

The Council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th March 2012 at 7:15pm. Chairman Cllr Mason.

Present: Cllrs Brown, Clarke-Irons, Forrester, Frost, Killingback, Mason, Pratt, Turner, Whiting, and 10, later 7 members of the public.

1. It was resolved unanimously under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public be excluded from the meeting for item no. 18 on the agenda because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business (proposed Cllr Mason, seconded Cllr Pratt).
2. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm for the open forum, and reconvened at 7:21pm.
Apologies for absence – none.
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the February 2012 meeting were adopted and signed.
4. **Review of Action Log:** the Chairman introduced this new way of keeping past actions on track.
5. **Planning:** Affordable housing will be started in the next few weeks. Still some finish details to be agreed with PC.

Applications dealt with at meeting

- **24 Barnes Meadow.** Fell 2xCupressus leylandii. It was resolved unanimously to ratify the Planning Committee’s draft response (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Turner). *The Parish Council does not object to this application, subject to the Parish Tree Warden’s recommendation that 2 or more suitable native trees be replanted in the wildlife corridor.*
- **Jasmin Cottage Crogg Lane.** Construction of replacement side extension to provide annexe. It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: *The Parish Council does not object to this application* (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Frost).
- **Pitt White Mill Lane.** T1 - Horse Chestnut: Fell. It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: the Council does not feel the grounds for felling are valid, and would object, though the tree warden’s report is required before responding (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Pratt).
- **Land To West Of Reservoir Shire Lane.** Replacement of 3no. antenna, replacement of one and installation of one additional ground based equipment cabinet. It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: *The Parish Council does not object to this application* (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Turner).
- **Hedgehog Corner (Land To Rear SE) Lyme Road.** Use of the land as seasonal camp site with a maximum of 10 pitches. It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: *The Parish Council does not object to this application* (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Killingback).

Applications granted by EDDC since last meeting

- **Dashwood House Lyme Road.** T1, Scots Pine - shorten low second order branch on north side of tree by 1.5m..
Granted with conditions
- **May Cottage Venlake.** Construction of single storey side extension.
- **Harcombe House Harcombe.** G1 Fell 12 Cypress trees. *Granted with conditions*
- **Ware Barn Ware.** Internal alterations to garage to form pantry. *Granted with conditions*
- **Greenfields Woodhouse Hill.** Extensions and alterations including enlargement of rear dormer, construction of suspended vehicle standing area and creation of new access.

Cllr Clarke-Irons requested that Standing Orders be changed since “ratification” of draft planning comments implies that Council will always agree with them.

6. **Finance:** The Clerk reported on the position at 29th February 2012:

Bank balances at 29th February 2012		Payments Out	
HSBC Current Account	1221.97	Grounds maintenance	516.67
HSBC Deposit Account	22246.21	Clerk's expenses	17.64
	<u>23468.18</u>	Clerk's salary	370.91
Reserves		Hall hire	342.71
Footpath funds	3788.06	Noticeboard delivery	20.00
Uplyme Speed Campaign	379.01	Travel expenses	16.10
Playground funds	2285.83	VAT	4.00
Millennium Copse	2198.78		<u>1288.03</u>
Millennium Tree Fund	55.06		

Cemetery repairs	5000.00	Payments In	
PAYE due	<u>212.60</u>	Bank interest	<u>1.12</u>
Total reserves	<u>13919.34</u>		<u>1.12</u>
General fund	<u>9548.84</u>	Transfers	
Total funds	<u>23468.18</u>	From deposit to current	2000.00

It was resolved unanimously to make a Chairman’s Allowance of £10 for the current year (proposed Cllr Killingback, seconded Cllr Forrester).

