

The meeting of the Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th December 2015 at 7.15pm.
Chairman Cllr Garland.

Present: Cllrs, Frost, Garland, James, Kidson, Mason, Ostler, Pratt, Pullinger, Turner, and 8 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Duffin (at a party).
Meeting adjourned for the Open Forum, at which matters discussed included thanks for drainage work in Church Street; workmen should be commended for their helpfulness. Venlake closure did not happen, apparently owing to unclear plans and no-one available to answer questions at DCC Highways. Clerk is awaiting clarification from Bob Reed and C Cllr Knight will follow up.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the November 2015 meeting (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pullinger).
3. **Matters arising:** none.
4. **Pecuniary or other interests.** None.
5. **Planning: Applications considered by the Planning Committee:** (see committee minutes for full details).
 - **Land Adjacent to Lyme Road (Adjoining Uplyme Village Hall) Uplyme.** Bestic Ethelston School Foundation. Construction of two storey school building; improvements to an existing access off Lyme Road, car parking, all weather play and sports area, grassed playing field and associated infrastructure (outline application with matters of appearance and landscaping reserved). *No objection subject to clarification of plans.*
Note: Trustees' consultant and EDDC are resolving problems with the school plans, which must be resubmitted by next Wednesday.
 - **Ayot Gore Lane.** Replacement dwelling (amended and additional plans including revised footprint of proposed garage). *No objection.*
 - **Harcombe House Harcombe.** T1, Cupressus - Fell. *No objection.*
 - **Annie's Field Farm (land north of Carswell Farm).** Erection of agricultural workers' dwelling. *No objection subject to conditions.*
 - **East Marches Launchcroft.** Removal of condition 3 of planning permission 12/1837/VAR to allow unrestricted use of dwelling. *Objection.*
 - **Hunters Moon Yawl Hill Lane.** Construction of replacement dwelling (revised position and design to application 15/0695/FUL). *No objection.*
 - **Colmers Woodhouse Fields.** Proposed two storey side extension (including removal of existing outbuilding). *Objection.*

Applications granted or refused by EDDC:

- **Hook Farm Camping and Caravan Site, Gore Lane.** Proposed additional 35 tent pitches, alterations and extensions to toilet block. *Approved with conditions re ecology and landscaping.*
- **Land South Of St Ewe Yawl Hill Lane.** Outline application for the erection of a dwelling. *Refused on sustainability and habitat loss grounds.*
- **Ayot Gore Lane.** Replacement dwelling (amended and additional plans including revised footprint of proposed garage). *Approved with numerous conditions.*

Neighbourhood Plan: a draft was submitted to EDDC for pre-approval, and was approved with minor corrections. 10 potential housing sites were toured with EDDC and Highways. Each has been appraised, and 3 or 4 of the best will be proposed in the plan. Public consultation meeting on 23rd Jan – 11-3pm. Meeting suspended to hear from D Cllr Thomas: significant weight is given to NPs even when only in draft form (e.g. as happened for consideration of affordable housing at DM Committee yesterday.)

6. **Finance:** The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Frost). The Clerk reported that Cllr Garland had checked the bank reconciliation for November, payments made vs bank statement, and December payments vs invoices.
Cllr Garland to liaise with Clerk over how to handle payments, given delay in opening new bank account. Mole catcher has been employed after so many molehills appeared in the playground and someone having had an accident.
7. **Representatives:** Cllr Ostler was appointed to the Seaton Coastal Traffic Group. Cllr Turner left the meeting for another appointment. Cllrs were asked to volunteer to represent the Council at outside meetings, since so much of the burden was currently taken by the Chairman.
8. **Correspondence.**
 - Defibrillator. Council will need to find an installer, and then arrange times for a training session. Will need a notice on the wall re not using on forecourt, and training for staff. Clerk to put Cllr Ostler in touch with SWAS re. a site visit.
 - Brian Hoare had shown plans for grass cutting that used to be done by SWH. He thought the past cost was about £2000/pa. Plans to be circulated before making a decision.
 - Parishes Together has a new scheme whereby ditching and drainage work can be funded per single council, as long as it's done to a higher standard than by DCC. It was agreed to apply for funds.
 - A resident reported that the SWH contractors had packed up and left without doing anything at Venlake. Their plans were not clear and they had been unable to get anyone at DCC to come out and tell them what to do. Clerk to follow this up with Highways.
 - Honeysuckle Cottage: meeting suspended to hear from IT re. amended plans and his objections.
9. **Parish council land:** whips have been planted at the Millennium Copse.
10. **Reports to note:**
 - i. **Finance:** position at 30/11/15
 - ii. **Footpaths:** Lyme Forward project may result in upgrades to the East Devon Way esp. by the mill. Meeting suspended to hear from IT re. CCT plan and C Cllr Knight re. disposal of planings. Reminder about notifying Cllr Garland with any footpath problems.
 - iii. **Playground** refurbishment now complete in line with annual safety report – paid for from reserves.
 - iv. **Meetings:** Cllr Kidson reported on a Ring and Ride meeting – grants not yet all in. New minibus should be operational on 1st March.
 - v. **C Cllrs report:** Crogg Lane resurfacing is put back to next year. DCC council tax increase of 1.99% plus possible 2% for care costs. Fire service, police precepts likewise.
 - vi. **D Cllrs report:** EDDC looking to do its own broadband rather than using CDS. Heart of the SW devolution is marching on.
11. **Any other business:** Cllrs heard about a proposed national clear-up for Queen's birthday on March 4th-6th. Clerk will be on leave from from 21st December to 2nd January.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.25.

Open forum part 2. School plans – surface water behind pavilion would flood the tennis court. Council asked to keep an eye on the situation. Clerk to ask about Pound Cottage auction.

Signed

Chairman

Date