

The Council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th August 2013 at 7:15pm. Chairman Cllr Whiting. **Present:** Cllrs Brown, Forrester, Frost, Garland, Mason, Ostler, Pratt, Turner, Wellman, Whiting and 5 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from PCSO Wooster.
Meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the July 2013 meeting (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pratt).
3. **Matters arising:** none.
4. **Pecuniary or other interests.** No requests for dispensation were received or interests declared.
5. **Planning:**

Applications ratified at the meeting:

- **Land North East Of Cheescombe Cottage Harcombe** Construction of 6no buildings for agricultural use. This application was discussed at length, and the Planning Committee was asked to look at the applicant's recent letter before finalising its amended response. The previous response was "*Members of the Parish Council Planning Committee have no objections to this application subject to a condition being applied that the permission be granted for a period of one year, followed by a review of whether the requirement for six buildings is actually substantiated.*" (**Note:** the application was determined before it could be reconsidered.)
- **The Lookout St Marys Lane** Renewal of extant planning permission 10/1298/FUL for construction of rear and side extensions to ground and first floor and raising of roof height. It was resolved unanimously to ratify the previous response "*Members of the Parish Council Planning Committee have no objections to this application*". Proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Frost.
- **Shapwick Grange Farm** Construction of livestock building. It was resolved unanimously to ratify the previous response "*Members of the Parish Council Planning Committee have no objections to this application*". Proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Mason.

Further applications received will be considered at the next Planning Committee meeting as there had not been time to look at the plans. Clerk to write to Dorset CC re: the landfill proposal at Timber Hill once further comments have been made, especially regarding time restrictions to mitigate noise nuisance, and routes avoiding Uplyme. No Councillors would be able to attend the Development Management Committee on 20th at which the Yawl Hill Lane track will be determined; the Council's opposition will be conveyed to D Cllr Thomas who is speaking on the matter.

Neighbourhood Plan: the application for Uplyme as a Neighbourhood Area will be decided in September.

6. **Finance:** The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Ostler). The Clerk reported that the external audit had been completed without qualification.
7. **Correspondence.** Councillors had been invited to a number of events and training sessions and should let the Clerk know as soon as possible if they wished to attend. The Clerk will put the "Rural Fair Share" petition in the Post Office.
8. **Maintenance of Parish Council land.** One of trees on triangle is looking sickly, despite Cllr Mason's sterling efforts watering them in the dry spell, for which he was thanked. Cllr Frost has planted perennials in the Stafford Mount flowerbeds, and it was agreed to reimburse her for the cost (about £60). Pound Cottage looks dreadful and Clerk is to write to EDDC and ask them to do something about it. Bus shelter to be painted; new sign was installed by Cllr Frost and a new timetable case has been fitted by First Bus. Mr J Fowler has cleaned the Village Stone and the Council expressed a vote of thanks.
9. **Flooding WP:** Cllr Whiting reported that new piping and headwalls were now complete behind the filling station. EDDC/DCC met to discuss culverts at Cooks Mead but Council was not invited. Some spot levels have been done by Keith Steel; EDDC's Ralph Oakley (Housing Surveyor) is still waiting on the survey too. Cllr Whiting thinks there is a high spot downstream of the lower culvert under the B3165, and it might be possible to get some funding from EDDC to do limited works in the downstream property to alleviate this. Martin Parry, DCC's Flood Resilience Community Pathfinder Project Officer(!) will be visiting Uplyme later this month. MP to be asked to get re-

involved as soon as survey is available. Clerk to write again to Guinness about clearing the Venlake Meadow culvert.

10. **Reports** to note.

- i. **Finance** to July 31st 2013.
 - ii. **Footpaths.** FP70 was strimmed by Cllr Ostler.
 - iii. **Highway matters.** Awaiting meeting to discuss Hunters Lodge junction. Ditches near Red Lane Cross filled up with waste from resurfacing - C Cllr Knight to follow up.
 - iv. **Lengthsman** – Clerk to write to Tony Matthews asking how much DCC would give the Council for its own lengthsman (SWH contract is up for renewal very soon).
 - v. **Playground** – inspection report has been received. Cllr Garland to ask contractor for a quote for the jobs identified. It was resolved unanimously to purchase two toddler swing seats from Wicksteed at a cost of £113 per seat plus £20 carriage (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Turner).
 - vi. **Emergency plan** – Cllr Turner will send the Clerk a list of emergency equipment to be purchased with locality funding for action. There will be a meeting on Sept. 24th in the Village Hall for Councillors and residents to learn about flood resilience planning.
 - vii. **Meetings Attended by Cllrs:** Highways representative gave informative talk to DAPC Axminster - Cllr Garland and Clerk attended. Cllr Frost attended a School Trustees meeting – contract for land has been exchanged now.
 - viii. **D Cllrs report:** none.
 - ix. **C Cllrs report:** C Cllr Knight’s report included news on recycling, libraries and employment in Devon. He listed road defects to be addressed (or not), and hedges whose owners would be contacted to cut them back. The Council was recommended to contact Highways if a list of works completed by the lengthsman was required.
11. **Any other business.** The Clerk was asked to find out if the River Cottage ad sign at Hunters Cross had permission, also other signs on Trinity Hill, and enlarged shed at Park Farm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date