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

cheque #	payee, re	amount
100087	G Sims - grounds maintenance February	516.67
100088	L Wakeman - Clerk's expenses	24.24
100089	L Wakeman - Clerk's salary	371.11
100090	J Clarke-Irons - travel expenses	35.10
100091	T Young - noticeboard installation	155.50
100092	HMRC - PAYE	212.60
100093	Broker Network - annual insurance premium	472.18
100094	PO - stamps	50.93
100095	B Mason - Chairman's allowance	10.00
100096	J Clarke-Irons - Councillor's allowance	50.00

7. **Correspondence.** The Clerk summarised correspondence received. The following items were agreed:
 - Cemetery training – it was resolved that the Clerk should attend SLCC cemetery training in Exeter, in May, at a cost of £95 (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Frost).
 - Cllr Killingback should attend new councillor training in Honiton in June, at a cost of £25.
 - Waste milk dumping at Coach Rd (Voysey’s fields) – EDDC Env Health, the Environment Agency, and Highways officers all confirm that they can take no action unless the permit is breached. The Clerk will put a complaint number in Parish Magazine report for parishioners adversely affected by the smell. Clerk will get copy of permit for the dumping from the Environment Agency.
8. **Footpaths:** nothing to report.
9. **Highway matters:** The defects list was circulated. Cllr Mason reported on the meeting re: A35 Hunter’s Lodge junction held in Axminster on 2/3. Slip road, roundabout and traffic lights were all ruled out on cost/effectiveness grounds. A £27K scheme has been proposed for road markings and a VAS junction indicator, but there is no funding. Accident records in official statistics seem far too low; action is being taken to remedy this and there is a police investigation into the figures. The southbound bus stop siting is being investigated by DCC. A vote of thanks was proposed to Cllr Forrester for all her hard work and initiative. Clerk to write letter to Highways Agency along same lines as the MP’s letter, asking for funding to be released if any becomes available.
10. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** Cllr Brown met with the contractor to discuss his performance and reported on the remedial actions being taken. Contractor’s payment for February was agreed. Stafford Mount Working Party – Ashley Ball has done a design and Alice Meacham has offered one too. Also hard landscaping needs attention before any replacement planting can be done. WP will report back finally next month. The Council and the Horticultural Society will donate one tree each in autumn to replace the chestnut tree. Cllr Brown reported that the cemetery compound gates are serviceable in the short term but will need replacement with something better in the near future. Clerk to find out if EDDC will supply an extra public waste bin near Glebelands for dog waste.
11. **Playground:** Seesaw safety surface removed by vandals. Clerk to order a repair kit. Meeting was suspended briefly at 8.45 for Mrs Denham to speak about drainage improvements. A decision on a toddler slide will be made at the next meeting once the grant is confirmed.
12. **Emergency Plan:** Cllr Turner was thanked for all his hard work. It was resolved unanimously that the updated Emergency Plan should be approved with corrections noted re: phone numbers and sandbag holders (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Forrester).

- 13. **County Councillor’s report.** Locality budget will be available again next year – also extra money per elector from DCC/EDDC.
- 14. **District Councillor’s report.** All Streetscene operatives can hand out notices to dog foulers. Andrew Ennis will organise a stakeout! Bins outside VH are a known problem. Community fund for community assets has been announced. Broadband – LR exchange may be upgraded. Parishioners/businesses urged to register interest.
- 15. **Meetings attended by Councillors.** Cllr Clarke-Irons attended an Exeter Community Transport meeting; services will have to go to tender and new driver standards will be imposed. He will be attending another Ring & Ride meeting on 19/3.
- 16. **Any other business:** none.
- 17. **Declarations of interest** with respect to item 18: Cllr Forrester declared a personal and prejudicial interest. The meeting was suspended at 9:10 for the open forum, and reconvened *in camera* at 9:25. Cllr Forrester left before the next item.
- 18. **Selection of maintenance contractor.** The interview panel reported the results of its interviews and deliberations. It was resolved to re-appoint Gary Sims for 2012-2013 (proposed Cllr Mason, seconded Cllr Killingback) 5 for, 3 against.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date