

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th July 2009 at 7.30 pm. Chairman Cllr B Denham.

Present: Cllrs Denham, Brown, Clarke-Irons, Frost, Mason, Pratt, Sellers, Turner, Whiting; 10 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** from D Cllr George owing to ill health, and PCSO A Jones owing to other commitments.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the June 2009 meeting were adopted and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** none
4. **Planning**

Applications dealt with by Planning Sub Committee

- Recreational ground for Woodroffe School Barbers Lane; erection of replacement storage unit and open-fronted shelter. **Comments:** The Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- Seaforth Yawl Hill Lane (Amended Plans) construction of raised decking area including new access door and replacement window. **Comments:** The Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- The Coach House Trinity Hill Road; erection of replacement conservatory. **Comments:** The Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- The Coach House Trinity Hill Road; erection of tractor store. **Comments:** The Parish Council has no objection to this application.

Applications being considered

- The Laurels, Lyme Road; fell one sycamore (there is a tree warden’s report)
- Holly Hill Nurseries Rocombe; provision of second storey within roof including construction of dormers and external cladding

Applications granted by EDDC

- The Beeches Yawl Hill Lane; erection of garage (revised siting to planning permission 07/1799)
- Upper Cottage Rocombe; installation of replacement entrance door
- Seaforth Yawl Hill Lane (see above)
- Land Adjacent Lydwell House, Lyme Road; erection of 2no 4 bedroom detached dwellings with garaging. Cllr Whiting summarised the extensive conditions imposed on the applicant, and noted the importance of ensuring land stability for neighbouring properties.

Applications refused by EDDC

- 2 Glebelands; reduce leaf area of 1 beech tree by a maximum of 25% to include the reduction of height by 4m and side branches by 1-2m

Other planning – two enforcement notices served by EDDC. Clanbury Rhode Lane – the outline planning permission has lapsed, so the second full application recently considered by the Council will have to be resubmitted afresh. The first full application is still valid.

5. **Finance**

Current position

Balances at 30th June 2009

Current Account	3,690.80	Including Restricted Funds of :	
Business Instant Access A/c	5,350.61	Footpath funds	2,218.06
Millennium Tree Fund	<u>55.05</u>	Uplyme Speed Campaign	<u>879.01</u>
	<u>9,096.46</u>		<u>3,097.07</u>

Payments Out

Grounds maintenance	508.33
Vice chairman's expenses *	57.56
Clerk's salary	410.28
Clerk's expenses	46.34
VAT	9.37
	<u>1,031.88</u>

Payments In

Bank interest	0.22
CUP donation	404.50
War loan dividend	1.56
	<u>406.28</u>

* of which £50 is reimbursement for playground equipment purchased.

Cllr Brown proposed that “a standard form for councillor’s expenses be adopted”. Seconded by Cllr Turner, unanimous.

6. **Footpaths** – FP77 required user evidence forms to establish legality of a short section, and evidence gathering started by Cllr Burton is now completed by Cllr Mason. Two issues notified by EDDC footpaths officer. Glen footpath improvements – C Cllr Knight has offered to walk the path to understand the proposals.
7. **Highway matters:** the defects board was circulated. Satnav is directing large vehicles – including ambulances – the long way round to Woodhouse – which could lead to a death. There are other similar problems in the parish. Could a sign be erected? The clerk will write to DCC Highways (Paul Wilson). Harcombe Lane was closed for 4 days to repair minor leak. No notification to emergency services. The clerk will write to SW Water about this.
8. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** Cllr Sellers reported on the contractor’s progress, and recommended that the payment to the contractor should be made, which was agreed. Plugs in rubber matting in the play area removed, and mat cut. Possible trip hazard. Cllr Clarke-Irons to investigate. CUP funds will be transferred to PC for maintenance.
9. **Emergency plan:** Cllr Sellers attended a workshop at Escot. No sandbags supplied to Uplyme for 2 years. Empty sandbags were collected – councillors can distribute. Parishioners have to provide sand. Cllr Sellers to write to Mark Raleigh at EDDC. Red Cross will run first aid training evenings if enough people are interested – the clerk will publicise this in the Parish News etc. Emergency plan is moving on, but priority for different emergencies needs establishing.
10. **Affordable housing:** there was a consultation in the Village Hall, on 30th June. Cllr Denham reported that it was well-attended, and the principle was generally accepted, but the inappropriate design was not. Plans were made available for inspection. New designs will be proposed more in keeping with village. Survey date has been extended till 14th July.
11. **Church clock:** Cllr Sellers proposed that “last month’s proposal to pay and reclaim the VAT on the clock should be rescinded, by reason of not being lawful” (Minutes p. 329, item 10), seconded Cllr Turner – unanimous. Lim Valley Society and Uplyme Charities are donating £500 each. Cllr Denham therefore proposed that “the Council donate £500 towards the restoration of the Church clock”, seconded by Cllr Mason, 8 in favour - 1 against.
12. **TPOs and village trees** – item postponed as tree warden not present.
13. **County Councillor’s report** – C Cllr Knight has set up a Seaton Coastal traffic group – he will be asking for a representative from the Council, to discuss highways issues. Trinity Hill gritting – C Cllr Knight was asked to speak to Paul Wilson. Locality fund of £10,000 to distribute, which will depend on requests from the 5 councils in the district.
14. **District Councillor’s report** – none.
15. **Meetings attended by Councillors:** Village Hall Committee attended by Cllr Pratt – replacement upholstered chairs are being purchased. The committee has £20,000 funds despite event takings being down. Cllr Frost and Cllr Clarke-Irons attended a sustainable communities act forum as members of “Speak Now”. Proposals for policy changes were voted on.
16. **Correspondence:** the clerk summarised correspondence, which was available for councillors to inspect after the meeting. A letter re: Carnbrae was received from Mrs J Hamblin. Cllr Turner declared an interest as the owner of Carnbrae and left the meeting at 8:37.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 and the Chairman spoke as follows. “As the Council does not wish to be party to a private dispute, will the author of the letter concerning Carnbrae please just answer ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to my query; any further discussion on the matter will be in the Open Forum. The query is ‘Should the letter be read in full in public, as it could possibly be construed as defamation of character?’” The answer was “Yes”. The letter was read out in full.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:44. Councillors noted a number of points, including: the PC has very little influence on planning decisions made by EDDC; Cllr Turner is only one of four whose comments are taken into account when composing a planning response; Planning applications are personal, not made by the Planning Sub-Committee; Cllr Turner’s planning applications predated his co-option to the Council and he was not elected onto the Planning Sub-Committee until after the Ombudsman had cleared EDDC of wrongdoing; Clerk’s time taken up on very extensive correspondence has to be paid for via the precept (as has been the case with Carnbrae: up to 2008, 30 letters to EDDC and 18 to the PC from the Seaview Road residents had been dealt with, and there have been more since).

Cllr Turner rejoined the meeting at 8:57.
17. **Any other business:** Councillors were reminded by Cllr Denham that they must not pass on unsubstantiated rumours, as this might bring them and the Council into disrepute.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.03 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman
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