the Clerk and Cllr. Clarke-Irons. The contractor is willing at no extra cost to carry out these inspections on behalf of the Parish Council and submit the required reports to the Clerk. It was unanimously agreed by the councillors that this was a sensible course of action. The Clerk and Cllr.Clarke-Irons will continue to carry out monthly inspections.

County Councillors Report County Cllr.Rogers outlined the submission made by Devon County Council in response to the Government's boundary review of local government. The County Council's preference is for three unitary authorities; Plymouth,Torbay and the rest of Devon.

District Councillor's Report District Cllr.Ken George reported that he had attended a presentation by EDDC Planning Department on its research into its systems organisation. This was prompted by the criticism that has been levelled at the department. The Planning Department was genuinely surprised at the outcomes which included:1.The public wanted quick results. 2.The average time to arrive at a decision could take between 60 and 180 days. 3. Decisions were not consistent. 4.Some of the public had not heard of the pre-application advisory service. 5.A lot of time was wasted because the public filled the forms in incorrectly. The result is that a radical root and branch cull is being implemented in the department.One of the first things to happen will be the involvement of the Ward member with the case officer at an early stage.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman
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