

The meeting of the Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 7.15pm. Chairman Cllr Garland.

Present: Cllrs Frost, Duffin, Garland, Kidson, Mason, Ostler, Pratt, Pullinger, Turner, and 4 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr James (away), and Cllr Pratt (unwell). There were no questions for the Open Forum.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the February 2016 meeting (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pullinger).
3. **Matters arising:** Emergency road signs have been ordered and Cllr Ostler will invoice the Council so that the grant can be claimed. There was some discussion over whether the Millennium Copse lime trees need trimming/topping or felling. Cllr Duffin to get quotes for both. No successful quote has yet been achieved for the cemetery Macrocarpas – Cllr Ostler will keep trying. No projects for Queen’s 90th birthday celebration would be nominated to EDDC, but Clerk to put a note in the *Parish News* asking for volunteers per road to organise a litter pick in early April under “Clean for the Queen”.
4. **New clerk:** Mr Ricky Neave has accepted the Council’s offer of the post of Clerk and RFO and will take up his duties at the start of April.
5. **Pecuniary or other interests** none.
6. **Planning: Applications considered by Planning Committee:** (see committee minutes for full details).
 - **Larks Hey Woodhouse Hill** Variation of condition 2 of permission 15/0151/FUL to allow relocation of garage and addition of window and door at ground floor level of garage, and enlargement of door approved at first floor level. *No objection subject to conditions*
 - **The Lookout St Marys Lane** Construction of replacement dwelling (revised design to 15/1773/FUL) and swimming pool *No objection*
 - **Beech House Woodhouse Lane** Construction of two storey and single storey side extensions; enlargement of existing porch and construction of detached garage (demolition of conservatory) *No objection*
 - **Beech House Woodhouse Lane** Extra info re. tree protection received since Planning Committee meeting. It was resolved unanimously that this minor additional information did not require a new response from the Council (proposed Cllr Mason, seconded Cllr Garland).

Applications approved by EDDC:

- **Land adjacent Glebelands T14 and T23** - Ash - fell. T16 and T21 - Sycamore – fell. *Approved with conditions re replacement trees.*
- **Rhode Hill Lodge Rhode Lane T1, Oak:** Reduce. G1, Beech: Reduce. *Approved with standard conditions*

Three LRTC cllrs came to the February planning meeting to discuss the **park and ride** – Cllr Turner reported on their comments, but no formal response could be made until the application was submitted. Their positive approach to working with the Council was appreciated.

Neighbourhood Plan: reconsultation with various statutory bodies is in progress, then the plan goes to EDDC before examination and referendum.

7. **Finance:** The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Pullinger, seconded Cllr Kidson). The Clerk reported that Cllr Garland had checked the bank reconciliation for February, payments made vs bank statement, and March payments vs invoices. The churchyard inspection had revealed the poor state of repairs of the walls and contradictory advice was given by Church and our insurers. It was resolved to authorise up to £750 in legal fees to take advice

from a specialist solicitor re. insurance responsibility and state of repair (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Mason) (s.215(2) of the LGA 1972). Several Insurance quotes have been received – it was agreed that the Finance Committee would look at the detail and select a provider.

8. Correspondence.

- Work was halted on the Venlake stone trap after a dispute about the correct design. J Galt DCC Flood Risk Mgmt is getting a new engineering design. There are similar concerns about the one at Cuckoo Lane.
- Clerk spoke to EDDC Enforcement Officer. The landowner at Hartgrove Hill Farm has submitted a planning application for the “pods” which is currently being validated. There seems to be some uncertainty over whether this will ever be possible, and the legal enforcement process is continuing in the mean time. Complaint to the Local Authority Ombudsman cannot be made unless there is an unsuccessful formal complaint direct to EDDC. Roadside signs need enforcement: Clerk to follow up.
- Uplyme FC request to allocate s106 monies to drainage works on the football field. Clerk has since spoken to s106 Officer. D Cllr Thomas to be asked to chase up in the absence of the promised report from Ms Tallack.
- SWAS ask for MOU to be returned once defibrillator is installed, and asking about training dates. Installation of cabinet needs organising. Cllr Ostler is checking a safe location first.
- Request from E Blundell for council to back petition about superfast broadband provision in N and W of parish. It was understood his petition had already been rejected, and he would be referred to Trinity Broadband Group who have the expertise and knowledge.
- DCC may not provide any money for grass cutting despite what B Hoare hinted. Two quotes of £25/hour from local contractors. Clerk to ask C Cllr Knight for assistance.
- New footbridge will be installed on KGV field on 14/03. Clerk to ask Emma Hellier about it and find out if a “closed” notice is required.
- Draft date for highways meeting with N Dyson and MP – April 7th. Cllrs Turner, Ostler and Garland will attend.

9. **Parish council land:** grass cutting tender will have to be deferred in the absence of info re. DCC contribution. Another contractor may be asked re. rebuilding walls at Stafford Mount if R Fisher is still too busy.

10. Reports to note:

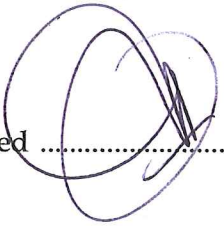
- i) Finance: position at 29/02/16
- ii) Lengthsman: let Council know if any special areas of concern.
- iii) Highway matters: entrance to Ethelston’s Close – parking on white line corner is dangerous – a black Ford Ka is chief culprit. Clerk to write to school once Cllr Ostler has provided the registration number.
- iv) Playground: some moles are back.
- v) Meetings attended by Councillors: Cllr Ostler went to Coastal Highways meeting. Cannington culvert has collapsed and is being replaced at a future date. Also lumpy section of Harcombe Road.
- vi) County Councillor’s report: Golden Hands is a scheme for low-income parents to get nursery provision. Council will need to spend locality money (£1000) by December, so a capital project should be identified before then.

11. **Any other business:** none.

The meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum part 2: Cllr Ostler will talk to John Galt about using the goyle by the railway line as a stone trap. Defibrillator training could possibly be shared with Lyme Regis.

The retiring Clerk was presented with gifts from current and past Cllrs and members of the public, for which she was very appreciative. She thanked all present for the kind sentiments expressed and wished her successor the same support she had received.

There being no other business, the meeting closed 8.35pm.

Signed  Chairman

Date 13 Apr 2016