

The council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th December 2011 at 7:15pm. Chairman Cllr Mason. **Present:** Cllrs Clarke-Irons, Forrester, Frost, Killingback, Mason, Pratt, Sellers, Turner, Whiting and 8, later 5, members of the public.

1. The meeting was immediately adjourned at 7.16pm for the open forum / police report, and reconvened at 7:27pm. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Brown who is awaiting an operation, D Cllr Thomas, and T Sweeney.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 2011 meeting were adopted and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** None.
4. **Planning:** Cllr Clarke-Irons read out a statement objecting to lack of planning notifications on the Harcombe board and stating that delegation of planning decisions to Clerk is illegal under the Local Government Act 1972, s101. This will be discussed at the January meeting, since councillors did not have advance notice of the business on the agenda.

Applications already dealt with since last meeting

- **Hunters Cross Farm Yawl Hill Lane.** Construction of agricultural storage building. *The Parish Council does not object to this application. (Decision delegated to the Clerk in accordance with Council policy.)*

Applications dealt with at meeting. Cllr Clarke-Irons abstained on all these resolutions.

- **Post Office Lyme Road.** Demolition of existing single span storey shop unit to facilitate construction of 2 storey residential units (*revised plans*). It was resolved to respond as follows: *The Parish Council does not wish to amend its comments made on the original plan and objects to this application* (proposed Cllr Whiting , seconded Cllr Turner)
- **Hook Farm Camping And Caravan Site Gore Lane.** Installation of solar pv panels on roofs of reception building and 2no amenity buildings. It was resolved to respond as follows: *the Parish Council does not object to this application* (proposed Cllr Whiting , seconded Cllr Killingback).

Cllr Killingback declared a prejudicial interest in the next item, and after making a statement about the application, left the room while it was discussed.

- **Coolavin (land Adj) Gore Lane.** Construction of dwelling and access improvements including creation of layby. It was resolved to respond as follows: *The Parish Council objects to this application on grounds of overdevelopment and instability of land* (proposed Cllr Whiting , seconded Cllr Pratt) .

Applications granted by EDDC since last meeting

- **Holly Hill Bungalow Springhead.** Alterations and extensions to include garage/ workshop, extensions to roof, rear balcony/ terrace, dormer windows, porch extension, replacement of car port with oil tank and log store to east of dwelling.
- **Newcastle Cottage Woodhouse Lane.** Construction of side and rear extension.
- **Newcastle Cottage Woodhouse Lane** (Listed Building Consent). Construction of side and rear extension. *Granted with conditions*

5. **Finance:** The Clerk reported on the position at 30th November 2011:

Bank balances at 30th November 2011		Payments Out	
HSBC Current Account	1540.20	Grounds maintenance	516.67
HSBC Deposit Account	26242.92	Clerk's expenses	12.64
	<u>27783.12</u>	Clerk's salary	371.11
		Subscription	10.00
Reserves		Grant	17.00
Footpath funds	3788.06	VAT	<u>0.00</u>
Uplyme Speed Campaign	879.01		<u>927.42</u>
Playground funds	785.83		
Millennium Copse	2198.78		
Millennium Tree Fund	55.06		
Cemetery repairs	5000.00		
Big Lottery funding	7.01	Payments In	
PAYE due	212.80	Bank interest	1.25
Total reserves	<u>12926.55</u>	Cemetery fees	<u>650.00</u>
			<u>651.25</u>

General fund	14856.57
Total funds	<u>27783.12</u>

The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Killingback, seconded Cllr Pratt).

cheque #	payee, re	amount
100068	G Sims - grounds maintenance November	516.67
100069	L Wakeman - Clerk's expenses	20.87
100070	L Wakeman - Clerk's salary	370.91
100071	HMRC - PAYE	212.80
100072	J Clarke-Irons - travel	9.62

Cllr Killingback presented the Finance Committee's budget recommendations for 2012-13. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Frost), including the schedule of grants recommended by the Finance Committee, viz:

Bridport CAB	£200
King George's Field	£500 – per annum, for whole duration of this council
Axe Valley Ring & Ride:	£250
Parish Magazine	£60
Red Cross	£60
Royal British Legion	£17 for poppy wreath

6. **Correspondence.** The Clerk summarised correspondence received. The following items were agreed:
 - Can Snow Warden confirm written risk assessments for insurers? No, but volunteers have been trained.
 - Horse chestnut tree is diseased and will need felling at some time in the future. Western Power will do this for the Council at no cost. EDDC tree warden has been asked for an opinion in writing before a decision will be made.
 - Cllr Turner hopes to attend EDDC Wetlands event.
 - Council does not wish to take forward any of the ideas from the Wildscapes presentation.
 - What arrangements does Council wish to make re: EDDC local planning consultations? No decision, Clerk to find out more
 - Does Council wish to investigate Locality and Building Community support re: neighbourhood planning? Yes, Clerk to find out more.
7. **Footpaths:** Cllr Whiting reported that Old Mill diversion is still not formalised. Shapwick Quarry footpath diversion is now confirmed. T. Sweeney has written a letter about the state of the Hackers Mead path and missing signs – Cllr Whiting will ask G Sims to finish all these, although quote will be higher – money taken from PPP fund. Steps at Chimney Rock – will Axe Vale Conservation Society be able to help?
8. **Highway matters:** The defects list was circulated. Grit bins were not delivered when should have been but are now allegedly on their way. Salt has still not arrived, and may not arrive before Xmas. Spreader was ordered by Clerk today. Cannington Lane residents are asking for help: Cllr Turner will be organising a working party. Snow Warden training has been done.
9. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** Contractor's payment for November was agreed. Grass cannot be cut because of bad weather. The specification for tenders for 2012/13 will be reviewed by Cllrs Frost and Brown in time for the end of the year. Handyman ad will be put in next Parish Magazine, asking for local tradesmen to do Council work. Stafford Mount walls – need a proper review of work to be carried out. Cllr Brown is willing to take over the responsibility for managing the contractor from Cllr Sellers.
10. **Playground:** Cllr Forrester is still looking for funding for slide from carnival committee and others. Hedge uncut, moles a problem.
11. **Flood relief:** Contractor now says it is too wet to go on the ground, although he could start in week before Xmas. KGV were asked for their opinion. Too wet to undertake now, but he has agreed to dig out the weed in the ditch; Clerk will ask Mr Masters for permission to store the debris in the car park.
12. **County Councillor's report.** Devon has best recycling rates in country. Residents are asked to cut down on junk mail by registering with the Mailing Preference Service. £1 per elector from DCC and 10p from EDDC will be available to put to certain schemes e.g. lengthsman work.
13. **District Councillor's report.** None.

- 14. **Meetings attended by Councillors.** Cllr Whiting attended Localism/neighbourhood plan meeting. Cllr Clarke-Irons attended Ring & Ride, which has big problems – bus rental too high and will have to be given back to Devon County. Will be using Dorset bus instead for 6 months.
- 15. **Any other business:** The Chairman thanked Cllr Sellers, who had announced his intention to resign after many years of service, especially for managing the contractor. It was resolved to get a name plate for the salt spreader sponsored by a local (proposed Cllr Killingback, seconded Cllr Forrester)

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date