

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

Present: Cllrs Duffin, Frost, Garland, Kidson, Ostler, Pratt, Pullinger, Turner, and 7, later 5, members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Mason (who had visitors) and Cllr James (who was away), also D Cllr Thomas and PCSO Trott.
Meeting adjourned for the Open Forum, at which matters discussed included closure of Church Street in Lyme Regis, and consequent removal of bus service. Clerk to write to Dorset CC protesting at the inconvenience (esp. re Dorchester hospital) and ask for shuttle service. St Mary's Lane. Civil dispute re. construction of "The Lookout" was discussed, and Cllr Thomas's opinion was read out.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the August 2015 meeting (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pullinger).
3. **Matters arising:** Local builders currently unwilling to estimate for repairing broken drain cover by Pound Cottage: Cllr Ostler to have a look. Defibrillator – waiting to hear from Ambulance Service; cost in excess of £1300. PCSO has been monitoring parking.
4. **Pecuniary or other interests.** Cllr Kidson declared an 'other' interest in item 9 vi. as a Trustee of King George's Field, and abstained from speaking or voting thereon.
5. **Planning: Application considered at the meeting:**
 - **15/1993/CPE Valley View Farm Lime Kiln Lane** Certificate of lawfulness for building operations of a timber building and its use as a dwelling for a period in excess of four years.
It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows:
"The Parish Council objects to the application. The Council has written evidence that the structure has not been used as a permanent residence for 4 years but as a holiday home, contrary to the applicant's statement. Secondly, the dimensions of the building are larger than originally specified by EDDC as acceptable.
The enforcement history of the site and the dates in the application itself should be checked for more details (especially regarding claimed dates), and a site meeting should be organised. If passed this would set an unacceptable precedent for dwellings in the countryside"(proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Ostler).

Applications considered by the Planning Committee: (see committee minutes for full details).

- **Lark Rising Spring Head Road (ex Spring Gables).** Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extensions (demolition of existing conservatory) incorporating balconies to first floor east elevation. *No objection in principle, but concerns about overlooking*
- **Yawl House Lyme Road (regular and LBC).** Demolition of existing building and erection of new building for use as a water bottling plant and storage (extra information). *No objection*
- **Harcombe Cross Harcombe Road.** Approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for construction of a single dwelling house. *No objection*
- **The Old Dairy House Rhode Lane.** Removal of condition 3 of permission 05/3162/FUL to unrestricted residential use of outbuilding. *Objection*
- **Mast Trinity Hill Road.** Replacement of various antennae, installation of 3 no. equipment cabinets, plus ancillary works. *No objection*

Applications granted by EDDC:

- **Talbot Arms Hotel Lyme Road.** Construction of side extension. *Approved with conditions re. materials*
- **Elton Lyme Road.** Changes in first floor layout to create additional bedroom and to provide additional bathroom and shower facilities. *Approved retrospectively*

6. **Finance:** The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Kidson). Three cheques (all previously approved) were written after the last meeting. The Clerk reported that Cllr Garland had checked the bank reconciliation for August, payments made vs bank statement, and September cheques vs invoices. Date for Finance Committee meeting was set on 30th September at 2.30. Cemetery fees were discussed but are to remain as they are. An estimate for a better PA system for the Village Hall was presented by Cllr Garland. The Clerk is to apply for Awards for All funding, in the hope of having an answer by the November meeting. (Since the system proposed is not just for the benefit of Council meetings, the entire cost could not be defrayed by the Council.)
7. **Correspondence.** Derek Denning or Jamie Bennett to be asked to flail the roadside sycamore trees by the Millennium Copse (Cllrs Turner and Duffin). Cllr Turner to form a work party to tour the village and issue hedge letters.
8. **Parish council land:** Pound Cottage has been used by schoolchildren as front door not secure; Clerk has reported this. Dog signs on KGV to be replaced with clearer ones, thanks to swift action by EDDC.
9. **Reports to note:**
 - i. **Finance:** position at 31/08/15
 - ii. **Footpaths:** Cathole/Woodhouse FP59/56 is impassable – Clerk to report.
 - iii. **Playground.** Cllrs Ostler and Garland are working their way through the list of defects identified in the inspection report.
 - iv. **Flooding** – Friday 18th at 10am - meeting with MP. Emergency Plan needs review; Cllr Turner and Clerk to address. Cllrs have been contacting flooded houses asking them to respond to DCC questionnaire. Not all were co-operative, despite having their homes damaged.
 - v. **Meetings attended by Councillors.** Cllrs Garland and Ostler attended a meeting with Mr Gear and Mrs Denham to discuss the Licence agreement for the playground. The 12 months agreement was signed as previously agreed by Council. There will be a review at the end of 12 months, at which it was resolved to offer a 2% increase or RPI if higher (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Frost; 6 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention).
 - vi. **County Councillor’s report.** More funding cuts in prospect, locality fund agreed for Village Hall fencing. New method for pothole repair being trialled – this is very effective and longer-lasting.
10. **Any other business:** none.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30.

Open forum part 2. Barnes Meadow hedge at far end of Venlake, and Guinness Trust hedge corner at Venlake Meadow are overgrown. Clerk to send hedge letters.

Signed Chairman

Date