

The council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th July 2011 at 7:15. Chairman Cllr Mason.

Present: Cllrs Brown, Clarke-Irons, Forrester, Frost, Killingback, Mason, Pratt, Turner, Whiting; and 11 (later 12) members of the public.

1. The meeting was immediately adjourned at 7.16pm for the open forum, and reconvened at 7:23pm. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Sellers, PCSO Jones (on leave) and D Cllr Thomas (at an EDDC meeting).
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the June 2011 meeting were adopted and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** none.
4. **Planning:**

Affordable Housing: 23rd June – planning application was approved but grants are still not finalised. Building should start by end of year. Rents are being set which will be in line with Local Housing Allowance.

Applications already dealt with since last meeting

- **Corner Cottage Gore Lane.** Subdivision and conversion of part of existing dwelling, formerly shop into 1no. dwelling. *The Parish Council supports this application.* (Decision delegated to the Clerk in accordance with Council policy.)
- **The Havard Church Street.** Remove existing conservatory and construction of extension. Removal of flat roof to the north east and forming pitched roof over to match, raised ridge line to main roof. *The Parish Council has no objection to the proposed works. However, considerable concern has been expressed regarding the stone perimeter wall, which may impede access to the site, and which should either be protected, or any damage properly repaired and the wall restored to its present appearance. It is therefore considered that a detailed construction method statement for the access and construction process must be prepared and agreed as part of any formal agreement of the application by EDDC. Such Construction Method Statement, protection and remedial works (if necessary), are in accordance with the requirements of The Uplyme Parish Design Statement, Page DS-4. This will help preserve the homogeneity of this part of the Parish and the wall, which play an important role in the village environment, as set out on Page DS-3 (Walls) and Page DS-5 (Boundary Walls) of the Uplyme Parish Design Statement, all as approved by EDDC.* (Decision delegated to the Clerk in accordance with Council policy.)

Planners said that boundary walls cannot be protected, whatever the Parish Plan says, but after discussions, did talk to the developer, who has given assurances that he is going to protect the wall anyway.

- **Lynwood Lime Kiln Lane** (amended plans). Construction of ground and first floor extensions to include raising of the roof and dormer windows (demolition of existing garage and conservatory). *Owing to financial constraints and the limited 14 day period given for consideration of this application, the Parish Council has formed no collective view on this particular application. Individual councillors on the Planning Committee have responded as follows: This application must be treated as an individual application, and not associated with the previous, and hence now withdrawn, application. This is a very small site in an elevated position and the proposals are for an overdevelopment of the site, with a very high roofline. Although still two storeys, this property would dominate adjacent properties and is totally out of keeping. See Uplyme Parish Plan Planning Guidelines (as approved by EDDC) Page DS-3 on height, village scale and character. The members of the Planning Committee of the Parish Council strongly object to this application. The Parish Council has previously opposed similar overdevelopment proposals for this particular site.*
- **The Chantry Rhode Lane.** Construction of extension to form garage (front extension). *An application for planning permission was required as the proposed development is in front of the existing property. However, EDDC Planners confirm that there is no formal building line for the road side of properties along Rhode Lane and do not consider that this could be grounds for an objection. The Parish Council therefore has no objection to this application.* (Decision delegated to the Clerk in accordance with Council policy.)

Applications dealt with at the meeting by the Council

- **Bulford Lyme Road.** Conversion of dwelling to garden studio and construction of new dwelling. It was resolved unanimously that the Council respond as follows: *The Parish Council objects to this application, because of the potential of the studio being used as a separate dwelling which creates a dangerous precedent, and the retention the old unsightly dwelling.* (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Killingback)
- **South Watch Harcombe.** Two storey extension. *The Parish Council does not object to this application.* (Decision delegated to the Clerk in accordance with Council policy.)

- **Carswell Farm Land Harcombe.** Construction of agricultural storage and livestock building. *The Parish Council does not object to this application. (Decision delegated to the Clerk in accordance with Council policy.)*
- **Happy Valley Cuckoo Lane.** New dwelling to replace mobile home (outline application with all matters reserved). It was resolved unanimously that the Council respond as follows: *The change of a caravan to a dwelling sets a precedent and is outside the development area. The Parish Council objects unanimously to this application (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Pratt).*

Applications granted by EDDC since last meeting

- **Primrose Way Lyme Road.** Replacement dwelling, fences and alterations to existing access. *Granted with conditions*
- **Culver Woodhouse Lane.** Installation of ground mounted solar photovoltaic system (16 panels). *Granted with conditions*
- **Thorndon Harcombe Road.** Construction of two storey rear extension. *Granted with conditions*
- **Hartgrove Hill Farm Trinity Hill Road.** Change of use and alterations to agricultural building to workshop/office and storage. *Granted with conditions*
- **Apartment 1 Rohaise Court Lyme Road.** Replacement window including reduction to opening, replacement front door and combustion ventilation (ground floor works). *Granted*
- **Roseacre Red Lane.** Construction of replacement garage. *Granted with conditions*
- **Lynwood Lime Kiln Lane** (amended plans). Construction of ground and first floor extensions to include raising of the roof and dormer windows (demolition of existing garage and conservatory). *Granted with conditions*
- **The Chantry Rhode Lane.** Construction of extension to form garage (front extension). *Granted*
- **The Havard Church Street.** Remove existing conservatory and construction of extension. Removal of flat roof to the north east and forming pitched roof over to match, raised ridge line to main roof. *Granted with conditions*
- **Carswell Farm Lime Kiln Lane.** Extension of existing agricultural building. *No approval required, letter from B Capon confirming permitted development*

