

The annual council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th May 2010 at 7:30. Chairman Cllr Mason.

Present: Cllrs Brown, Clarke-Irons, Denham, Forrester, Frost, Mason, Pratt, Sellers, Whiting; D Cllr Thomas and 8 (later 10) members of the public.

1. **Election of Chairman:** Cllr Mason was proposed by Cllr Denham and seconded by Cllr Sellers. He was elected unanimously.

A vote of thanks for Cllr Denham’s 10 years of devoted service to the Council as Chairman was proposed by Cllr Clarke-Irons, seconded by Cllr Sellers and carried unanimously.

2. **Election of Vice Chairman:** Cllr Whiting was proposed by Cllr Mason and seconded by Cllr Frost. He was elected unanimously. The Chairman thanked Cllr Clarke-Irons for his vice-chairmanship, and especially for his hard work and fund-raising for the Children’s Playground.

3. **Appointment of Officers and Committees etc:** the following appointments were made:

RFO	Clerk
Internal Auditor	Cllr Brown
Tree Warden	Mr D Sole
Planning Committee	Cllrs Whiting (chair), Mason, Pratt, Turner; to be reviewed next month
Finance Committee	Defer appointments till next month
Footpaths co-ordinator	Cllr Whiting, assisted by Cllr Sellers, Cllr Forrester
Maintenance supervisor	Cllr Sellers
Children’s Playground supervisor	Cllr Clarke-Irons
Emergency Plan working party	Cllrs Sellers, Turner, Whiting and Frost

The following representatives to serve on outside bodies as Council representatives:

Village Hall	Cllr Pratt
King George Field	Cllr Denham
Uplyme Charities	Cllr Denham
Ring & Ride	Cllr Clarke-Irons
Police Liaison	Cllr Sellers to stand in for the present
School Trustee	Cllr Frost

4. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Turner for medical reasons, and from C Cllr Knight and PCSO Jones who had other engagements.

5. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the April 2010 meeting were adopted and signed.

6. **Matters arising:** none.

7. **Planning:**

Applications dealt with by Planning Committee

- **The Chantry Rhode Lane.** Modifications to approved rear kitchen/dining room extension and balcony (revisions to previous permission). **Comments:** The Parish Council has no objections to this application.
- **Lynwood Lime Kiln Lane** (amended plans). Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and erection of replacement two storey dwelling and detached garage.

Comments: The proposal is an amendment to the proposal to replace an existing 2 bedroom bungalow by a 4 bedroom two storey house. The site is within the Uplyme Development Area and within an AONB. The amended plans indicate a reduction in height of one metre in the roof level from the original proposal. The plans submitted are not dimensioned and cannot be scaled, having been changed in scale from the 1:100 at which they were drawn and no floor levels are given so as to be able to determine any proposed reduction in height from the initial application.

The house would take up virtually all of the existing width of the plot and can be considered as overdevelopment. The existing bungalow is relatively low, and visually not obtrusive. However, the proposed design will be a skyline building and will be very obvious to both neighbours and other residents of Uplyme. No attempt is made to blend the building into the scenery, the application says that it is ‘place(d) on the footprint of the existing bungalow’, whereas in fact it appears to be larger in plan, especially with the doubling in size of the garage. However, it is estimated that the volume of the new amended structures would be between three and four times that of the existing structure, with most of the increased volume being elevated above that of the existing bungalow. This is not the ‘harmonious character, blending in with its existing neighbours’, as envisaged in the Uplyme Parish Design Statement, as approved by East Devon District Council. No

reference is made to new tree planting to try to break up the effects on the skyline, and because the new structure takes up the width of the site, such planting would be impossible at either the front or sides of the new building.

The building design is still to give maximum volume for minimum construction costs, and the reduction in height, although welcome, maintains this principle. Such design, although it might be acceptable in Wokingham or other London dormitories, does not 'seek to promote 'the best of local styles' as required by the Uplyme Parish Design Statement, Guidance Note 2 (local styles – page DS-2), nor does it incorporate any local building materials, such as chert (Page DS-5), Its height, scale and character do not attempt to achieve village scale and character, although this is referred to on page DS-3 of the Design Statement, by means such as reduced roof heights, use of dormers or other methods of trying to meld into the local architecture and/or the actual scenery.

Objections have again been raised by neighbours, and should be taken into account in any consideration of this application, including drainage, access and removal of hedges, and ground stability for a two storey building, having mind to the history of the site and local area, including its previous use in connection with the quarry, the possible use of quarry waste to build up the site, and the presence of old lime kilns. In view of the geological conditions, it is recommended that a site investigation be made and a construction method statement prepared, in accordance with page 4 of the Design Statement. The Parish Council does not support this application as submitted.

- **Land Adj Venlake Lane (Roseneath).** Formation of parking area and construction of retaining walls. **Comments:** The Parish Council supports this application. It is a very welcome proposal to try to alleviate parking problems which can obstruct Public Service Vehicles, including fire engines.
- **Chatterton House, Shire Lane, Dorset (WDDC).** Demolish Chatterton House. Erect 14 apartments. **Comments:** The Parish Council has no objections to the development, although it considers that it will totally change the Shire House as an individual building.

Applications being considered

- **Two Hoots Yawl Hill Lane.** Construction of side & rear extensions to dwelling and detached double garage in front garden.

Applications granted or refused by EDDC since last meeting

- **Little Winters Rocombe.** Conversion of existing stables and rebuilding of wall on north west elevation to form ancillary residential accommodation. Granted.
- **Land adjacent Glebelands.** T1A Ash reduce canopy by 20% and remove epicormic growth. Refused. The Council expressed its pleasure that this unnecessary application has been refused.
- **Lymewood Retirement Home Woodhouse Lane.** Revision to approved conservatory (07/2600/FUL/ & 2605/LBC) and extension to two existing porches. Granted.

