

The meeting of the Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th December 2014 at 7:15pm. Chairman Cllr Garland.

Present: Cllrs Duffin, Frost, Garland, Mason, Ostler, Pratt, Turner, Wellman and 8 members of the public. Cllr Brown was absent but conveyed his apologies later to the Clerk.

1. **Election of Chairman and Vice chairman.** Cllr Whiting tendered his resignation as Chairman to the meeting, in writing. Cllr Garland was elected unanimously as Chairman (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Frost), and his declaration of acceptance of office was received. Cllr Duffin was elected unanimously as Vice chairman (proposed Cllr Wellman, seconded Cllr Ostler).
Meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum. Matters discussed included: appreciation for Mr Gregory's tree; possible problems with vehicular access and road safety re: development proposed for land adjacent Lydwell House.
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Whiting who is unwell. Also PCSO Wooster.
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the November 2014 meeting (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pratt.)
4. **Matters arising:** none.
5. **Pecuniary or other interests.** No requests for dispensation or declarations of interest were received.
6. **Vacancies:** councillors were appointed to various posts in Cllr Whiting's continuing absence. Namely, Cllr Pratt on the emergency and flood working parties, Cllrs Wellman and Mason on the Finance Committee, Cllr Duffin on the Personnel and Estate Committee; Cllr Garland will stand in as Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Group.
7. **Planning:**

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

- **Winding Wood (formerly Chestnuts) Trinity Hill Road** Variation of condition 2 of application 14/1198/FUL to vary the design and layout of the dwelling. The Parish Council Planning Committee does not object to the application.
- **Mrs Ethelstons Primary School Pound Lane** Retention of mobile classroom unit. The Parish Council Planning Committee objects to the application.
- **Upper Cottage Rocombe** Raising height of existing chimney on dwelling and alterations to outbuilding. The Parish Council Planning Committee does not object to the application.
- **Upper Cottage Rocombe** Installation of woodburning stove, internal alterations, installation of rooflights, replacement of 2 no. double glazed windows with timber raising of chimney, replacement roof covering of monopitch roof and alterations to outbuilding. The Parish Council Planning Committee does not object to the application.
- **Holly Hill Bungalow Rocombe** New access and closure of existing access. The Parish Council Planning Committee does not object to the application.
- **Land Adjacent Greentie Lyme Road** Erection of dwelling (amendments to approved access details under 14/1554/FUL). The Parish Council Planning Committee does not object to the application subject to conditions.
- **Springfield Farm Harcombe** Conversion and extension of outbuildings to form a unit of holiday accommodation. The Parish Council Planning Committee does not object to the application subject to conditions.

Application determined at the meeting:

- **Doone Whalley Lane** Single storey front extension. It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows:
"The Uplyme Parish Council does not object to this application"(proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Duffin).

Applications granted or refused by EDDC:

- **Braidwood Lyme Road** Construction of double garage *Approved*
- **Land West Of Yawl Hill Lane Uplyme** Erection of 3 no. Polytunnels *Approved*
- **The Crows Nest Ware** Replacement dwelling *Approved with conditions*
- **Coachmans Cottage Woodhouse Fields** Provision of front boundary wall and re-grading of garden levels (retrospective) *Approved with conditions*
- **Land Adjacent Glebelands (12 Glebelands) T1, T2, T3, T4, Ash - Fell. T5 Ash - Pollard** *Approved*
- **Lindens Mill Lane** Proposed balcony and amendments including new windows, door type and provision of new flue (amendments to planning consent 14/0756/FUL - first floor extension over bungalow and new entrance lobby) *Approved with conditions*
- **Hazelwood Harcombe Road T1, Oak: Reduce limb. T2, Ash: Remove damaged limb. T3, Oak: Reduce limbs overhanging the property.** *Approved with conditions*
- **Winding Wood (formerly Chestnuts) Trinity Hill Road** Variation of condition 2 of application 14/1198/FUL to vary the design and layout of the dwelling. *Approved with conditions*
- **Mrs Ethelstons Primary School Pound Lane** Retention of mobile classroom unit.
Temporary approval (3 years)

8. **Finance:** The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them, subject to the proviso for the salary and PAYE/NI cheques that the Clerk's new contract was agreed at the following committee meeting (proposed Cllr Frost, seconded Cllr Turner). The Clerk reported that Cllr Garland had checked the bank reconciliation for November, payments made vs bank statement, and December cheques vs invoices. Cllr Garland reminded the council that ideas for the Parishes Together fund, C Cllr Knight's locality and capital funds were urgently needed, or the funding would be lost.
(The precept agenda item was deferred till January as the tax base figures had only recently been received by the Clerk.)

9. **Correspondence.**

- Cllrs Turner and Garland will be completing the PPP survey next year.
- Cllrs Pratt, Ostler, and Mr Fowler will be attending the flood warden training scheduled for 7 February 2015.
- Clerk to complete survey from DCC re pathfinder grants. Clerk asked some members of emergency team to do a photo for the local press etc. (to be arranged.)
- Great concern was expressed about traffic problems outside Wandas in Venlake, including an ambulance prevented from access and a visiting nurse who had to walk to her destination being unable to drive past. Meeting suspended to hear from D Cllr Thomas. Construction management plan requires reinstatement of layby – hence concrete deliveries that have caused so much inconvenience. DCC Highways are involved in traffic planning. There was concern over the handling by EDDC officers of the proposal for sewerage connections with next door neighbour's system, who were felt not to have been as impartial as they should. Gavin Spiller can supply the revised CMP.
- Mr Sweeney's letter re drainage in Church St was read out.

10. **Maintenance of Parish Council land.** The oak tree surrounds on the triangle were levelled so watering is more effective, and Cllr Wellman provided topsoil. Wild flowers will be planted and the contractor will be asked not to cut the grass so often.

11. **Reports to note.**

- i. **Finance** to November 30th.
 - ii. **Footpaths:** Still waiting for East Devon Way signposts – Mr Sweeney is to follow up with Dorset CC. Dog gates on highland farm are to be paid for from PPP; Footpaths team to organise.
 - iii. **Lengthsman.** Council has not had any responses to tender. Cllr Garland is chasing up potential contractors. It may be possible to carry over funding to next year.
 - vi. **Playground.** Moles are a problem, but no safe way of culling them has been identified.
 - iv. **Flooding WP.** There will be a detailed reply from Council to letter from M Hutchings of DCC (Cllrs Garland and Ostler). Neil Parish MP has been asked to assist in conveying the response to DCC.
 - v. **Meetings attended by Cllrs:** no reports.
 - vi. **C Cllrs report.** Deep cuts for next 2 years. Bus subsidies are being looked at, and many cuts in social and care services are expected. No Highways tour of village till January as B Hoare is off sick.
 - vii. **D Cllrs report.** West Dorset Local Plan hearings in session currently. No mention was made explicitly of East Devon sites; and cross-border co-operation was mentioned. Planning policy change re: s106 money – smaller sites will be exempt. Relocation of EDDC offices probably to be in Honiton and Exmouth. D Cllr Thomas’s considerate contractors proposal was adopted as EDDC policy for developments.
12. **AOB.** Planning Committee December meeting will be a week early. Clerk will be on leave from 22nd December till after the New Year; please only contact her in an emergency.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed Chairman
 Date