

The Council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th April 2013 at 7:15pm. Chairman Cllr Whiting.

Present: Cllrs Forrester, Frost, Garland, Ostler, Pratt, Whiting and 4, later 5, members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Brown (ill), Cllr Turner (away on business), Cllr Wellman (family commitments), Cllr Mason (unable to leave his sick dog); and also PCSO Wooster, D Cllr Thomas and P Taylor. Meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the March 2013 meeting (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Frost).
3. **Matters arising:** Clerk to look at prices for potted trees as bare-root planting season has passed (for triangle).
4. **Pecuniary or other interests.** No requests for dispensation were received or interests declared.
5. **Planning:**

Applications dealt with by the Planning Committee:

- **Pencroft Farm Woodhouse Lane** Proposed change of use from existing stable block to single holiday let unit including infilling of overhang and construction of glazed canopy. It was resolved to ratify the response as follows: *Members of the the Parish Council Planning Committee had no objections to this application, subject to a condition that it is for single holiday let unit use only, and not a separate dwelling* (proposed Cllr Frost, seconded Cllr Pratt).
- **7 Glebelands** Garage extension and lowering of section of rear garden. It was resolved to ratify the response as follows: *Members of the Parish Council Planning Committee have no objections to this application* (proposed Cllr Frost, seconded Cllr Garland).
- **The Old Dairy House Rhode Lane T1 - Beech** - Remove 2 x lowest second order branches from western side of the tree, and 4 x second order branches overhanging the building on the north western side of the tree. It was resolved to ratify the response as follows: *Taking the Parish Tree Warden's report into consideration, members of the Parish Council Planning Committee have no objections to this application* (proposed Cllr Pratt, seconded Cllr Ostler).

Applications dealt with at the meeting:

- **Little Paddocks Yawl Hill Lane** Construction of single storey glazed link extension. It was resolved to respond as follows: *"The Parish Council does not object to this application subject to the condition that it remains a single dwelling"* (proposed Cllr Frost, seconded Cllr Garland).
- **8 Cooks Mead** Single storey rear extension with decking and steps. It was resolved to respond as follows: *"The Parish Council does not object to this application"* (proposed Cllr Ostler, seconded Cllr Forrester).

Applications granted or refused by EDDC:

- **Highways Harcombe Road** Construction of single storey dwelling (outline application all matters reserved). *Approved with conditions.*
- **Land At Undercliffs Ware** Erection of low voltage overhead line. *No objections received.*
- **Hillside Farm Harcombe** Extension and conversion of redundant milking parlour to form new dwelling. *Withdrawn.*
- **Lyme Road, outside Dalverton Rise** Installation of 1 x BT Openreach Broadband Cabinet. *Approved.*

It was resolved unanimously to proceed with preparations for a Neighbourhood Plan (proposed Cllr Pratt, seconded Cllr Ostler).

6. **Finance:** The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved to approve them (proposed Cllr Frost, seconded Cllr Forrester).
7. **Correspondence:** Cllrs Ostler and Wellman reminded to let Clerk know if they wish to attend DALC training at Exeter on evening of 9th May; sewer replacement in Rocombe will be supported by Council if Mr Johnson will do the paperwork and canvassing to get support.
8. **Maintenance of Parish Council land.** Cllr Garland reported favourably on work done by the new contractor in the cemetery, although rubbish had not been collected because no bags were available; he has bagged it up himself. Work on compound due to start next week.

9. **Flooding WP:** a report of progress since the last meeting was made by Cllr Whiting. Meeting with EDDC/DCC officers was held – survey has still not been done, to disappointment of Council. KGV has requested a meeting to discuss unspecified issues. Informal discussions have been held about building a block wall to protect the tennis court and playground.
10. **Reports** to note.
 - i. **Finance** to March 31st 2013.
 - ii. **Footpaths** – FP 6 bridge has collapsed. Hackers Mead FP surface is very poor. Planings would be good surface: Clerk to ask Emma Hellier if she can get some from the A35 works planned soon.
 - iii. **Highway matters.** Meeting suspended briefly to hear from Mr Johnson re: new ditches at Springhead; Highways cannot see a problem although it makes passing difficult and the edge of the carriageway is bound to collapse.
 - iv. **Playground:** one toddler swing is damaged. Cllr Forrester is getting quotes for a replacement.
 - v. **Affordable Housing:** Allocations are all made but delay in completion over wayleave. Shared equity was preferred by the Council for any future development.
 - vi. **D Cllrs report** – D Cllr Thomas has been chasing up the delay in the affordable housing, and also investigating a report of rude behaviour from Highways staff following flooding last year.
11. **Any other business.** Councillors were sorry to hear of the illness of former Cllr Jonathan Clarke-Irons, and wished him well.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date