

The meeting of the Council was held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 12th April 2017** at 7.15pm.
Chairman Cllr James.

Present: Cllrs Frost, Duffin, Turner, Ostler, Kidson, James, Pullinger, Pratt, B Turner, Mason and 6 members of the public.

1 **Apologies for absence:** None

Meeting adjourned for the **Open Forum:** Parishioner Dan McGinn spoke of his concerns of the planning application 17/0592/RES, Land West Of Herons Brook (At this point Cllr Turner and Cllr B Turner left the room at 7.16pm because of a personal interest) the proposal was to build 4 dwellings which would affect the privacy in his back garden and he has had no communication over this from planning. It was explained from the Councillors that unless the property borders the proposed land of the development they will not be informed and this application had already been granted outline permission previously. Cllr Pratt suggested that the new dwellings will be screened by a hedge and only the roofs will be on view. It was also advised that if the distance between the two properties was in excess of 21 metres that according to planning, privacy is not an issue. Mr McGinn was also advised to check the plan online and to write to EDDC planning of any of his concerns. (Cllr Turner and Cllr B Turner returned to the room at 7.30 pm because of a personal interest in 17/0592/RES)
David Sole (Tree Warden) mentioned the recent tree survey being circulated and thought it would be useful for another member of the council to be involved. Cllr Duffin offered and also Parishioner Terry Sweeney may like to be involved once back from leave.

2 **Adoption of Minutes: RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr B Turner)

3 **Business arising:** None

4 **Pecuniary or other interests:** None

5 **Planning:**

Applications considered by Planning Committee since last meeting:

17/0585/FUL, Churston, Harcombe Road, Single storey extension to front. No objection

17/0593/FUL, White Gate Garage, (Bluebell Holt), Construction of a proposed MOT bay and workshops. No objection

16/2613/FUL, Hartgrove Hill Farm, Trinity Hill Road, Retention of wooden carved bear statue incorporating advert. Objection

17/0633/LBC, The Old Mill, Uplyme, Alterations to outbuilding and change of use to holiday accommodation and ancillary accommodation. No objection

17/0592/RES, Land West Of Herons Brook, (Wadley Hill) Venlake, Erection of 4 no. dwellings (3 no. affordable and 1 no. open market) and community orchard (approval of matters of scale, layout, appearance, access and landscaping pursuant to outline permission 15/1994/OUT). No objection

17/0729/FUL, Daviot, Lyme Road, Demolition of existing and construction of replacement dwelling. No objection

Applications granted or refused by EDDC:

16/3019/LBC, The Carriage House (Lymewood Retirement Home), Lyme Road, Uplyme, DT7 3XA, Change of use of 3no residential care units to create a single dwelling and internal conversion works. Approved

17/0026/FUL, Roweda, Pound Lane, Uplyme, DT7 3TT, Replacement dwelling. Approved

17/0026/FUL (Amended), Roweda, Pound Lane, Uplyme, DT7 3TT, Replacement dwelling (Revised design with revisions to roof design). Approved

17/0042/FUL, Land East Of Cheesecombe Cottage, Harcombe, DT7 3RN, Retention of shed for agricultural storage purposes. Approved

17/0434/FUL, Greenwell Lodge, Woodhouse Hill, Uplyme, DT7 3SL, Construction of single storey rear extension, front and rear dormer windows and detached garage. Approved

17/0464/FUL, Hazelwood, Rocombe, DT7 3RR, Construction of detached car port. Approved

17/0162/FUL, Hunters Cross Farm, Yawl Hill Lane, Uplyme, DT7 3RW, Demolition of outbuildings and replacement with annexe accommodation. Refused

17/0585/FUL, Churston, Harcombe Road, Axminster EX13 5TB, Single storey extension to front. Approved

Planning (Other): Cllr Turner re-iterated as advised by DALC, the decision making in the Uplyme Planning process and that the chairman of the planning committee can have their own vote, as well as the normal casting vote in the event of an equality of votes. Also, just knowing a planning applicant is not by itself a reason to declare an interest, which would have to be declared by individual councillors not the council as a body corporate. If however a councillor was a business associate, or neighbour that might mean they should declare a pecuniary interest – if they were a very close friend then a personal interest might be appropriate. But in small communities its inevitable people know one another and would not in itself be a barrier to considering the planning application.

5a Neighbourhood Plan Update: The recent Lyme Regis Park & Ride planning application was discussed which was rejected by the Uplyme Planning committee with certain areas conflicting with the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr James suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan would have to be amended to reflect the current situation for a strategy to be found to support the Park & Ride.

The plan was examined this week and there was no need for it to be forwarded to a public hearing which is good news but some contentious questions will be coming back to the Parish for answering. Cllr Ostler queried that it is possible to change the Neighbourhood Plan on any queries up to the final decision.

5b Built-up Area Boundaries (BUAB) update: After a meeting recently with a EDDC planning officer, certain areas of Boundaries were discussed by Councillors regarding the decisions being made by EDDC on new policies that have not been implemented to date, Lime Kiln Lane is an example of this.

6 Finance:

The Clerk presented the current situation for the financial year regarding income versus expenditure. Also, the Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. The Clerk reported that Cllr James had checked the bank reconciliation for March 2017, payments made vs bank statement and April 2017 payments vs invoices.

RESOLVED: The current finance payments and schedule were approved (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pullinger)

6a Neighbourhood Planning Funding:

The Council were informed by Cllr James that funding up to a maximum of £4,075.00 for Uplyme Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Group had been successful and will be received in the Parish account late April 2017 for specific earmarked reserves.

