

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th April 2010 at 7:30. Chairman Cllr Denham.

Present: Cllrs Clarke-Irons, Denham, Forrester, Frost, Mason, Pratt, Sellers, Whiting; and 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from C Cllr Knight and D Cllr Thomas who were at the EDDC Council meeting, Cllr Brown and Cllr Turner for medical reasons.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the March 2010 meeting were adopted and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** Code of Conduct training at Knowle on 27th April – reminder.

4. **Planning:**

Applications dealt with by Planning Committee

- **Little Winters Rocombe.** Conversion of existing stables and rebuilding of wall on north west elevation to form ancillary residential accommodation. **Comments:** The purpose of conversion of stables is stated as being ancillary residential use for visiting relatives or friends. Conditions should be imposed accordingly that the building is not used for holiday lets (without further permission) and must not be sold as a separate dwelling. The proposed decking could interfere with the privacy of other dwellings and would be better located on the west side. Objections are noted from one neighbour. Otherwise, the Parish Council has no objections..
- **Hedgehog Corner Lyme Road.** Single storey rear extension. **Comments:** The Parish Council supports this application.
- **Land adjacent Glebelands.** T1A Ash reduce canopy by 20% and remove epicormic growth. **Comments:** This application is for work to a single ash tree: To reduce canopy by 20% overall. Remove deadwood and epicormic growth. **Comments:** 1. A reduction of the canopy by 20% would ruin the natural appearance of this tree and I [the Tree Warden] can see no possible justification for this to be allowed. 2. Removal of shoots from the trunk etc. would not detract from the appearance of this tree. 3. Permission is not required for the removal of dead wood.
NB. i. The ash tree assumed to be the subject of this application (i.e. the principal ash tree on this site) is much closer to number 17 Glebelands than is indicated on the plan. ii. There does not appear to be any current application to build on this site. A previous application was refused by EDDC, a decision confirmed on appeal.
- **Willow Cottage Springhead Road (Amended plans).** Erection of detached dwelling. **Comments:** The Parish Council cannot support this application. It has previously strongly objected to applications as being overdevelopment, and in line with the previous refusals, considers the present application to still be overdevelopment of this site.
- **Land East Of Ware Cross Uplyme.** Continuation of use of land for car park for Park and Ride for temporary period. **Comments:** The Parish Council supports this application.
- **Lymewood Retirement Home Woodhouse Lane.** Revision to approved conservatory (07/2600/FUL) and extension to two existing porches. **Comments:** The Parish Council supports this application.
- **Lymewood Retirement Home Woodhouse Lane (LBC).** Revision to approved conservatory (07/2605/LBC) and extension to two existing porches. **Comments:** The Parish Council supports this application.

Applications being considered

- **Chatterton House, Shire Lane, Lyme Regis (WDDC)** Demolition of existing house and building of 14 retirement apartments.

Applications granted or refused by EDDC since last meeting

- **24 Barnes Meadow** 1 beech: shorten low branches by 1.5m; 2 Lawson Cypress: fell; 1 sycamore: shorten back over garden by 1.5m and balance form. *Granted* (with legal note for applicant about tree ownership). Concern was expressed at the continuing erosion of the wildlife corridor with so many tree applications being granted.
- **Hedgehog Corner Lyme Road** Single storey rear extension. *Granted*.
- **Willow Cottage Springhead Road (Amended plans)** Erection of detached dwelling. *Granted*. D Cllr Thomas will be asked what happened at the development control meeting. Council cannot understand how such an inappropriately urban design was passed, especially since three previous applications for smaller bungalows/chalet bungalows were refused. The Chairman will write a letter of protest.

Other planning. A number of enforcement issues were discussed, including lorry parking and work in the woods at Burrowshot; extensive works at Hillside Farm, and works to a barn at Wellhayes, both in Harcombe. These have been, or will be, reported to the EDDC Enforcement Officer by the Clerk.

5. **Finance :** The Clerk reported on the **current position at 31st March 2010:**

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| Current Account | 12,877.08 | Including Restricted Funds of : | |
| Business Instant Access A/c | 5,352.62 | Footpath funds | 2,763.06 |
| Millennium Tree Fund | 55.06 | Uplyme Speed Campaign | 879.01 |
| | 18,284.76 | Playground funds | 2,643.35 |
| | | | 6,285.42 |

Payments Out

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| Grounds maintenance | 508.33 |
| Clerk's expenses | 76.39 |
| Clerk's overtime | 81.66 |

Payments In

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| Parish Paths Partnership | 615.00 |
| Precept | 7981.50 |
| Bank interest | 0.21 |

Payments Out (cont)

Payments In (cont)

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| Clerks salary | 410.28 | |
| Stationery | 38.31 | 8,596.71 |
| Councillors' training | 75.00 | |
| Insurance | 474.33 | |
| Children's Playground equipment | 735.00 | |
| VAT | 141.76 | |
| | 2,541.06 | |

The Clerk submitted the list of current payments for inspection.

| <i>cheque #</i> | <i>payee, re</i> | <i>amount</i> | <i>VAT</i> | <i>Net</i> |
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| 1166 | G Sims - Grounds maintenance | 508.33 | | 508.33 |
| 1167 | L Wakeman - Clerk's expenses | 19.76 | | 19.76 |
| 1168 | SLCC - membership subscription | 95.00 | | 95.00 |
| 1169 | Axe Valley Ring & Ride - donation | 250.00 | | 250.00 |
| 1170 | Citizens Advice Service E. Devon - donation | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| 1171 | SpatialTech UK Ltd - mapping service subscription | 47.00 | 7.00 | 40.00 |
| 1172 | J Clarke-Irons - expenses | 15.57 | | 15.57 |
| 1173 | King George Field Trustees - donation | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| 1174 | Parish News - donation | 50.00 | | 50.00 |

£80 was saved by moving to a new insurer. Suggestions for someone to do the end-of-year audit were requested.

6. **Footpaths** – PPP grant has gone down again. FP12: Barnes Meadow diversion – legal dept at EDDC are handling it; but no progress yet. Two estimates for works are very high: G. Sims will be asked for a price. A possible diversion order was notified unofficially to Clerk, at Middle Mill.
7. **Highway matters:** The defects list was circulated. Two letters from parishioners concerning lorry damage in Rocombe were read out. Clerk to write to C Cllr Knight asking for help. Also obstruction from wooden poles in highway. Burrowshot bus stop discussions with DCC are ongoing.
8. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** Contractor's payment for March was agreed, and this month's at the initial contracted rate. Cemetery is starting to look much better. Clerk needs to order new rubbish sacks. Honeybun bench is being renovated. Playground deficiencies have all been rectified by Cllr Clarke-Irons and woodwork repainted. New springy will be installed on 21st April. Missing War Memorial stonework – 4 estimates from £405 to over £1,025 + VAT. It was agreed to ask for a return visit from Woodbury Memorials and Dixons to get a firm quote. Must be matching stone and leave the site clear. The contractor will be asked to keep the Legion poppy wreath, remove the crosses, and remove the other wreaths when they get shabby.
9. **Standing orders and financial regulations.** Cllr Mason summarised progress using NALC model and tailored versions of standing orders; a draft has been produced. Discussion on how to accommodate planning meetings. Working party will speak to Lesley Smith / Monitoring Officer to confirm what should be done.
10. **Emergency Plan.** Comments were taken from Councillors – the draft will be available at the APM for parishioners to comment except for the appendices with names and addresses.
11. **EDDC Local Development Framework.** Cllr Mason summarised the meeting attended by him and Cllr Denham – yet another monumental 20 year plan superseding similar initiatives. It was felt unlikely that public participation would be improved thereby and it is likely to be a waste of time. After discussion, it was resolved unanimously that Cllr Denham and Cllr Mason were authorised to complete the survey on behalf of the Council (proposed Cllr Sellers, seconded Cllr Whiting).
12. **Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting.** The Clerk summarised the format of the meeting.
13. **County Councillor's report.** None. Items in correspondence list may be requested. C Cllr Knight will be managing his locality budget as before.
14. **District Councillor's report.** None. Items in correspondence list may be requested.
15. **Meetings attended by Councillors:** Ring & Ride meeting was attended by Cllr Clarke-Irons; report available for inspection. Dorset CC has given £60,000 for a new bus but only for use in Dorset. Cllr Pratt was interviewed for position on Standards Board Committee but not appointed.
16. **Correspondence:** the Clerk summarised correspondence received.
17. **Any other business:** Nominations in writing were requested for Chairman and Vice Chairman by 5th May.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed Chairman

Date