Other planning. Willow Cottage: a deputation from Uplyme is going to see Mrs Little on 20th May to hear why the permission was granted. Cllr Mason will attend.

8. Finance : The Clerk reported on the **current position at 30th April 2010:**

Current Account	10,781.14	Including Restricted Funds of :	
Business Instant Access A/c	5,352.84	Footpath funds	2763.06
Millennium Tree Fund	55.06	Uplyme Speed Campaign	879.01
	<u>16,189.04</u>	Playground funds	2491.42
		Locality funding	750.00
			<u>6,883.49</u>

Payments Out

Grounds maintenance	508.33
Clerk's expenses	19.76
Clerks salary	410.28
Councillor's expenses	15.57
SLCC membership subscription	95.00
Axe Valley Ring & Ride donation	250.00
Citizens Advice Service E. Devon donation	200.00
Uplyme Parish News donation	50.00
King George V Playing Field donation	500.00
Parish Online mapping service subscription	40.00
VAT	7.00
	<u>2,095.94</u>

Payments In

Bank interest	0.22
	<u>0.22</u>

Notes:

1. although precept was supposed to be paid last month as shown in the March balance sheet it has not appeared in the current bank statement, so will appear in this year (2010-2011).
2. Adjustment in playground funds since March statement reflects error discovered in books when doing end of year figures - will be discussed with internal auditor.

The Clerk submitted the list of current payments for inspection. It was resolved unanimously to pay the subscription to DALC (proposed Cllr Clarke-Irons, seconded Cllr Pratt).

<i>cheque #</i>	<i>payee, re</i>	<i>amount</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Net</i>
1178	L Wakeman – overtime, March	75.75		75.75
1179	G Sims – grounds maintenance	479.17		479.17
1180	Axminster DAPC subscription	10.00		10.00
1181	DPFA subscription	35.00		35.00
1182	DALC subscription	339.68	38.68	301.00
1183	Communication Arts - web hosting	117.50	17.50	100.00
1184	P Frost – travel	13.50		13.50
1185	B Denham – Travel	28.25		28.25
1186	B Mason – Travel	10.25		10.25

The Clerk reported that Mr Gerry Lack had agreed to audit the accounts. It was agreed to pay the Clerk’s overtime for April, 10.875 hrs. The matter of changing the Council’s bankers would be deferred for consideration by the Finance Committee when it was convened. The Clerk will take advice on whether it is possible to reallocate Uplyme Speed Campaign funds – but not until the effectiveness or otherwise of the promised SpeedVisor is apparent.

9. **Footpaths** – Cllr Mason met DCC surveyor of paths and agreed who pays for what – the Council commitment was for some posts. G. Sims has quoted £85 – this was agreed to be the best quote. Glen contractor (to do the scraping) has been met, but after 3 weeks Cllr Mason has still heard nothing. FP83 has electric fence over footpath, although habitual route is still passable. Cllr Whiting to follow up. Diversion order at Old Mill will probably go ahead at landowner’s expense. Cllr Clarke-Irons to look at Village Hall mapcase to see how it can be opened for the new definitive map.
10. **Highway matters:** The defects list was circulated. Salt bins – Cllr Forrester reported that 4 bins will be available for whole of Devon; we may possibly get one – but salt bags can be delivered everywhere they have been requested. Clerk to contact C Cllr Knight re Rocombe road damage.
11. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** Contractor’s payment for April was agreed, and this month’s at the initial contracted rate. Missing War Memorial stonework: it was resolved unanimously to accept the quote from Woodbury Stone Restoration Ltd in the sum of £405 (proposed Cllr Clarke-Irons, seconded Cllr Denham) – Clerk to arrange before November as a condition. Stone must match and area must be left clean and clear after the work.
12. **Standing orders.** Cllr Mason thanked Cllrs Whiting and Brown for doing the draft. Any proposed amendments must be made in writing to Clerk or Chairman in time for consideration at next month’s meeting.
13. **County Councillor’s report.** The Clerk read C Cllr Knight’s report, which explained his appointments, and noted that locality funding would again be available to the parish this year.
14. **District Councillor’s report.** D Cllr Thomas thanked Cllr Denham for her guidance and support. Rationalisation Panel is looking at organisation of whole EDDC structure. Joint Integration Committee is working to cut costs by shared working with S Somerset DC. Housing fraud – there is a crackdown on subletting, deception, wrongly claimed succession, with reporting hotline. Cllr Thomas has been appointed to Seaton Regeneration Board, and Development Mgmt Committee.
15. **Meetings attended by Councillors:** Cllr Denham and the Clerk attended very useful Code of Conduct training, Cllr Frost attended a Mrs Ethelston’s Trustee meeting – the school is absolutely full and looking for different playtime areas to cut congestion. Cllr Denham attended the Axminster DALC meeting – a very useful presentation on VAT. There will be Clerk’s VAT training in September.
16. **Correspondence:** The Clerk summarised correspondence received. The Council decided not to subscribe to Devon CPRE; DALC newsletter included revised mileage rates, and guidance for councillors who are also trustees. Any councillors wishing to join the Community Council of Devon Members Forum should ask the Clerk for the application details.
17. **Any other business:** The Uplyme preschool has requested a letter from the Council supporting their fundraising for the Village Hall extension, and a donation. Subject to receiving a letter giving details, the Clerk will put this on the agenda for next month.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date