6b Stafford Mount/Pound Cottage:

The Council considered and discussed the offer from Mr A Kippax of £3000.00 plus reasonable legal fees for the agreed piece of Parish Council land at Stafford Mount. It was decided that further discussions should involve a proposal of the original offer but all legal costs should be met by Mr Kippax. Cllr Ostler will meet and lead the negotiations directly with Mr Kippax.

RESOLVED: Subject to agreement regarding the boundaries with Mr Kippax and agreement that Mr Kippax pay all associated legal costs and also for any fencing it was agreed that the Council sell the parcel of land. All subject to contract. (proposed Cllr Ostler, seconded Cllr Mason). It was noted that Cllr Duffin was against this proposal.

6c Earmarked Reserves:

RESOLVED: It was considered and resolved that the Council will carry over the earmarked reserves currently £12,764.85 as they are to 2017/18. (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Kidson)

6d Uplyme Parish Finance Committee:

The Finance committee agreed and set a date on the 26/04/2017 at 4.00 pm for a meeting.

6e Clerks Salary:

RESOLVED: It was resolved that the Council agreed to the contracted annual increase to the Clerks salary to £10.467 per hour. (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr B Turner)

7 Correspondence:

Email items already forwarded to Councillors:

Councillor Jim Knight FW: The Future of Blue-Light Services: Assessing the Policing and Crime Act and Embedding Collaboration in Every Area 10/04/2017

Hayley.WIDGER@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk Crime Report 2016 07/04/2017

Hayley.WIDGER@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk 3. March KA town Rural Crime Report 2017 07/04/2017

Kirby, Andrew RE: Urgent Action Needed - Uplyme Roads and Signage 04/04/2017

LymeForward £5.6 Million boost for the Dorset Coastal Connections project along the Dorset coast -

LymeForward CCT secure significant funding for local projects 03/04/2017

Ricky Neave Urgent Action Needed - Uplyme Roads and Signage 31/03/2017

Elaine Pawsey Lyme Regis Civic Day 29/03/2017

Amanda Coombes Cabinet agenda 5 April 2017 28/03/2017

Helena Golding Parish Councillor Survey 27/03/2017

Charlotte Parkinson New premises licence 24/03/2017

Jill Humphreys DCC Election 4 May 2017 - Notice of Election - UNCLASSIFIED: 22/03/2017

Linda Renshaw East Devon Villages Plan - Proposed Submission 22/03/2017

Andrew Kippax Offer for land at Pound Cottage 20/03/2017

Jamie Buckley Have your say on East Devon District Council's amended proposals to change street trading rules 14/03/2017

8 Parish Council Land:

Cemetery: Cllr Ostler reported the condition of the tarmac paths and entrances throughout the cemetery are deteriorating fast and will be acquiring quotes on remedial work.

Also a working party of Cllr Ostler, Mason, Pratt and B Turner will be doing a site visit on Saturday, 15th April 2017 to evaluate the fir trees in the middle of the cemetery and the possibility and cost of removal to make way for future internments.

Millennium Copse: After several years of endeavour the transfer of the Millennium Copse land to Uplyme Parish Council is nearing completion, albeit, the acquisition of a legal Land Registry compliant plan for the land is causing some problems. Cllr James is seeking advice and the acquisition of a legal land registry compliant plan to finalise the transfer from the solicitors.

8a Signage: To consider and agree road signage in Uplyme Parish:

Councillors discussed the latest serious incident of an HGV being stuck again in Woodhouse Hill and once again possible actions to alleviate the recurring problem. Most members were in favour of purchasing our own signs and erecting them but were advised by Cllr Turner that Highways could take them down as they are not compliant. Cllr Turner will speak to Brian Hoare (Highways Officer) again and a possible way forward. The committee urged members and the public to report future incidents to the Police as these are recorded and acted on.

9 Reports to note:

a **Finance:** position at 31/03/2017

b **Footpaths:** Cllr Turner reported on the latest news of LymeForward being awarded £274,000 to create the Lyme Regis Trail Link - an artist inspired trail connecting the Town Mill and Uplyme village. Cllr Turner was thanked for all his hard work with the working group of LymeForward and also suggested we write a thank you letter to Adrian Ragbourne.

Cllr Mason reported that the footpath steps between the Village Hall and Pound Lane have finally been painted white for visibility.

c **Lengthsman:** NTR

d **Highways:** NTR.

e **Playground:** NTR.

f **Flooding, Emergency Plan:** Cllr Ostler enquired about the current status of the flood gates and stone trap through Cuckoo Lane to Venlake. Clerk to write to parishioner Lois Wakeman on the situation with her land and if there has been any contact from Highways.

g **Meetings attended by Councillors:** Cllr James attended the Lyme Regis Mayors civic day, discussion of a possible joint group between Uplyme and Lyme Regis for combined interests.

h **County Cllr's report:** No County Councillor in post to date. Cllr James to write on behalf of Uplyme Parish Council to thank Jim Knight for previous support.

i **District Cllr's report:** Cllr Thomas reported and handed out newsletters of the local elections and the importance of voting, there are four candidates and polling day is May 4th 2017. Also, briefed the members and public on ward changes, the village plan consultation, the new improved recycling service - to start Monday 12th June, the Enterprise Zone at the Science Park Development, the latest Health report from the Northern Eastern & Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group, all details can be found at <http://www.trinitymatters.co.uk>

Open forum part 2: Parishioner John Fowler reinforced the need for signage and action over the latest HGV that was stuck for fourteen hours in Woodhouse Hill and the recurrence of this is unacceptable and dangerous for the Village. Also, Gore Lane is frequently being used by HGV's causing obstruction and damage to residents properties which is why signage must be installed. David Sole (Tree Warden) noted that he would not oppose the felling of the fir trees in the cemetery if necessary.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at **8.13** pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: