

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th December 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman Cllr. B.Denham

Present Cllrs. B.Denham, J.Clarke-Irons, , B.Mason C.Pratt, C.Sellers, P.Shirley A.Turner, P.Whiting,.
5 members of the public.

Apologies C.Cllr M.Rogers, D.Cllr.K.George

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

Matters arising. There were no matters arising.

Planning.

Applications Granted by East Devon District Council

Mrs Ethelstons Primary School Pound Lane. Installation of a Portakabin Titan building to provide classroom.

Old Barn, Lyme Road. Removal of condition relating to access.

Valley View Farm, Lime Kiln Lane. Conversion of barn to holiday accommodation including erection of extension.

Ware Barn, Ware. Variation of Condition 2 on permission 02/P1228 to allow use of barn for holiday accommodation ancillary accommodation to Ware Barn or occasional training facility.

Applications considered

12 Glebelands. Remove lower overhanging limbs from 1 Ash tree. Reduce height by 25% of 1 Ash tree. Fell 2 Ash trees. *Planning consent for the Glebelands site requires the preservation of trees, wherever possible, and replacement of trees that are felled, The present application has three parts*

(1) Removal of lower overhanging branches from 1 ash tree (although the applicant, in 'Additional Information' has indicated 'No' to whether it might fall, and not provided qualified diagnostic information). The Parish Council agrees with the recommendation of its Tree Warden that not only should the overhanging branches be removed as a potential danger, but that this would then leave an ugly tree, and be potentially dangerous in the future. Therefore it is recommended that Tree T3 should be completely removed and replaced elsewhere on the site.

(2) Reduce height by 25% of 1 ash tree (T12). The Parish Council agrees with its Tree Warden's recommendation that this would impair the visual appearance of the tree. One branch, affecting the lime tree T13, only, should be removed as it affects that trees appearance.

(3) Fell 2 x Ash trees. No qualified diagnostic evidence has been provided and the application indicates that these trees are not diseased. The Parish Councils agrees with its Tree Warden's recommendation that these trees, T10 and T11, should not be felled.

Land adjacent Lydwell House, Lyme Road. Erection of 3 town houses with new vehicular access(Revised scheme). *The Parish Council objects strongly to this application as being overdevelopment in this semi-rural area. It goes against*

- *Devon Structure Plan policies 003 (AONB) and C06*
- *East Devon Plan policies D1 –Design and EN1- Development in an AONB*
- *Uplyme Parish Plan Guidelines – Increased traffic exiting in a dangerous area*

Stability of "Abbotswell" must be taken into account as this area is unstable. This application does NOT address reasons for previous refusal. The Parish Council considers a site meeting is essential.

Rosemundy, Lime Kiln Lane. Single storey extension to side of bungalow. *The Parish Council has no objections to this application.*

Paddock to NE of South Watch, Harcombe. Change of use of land to equestrian use and erection of stable block. *The Parish Council has no objection, subject to the provision of acceptable drainage proposals.*

Pitt White, Mill Lane. Erection of single storey porch extension. *The Parish Council has no objections to this application.*

Land south of Windfall, Rocombe. Erection of 4 stables and tack room. *The Parish Council objects to this application which is not in accordance with Policy RE5 of EDDC Plan "Recreational Facilities in the Countryside" having excessive indoor areas and not being in close proximity to existing buildings or settlement. No provision has been made for the removal of effluent from the elevated site. The proposal will have adverse visual effects and no details are given of the landscaping proposals to limit such visual effects.*

Other Planning

Appeal Dismissed. **The Coach House, Trinity Hill Road** Erection of 3 car garage with workshop over with balcony, dormer windows and velux windows.

Finance.

Parish News

The Parish Council recently placed an advertisement in the Parish News concerning parish councillor vacancies and the parish clerk. On enquiring what the fee was the Clerk received the following reply from the editor.

We don't usually charge for advertisements for local information and local charitable events and I'm always happy to run as much information in the Parish News regarding the Parish Council as I can depending on the space available. If you would like to make a donation to the magazine of whatever the council sees fit regarding the recent advertisements, we would really appreciate it. However, having said that, I would still continue to run them without any donation as a service to the community.

Councillors considered that the Parish News provided a valuable service to the local community and Cllr.Mason proposed that the sum of £50 be donated. Seconded by Cllr.Turner and carried unanimously.

King George Field Cllr.Denham declared an interest before this item was discussed. The Chairman of the Trustees of King George Field has written applying for an annual grant of £500 towards the rising cost of maintaining the village playing field. After discussion by councillors Cllr. Clarke-Irons proposed that a grant of £500 per annum be awarded to the Trustees of King George Field for the tenure of this council. When a new council is formed in 2011 the Trustees would be required to reapply and thereafter whenever a new council is formed. Seconded by Cllr Shirley and carried unanimously. Cllr. Denham did not vote.

East Devon Citizens Advice Bureau Cllrs.Shirley & Whiting declared an interest before this item was discussed. Letter received requesting a donation. Cllr.Pratt proposed that the Parish Council donate the sum of £200 - the same as last year. Seconded by Cllr. J.Clarke - Irons and carried unanimously. Cllrs.Shirley & Whiting did not vote.

Present Position

Balances at 28th November 2008

Current Account	£8,823.96		Including Restricted Funds of :	
Business Instant Access A/c	£5,346.07		Footpath funds	£1,718.06
Millennium Tree Fund	£54.83	£14,224.86	Playground Funds	£2,133.63
			Uplyme Speed Campaign	£879.01
				<u>£4,730.70</u>

Payments Out

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	444.74
Bay Gardens and Landscaping	480.00
Advertising	99.20
Stationery	37.02
VAT	23.83
	<u>1084.79</u>

Payments In

Cemetery	70.00
VAT refund	2164.09
Bank interest	10.31
	<u>£2,244.40</u>

Footpaths

Cllr. Mason has agreed to take on the chairmanship of the footpath sub committee. Proposed by Cllr.Denham seconded by Cllr. Clarke-Irons and carried unanimously

Maintenance of Parish Council Land Tenders for the annual contract for maintenance works commencing 1st April 2009 had been received and will be considered by Cllr.Denham, Cllr.Sellers, and the Parish Clerk to establish which contractor should be recommended to the council at the next meeting. Cllr. Sellers confirmed that the monthly payment could be made.

Children's Playground Payment for the new slide, gate and safety surface is now due. Cllr.Clarke-Irons proposed that the Parish Council covers the VAT element which will then be reclaimed in the normal way and included in the General Fund. Seconded by Cllr Turner and carried unanimously..

Freedom of Information Act Under the Freedom of Information Act it is the duty of every public authority to adopt and maintain a publication scheme. A Model Publication Scheme has been prepared and approved by the Information Commissioner. It may be adopted without modification by any public authority without further approval and will be valid until further notice. Proposed by Cllr.Clarke-Irons that the scheme be adopted. Seconded by Cllr.Turner and carried unanimously. The scheme will be posted on the Parish Council's Notice Boards and web site.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman

Date.....