

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th July 2008 at 7.30p.m. Chairman Cllr. B.Denham **Present.** Cllrs. B.Denham, P.Burton, J.Clarke-Irons, B.Mason, C.Pratt, C.Sellers, P.Whiting.

District Cllr. K.George. 4 Members of the public

Apologies for absence Cllrs. A.Turner P.Shirley. County Cllr. M.Rogers

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

Matters arising.

Trinity Hill Local Nature Reserve A full response has now been received from EDDC. The letter has been handed to Mr. David Sole who was involved in the original discussions and he will convey his thoughts to the Parish Council for consideration at the next meeting.

Planning.

Applications Refused by East Devon District Council

Lydwell House, Lyme Road. Erect three 3 bedroom town houses with access from Lyme Rd.

Quarry House, Lime Kiln Lane. Erection of dwelling.

Brooklands, Lyme Road. Variation of window opening condition on planning approval 02/P0962.

Applications Granted by East Devon District Council

Higher Holcombe Farm, Holcombe Lane. Demolition of existing conservatory & replacement with garden room & extended living room, construction of 3 new dormers on SW Elevation.

6 Ethelston's Close. Conservatory.

The Bungalow, Harcombe. Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement cottage.

Bramleys, Lyme Road. Retention of carport structure & conversion works to create garage

Applications considered

Penway, Whalley Lane. Erection of two storey extension to form granny flat. *The Parish Council has no adverse comments. Approval Recommended*

Little Ash, Harcombe Road. Loft conversion with balcony and Velux roof lights. *The Parish Council has no adverse comments. Approval Recommended*

Culver, Woodhouse Lane. Erection of Fruit cage. *The Parish Council has no adverse comments. Approval Recommended*

Land to west of reservoir Shire Lane. Erection of replacement telecommunications masts, relocation of transmission dish & ancillary cable and meters. *Approval Recommended*

Ware Barn. Agricultural storage building. The Parish Council has no adverse comments. *The colour of the cladding and render to be approved.*

Finance.

Present Position

Balances at 30th June 2008

Treasurers Account	£5,949.27	Including Restricted Funds of :	
Business Instant Access A/c	£5,291.41	Footpath funds	£2,349.29
Millennium Tree Fund	£54.54	£11,295.22 Playground Funds	£173.80
		Uplyme Speed Campaign	£879.01
			<u>£3,402.10</u>

Payments Out

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	486.55
Bay Gardens and Landscaping	480.00
Donation- Lyme Regis Museum	150.00
Stationery	1.99
	<u>1118.54</u>

Payments In

Cemetery	370.00
War stock div	1.56
Interest - Deposit Account	11.21
Interest - MTF	0.19
	<u>£382.96</u>

Footpaths. Cllr Burton reported that most defects had been rectified but dry weather is awaited to deal with the few remaining.

Maintenance of Parish Council Land. Cllr.Sellers reported that the situation with the contractor is not ideal. The maintenance work in the cemetery and other areas is only carried out immediately prior to the monthly Parish Council meetings. The Chairman has been embarrassed on more than one occasion by families of the bereaved visiting the cemetery and finding it in an unkempt state. This state of affairs is far from satisfactory and all the more so as when the contractor took on the contract he indicated that the work he would undertake in Uplyme for the Parish Council was to be a showcase for his business. Cllr.Sellers has been constantly frustrated by the lack of communication. On numerous occasions he has left messages for the contractor to contact him but to no avail. Although it was agreed that the contractor should be paid on this occasion it was also agreed that a letter should be sent to him as a written warning as detailed in his contract.

Children’s Playground. Cllr. Clarke-Irons reported that the faulty bearings on the swings had been replaced.

County Councillor’s Report In her absence Cllr. Rogers submitted the following written report :

Councillor Margaret Rogers, portfolio holder for Environment Devon CC and Colonel Geoffrey Brierley, portfolio holder for Strategic Planning and Transportation, had an informal meeting at the Woodmead Hall on Friday 4 July and were supported by a small group of officers. The meeting was called to resolve continuing cross border transport issues and in particular the movement of HGVs. The meeting was extremely positive and possible solutions were identified . The officers were charged with providing up to date figures on HGV movements to the next informal meeting when it is hoped to find a satisfactory solution which will satisfy all Parties.

District Councillor’s Report Cllr.George reported as follows:

The Bungalow at Harcombe.

I took up this matter with the Director responsible for Development Control and he promptly passed me on to the Chief Planning Officer who has advised me that it is being treated as a class one complaint being handled by Kate Little. I have failed to have direct contact with her but will persevere.

Penway Whalley Lane.

There have been revisions submitted and they will be before the Council soon.They involve the flat roof being altered to a pitched one. The Planning Officer regards it as an improvement and I agree. I recommended approval in the first place agreeing with your recommendation.

Draft proposal for unitary government in Devon

The draft proposal by The Boundary Committee proposes as the first option a single county wide unitary authority. They emphasise that they have not finalised that proposal and would welcome views from all interested parties including local residents. The second proposal involves Exeter and Exmouth and twenty parishes adjoining them as a unitary authority with the remainder of Devon (except Plymouth and Torbay) as another unitary authority. They are concerned that this proposal increases the risk to the viability of the remaining county. They also state "we are not persuaded that there is sufficient likelihood that it would better meet outcomes set out in the five criteria than our draft proposal". The single unitary authority would have 28 Community boards based on the market and coastal towns. (Uplyme would be grouped with Axminster. Axmouth Beer Colyton, Combpyne/Rousdon with Seaton)The boards chaired/led by a Unitary Councillor would consult with other authorities such as police, health, local business and voluntary sectors. They are not envisaged as service delivery bodies; they would have a role in scrutiny and service delivery. It is envisaged that a "substantially" stronger role for parish and town councils is part of the County Council's proposal but that it has not yet defined their role.

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

Signed..... Chairman

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