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

Bank balances at 30th June 2011		Payments Out	
HSBC Current Account	7,514.29	Grounds maintenance	516.67
HSBC Deposit Account	16237.83	Clerk's expenses	26.83
	<u>23752.12</u>	Clerk's salary	370.91
		Councillor's expenses	20.43
Reserves		Internal audit fee	150.00
Footpath funds	3913.06	PAYE	212.60
Uplyme Speed Campaign	879.01	VAT	0.00
Playground funds	798.61		<u>1297.44</u>
Millennium Copse	2198.78		
Millennium Tree Fund	55.06		
Cemetery repairs	5000.00	Payments In	
PAYE due	141.60	Bank interest	0.78
Total reserves	<u>12986.12</u>	War stock dividend	1.56
			<u>2.34</u>
General fund	10766.00		
Total funds	<u>23752.12</u>		

The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to pay them (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Brown).

cheque # payee, re	amount
100042 G Sims - grounds maintenance	516.67

100043	L Wakeman - Clerk's expenses	11.62
100044	L Wakeman - Clerk's salary	371.11
100045	Veolia - admin fee	36.00

6. **Footpaths:** the Footpaths Co-ordinator reported on a draft permissive path order from Venlake Cross to cricket pavilion, for post office users; query about its width as it is by a hedge, and duration of agreement. Shapwick Quarry diversion is still not finalised. FP 66 has a new bridge and fencing, but an objector from Tyneside is holding up the official diversion. FP12: Barnes Meadow: letter reminding receiver that no action has been taken has been sent. FP11 has been cleared (Barber's Lane) – it was also reported that the owner of Furzehill is planning to put gates up to stop public access; the Clerk will consult DCC to find out what can be done. Cllr Forrester had a meeting on BP 84 with E Hellier (DCC), L Rigby from the Three Counties Bridlepath group, and the closer has been fixed. Higher up, the stream/bank will be dug out and a turning circle made. Carswell gates will be adjusted so easier to use by riders. Yawl Hill gate will be taken away, and weeds cleared. BP 54/55 – TCBG will supply materials and DCC will build it up where it has washed away.
7. **Highway matters:** The defects list was circulated. Old telegraph pole on St Mary's Lane has been left in the hedge. Parking opposite Talbot Arms will be reported to the PCSO. Clerk will write a letter to B Hoare, thanking him for the Trinity Hill works – a vast improvement. Part night lighting – no comment from Council.
8. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** Contractor's payment for June was agreed. Grass is long in cemetery and playground, but otherwise OK. Brambles growing in shrubs need cutting back. Limekiln Lane hedges at corner of cemetery are Council's responsibility.
9. **Playground:** Moles, and bag of rotting grass left by contractor, are a problem. Mrs Denham has been asked to look at low branch over path, and the willow tree with TPO.
10. **Flood relief:** Cllr Mason attended a meeting on site – EDDC officer agreed that at the dogleg, the ditch needs a 600mm concrete drain, 6m long, then into an open ditch down to children's play area. Finance: will cost about £1600-1700 and KGV has little income. Cllr Whiting observed that a pipe is not ideal, and the end of the ditch near the playground could cause flood damage to the play equipment and surfaces. He proposed a design and costing for a full drain to the river, and moving some of the play equipment, but this long term solution would be much more expensive. The council does not wish to make a decision on funding immediately. (Would be under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976)
11. **Parish Plan:** needs thorough revision. Volunteers will be sought for the working group through the Parish News. Cllr Whiting will contact members of former WG to see who can help. Funding may be available – Clerk to investigate.
12. **Standing orders:** It was resolved unanimously that Standing Orders be amended to show the revised meeting start time of 7:15 (proposed Cllr Killingback, seconded Cllr Turner). The Clerk asked Councillors to amend their copies.
13. **Polling stations review:** The Council is satisfied with the current arrangements in Uplyme and would encourage anyone with difficulties to take up the postal vote.
14. **August meeting.** It was resolved not to hold a meeting in August 2011 (proposed Cllr Mason, seconded Cllr Pratt).
15. **County Councillor's report.** None.
16. **District Councillor's report.** None.
17. **Meetings attended by Councillors:** Cllr Killingback attended the KGV Committee meeting and annual inspection. Some issues have been resolved. Cllr Frost reported that the school federation will start on 1st September. Trust money must only be used for Uplyme children. Cllr Mason attended Mayormaking ceremony. He will be travelling to DAPC Axminster meeting in Colyton on 26th July, and possibly to the EDDC Chairman's Garden Party on 13th August.
18. **Correspondence:** the Clerk summarised correspondence received. Letter re: gas works in Venlake not replied to.
19. **Any other business:** The Village Hall Committee has agreed that the PC noticeboard may be sited in front of the village hall instead of its current location. The Clerk will get estimates for a new board on posts.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date