

The Council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7:15pm.

Chairman Cllr Whiting.

**Present:** Cllrs Brown, Frost, Garland, Mason, Pratt, Turner, Wellman, Whiting and 10 members of the public.

Cllr Whiting announced that Cllr Forrester had resigned owing to personal circumstances, and the Council thanked her for all the work she had done for the Council and wished her well.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Ostler who is away. Also D Cllr Thomas at another meeting, and PCSO Wooster.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the March 2014 meeting (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Turner).
3. **Matters arising:** Minute books, and the document held by Cllr Mason, can go to the County Records Office – the Clerk and Cllr Turner to liaise over arranging this.
4. **Pecuniary or other interests.** No requests for dispensation or declarations of interest were received.
5. The Chairman moved to discuss certain reports (listed under item 10 in the agenda) at this point as Cllr Turner might need to leave the meeting early.
  - i. **Highway matters.** The state of the north End of Whalley Lane was very poor but is supposed to be improved soon. Clerk to find out if a one-way system at the north end of Gore Lane/Venlake Lane is possible. Parking on Lyme Road opposite the east end of Venlake Lane is dangerous and would need to be stopped. Cllr Turner had met with Brian Hoare, but Highways need to look again at channelling the springs near the bottom of Whalley Lane. Potholes on minor roads are still a low priority.
  - ii. **Lengthsman.** Parishes Together funding is now assured, but still no indication of what might be due from Highways.
  - iii. **Footpaths.** As previously agreed, scalplings are needed to improve the surface of the Glen (FP63) at the Springhead end. James Booth, Priscilla Taylor and Terry Sweeney will meet to see in detail what needs to be done.
6. **Planning:** The next planning meeting will be on 26/4. No responses to report.

#### **Applications granted by EDDC:**

- **Valley View Lodge Lime Kiln Lane** Retention of bathroom extension
- **Dashwood House Lyme Road T1, Copper Beech:** Lift crown on S W side by removing 3 low 1st order branches. *Removal of dead branch is an exception to the need for an application.*
- **Squirrels Whalley Lane** Alterations and 2 storey extension to front of property *Approved with conditions*
- **Leverton Lyme Road** Replace existing conservatory with rear extension
- **Hornbeam Cottage Tappers Knapp** Construction of garage and formation of new vehicular access *Approved with conditions*
- **Wellhayes Harcombe** Construction of extension

**Neighbourhood Plan** – there had been a 14% return of questionnaires at the time of writing.

**Other planning:** EDDC local plan has been inspected, and will need more work on housing allocations. Cllr Turner reminded the meeting that a large number of houses – if added to the plan – would not necessarily be at the Shire Lane site. Enforcement concerns regarding a caravan at Hillside Farm, and tree replacement near the new agricultural entrance at Burrowshot were discussed, and Councillors asked if significant amendments to approved plans were routinely passed to the Parish Council for comment – Clerk to find out what amendments had been agreed re. Hillside Farm. Councillors also expressed their

concerns that landscaping conditions were not effectively followed up once development was finished, and would keep an eye on Squirrels, Whalley Lane, for that reason

7. **Finance:** The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Frost). The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been concluded earlier in the day, and thanked Cllr Garland for his support in the matter.
8. **Correspondence.**
  - Possible enforcement issues would be followed up. Cllr Turner to visit Staddles, and Cllrs Turner and Mason to visit Valley View Farm to check various concerns.
  - Clerk to write again regarding the caravan rally at Harcombe.
9. **Maintenance of Parish Council land.** Nothing to report.
10. **Reports to note.**
  - i. **Finance** to March 31st.
  - ii. **Flooding WP.** Report from M Hutchings, DCC, received. Gravel traps will be done soon after Easter. Survey finished and hydraulic model being analysed. Engineering design in progress. Funding has been sought. Cllr Frost observed that practical self-help from parishioners was probably all that had stopped flooding this winter.
  - iii. **Playground:** The recent clear-up was carried out by 13 parishioners, though remarkably few of the parents who had complained about the closure took part. Dumpy bag of cuttings is still to be moved; main gate entrance needs scalplings put in to the depression; but facility will be opened now.
  - iv. **Meetings attended by Cllrs:** Cllr Frost reported on the School Trustees meeting. Raised beds installed. School now has 180 pupils. Marshwood, Chardstock and Mrs Ethelston’s will be combining forces. Will be an architect’s brief prepared soon for the new building. Ring & Ride meeting attended by Mrs Kidson – a second vehicle can now be purchased with Parishes Together funding. Cllr Pratt would bring up the issue of a second radio microphone at the next Village Hall Committee meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman

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