

The meeting of the Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 7:15pm. Chairman Cllr Garland.

Present: Cllrs Duffin, Frost, Garland, Mason, Ostler, and 6 members of the public. Cllr Wellman was absent.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Whiting who is unwell, Cllr Pratt who was away, and Cllr Turner at another meeting. Also Cllr Knight. Cllr Brown's apology on medical grounds was received by the Clerk after the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum. Matters discussed included: police report from PCSO Trott, one of two Axminster neighbourhood PCSOs – the other is Hayley Widger. Crimes for December – 4. A burglary, a miscommunication, a vehicle theft, and a making off without payment. Since then, 3 more burglaries in Woodhouse Hill area from empty properties. PCSOs offer free property marking service and advice. New station will be built behind fire station in Axminster, but no public access.

2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the December 2014 meeting (proposed Cllr Ostler, seconded Cllr Frost).
3. **Matters arising:** none.
4. **Pecuniary or other interests.** No requests for dispensation or declarations of interest were received.
5. **Planning:** Cllr Duffin noted the Neighbourhood Plan meeting on 31st – consultation with public, after which policies will be written and consulted on again. Inspection of plan, followed by referendum, will result in an adopted plan if the public votes in favour.

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

- **The Lookout St Marys Lane.** Replacement dwelling. The Parish Council Planning Committee does not object to the application.
- **Lane End Spring Head Road.** Removal of render and replacement lime based render on south gable end wall. The Parish Council Planning Committee does not object to the application subject to conditions.
- **Land Adjacent Regis House Lyme Road.** Erection of 4 no. 2 bed apartments (open market) and 2 no. 1 bed apartments and 1 no. 2 bed dwelling (affordable). The Parish Council Planning Committee objects strongly to the application.
- **Winding Wood Trinity Hill Road.** Construction of detached garage. The Parish Council Planning Committee does not object to the application subject to conditions.
- **Upper Cottage Rocombe.** Amended plans re front elevation of outbuilding. The Parish Council Planning Committee does not object to the application subject to conditions.
- **Solway Cottage Lyme Road.** Provision of dormer windows to rear roofslope and windows one each gable end to facilitate loft conversion (retrospective). The Parish Council Planning Committee does not object to the application.
- **Hamacre Lyme Road.** Replacement dwelling and garage. The Parish Council Planning Committee objects to the application.

Application determined at the meeting:

- **Uplyme Quarry** review of conditions (DCC application). It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: “The Uplyme Parish Council does not object to this application” (proposed Cllr Duffin, seconded Cllr Frost).

Applications granted by EDDC:

- **Braidwood Lyme Road.** Construction of double garage. *Approved.*
- **Regis House Lyme Road.** T1 Oak - Crown raise to give 5.5m clearance over the Highway. *Approved.*
- **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. *Approved with conditions.*

- **Holly Hill Bungalow Rocombe.** New access and closure of existing access. *Approved.*
 - **Doone Whalley Lane.** Single storey front extension. *Approved.*
 - **Springfield Farm Harcombe.** Conversion and extension of outbuildings to form a unit of holiday accommodation. *Approved with conditions.*
 - **Lane End Spring Head Road.** Removal of render and replacement lime based render on south gable end wall. *Approved with conditions.*
 - **Winding Wood Trinity Hill Road.** Construction of detached garage. *Approved with conditions.*
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 - **Solway Cottage Lyme Road.** Provision of dormer windows to rear roofslope and windows one each gable end to facilitate loft conversion (retrospective). *Approved.*
6. **Finance:** The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them, subject to the proviso that the Clerk and Chairman should authorise the cheques for the Village Hall and Creative Solutions for which bills were not available at the meeting (proposed Cllr Frost, seconded Cllr Mason). The Clerk reported that Cllr Garland had checked the bank reconciliation for December, payments made vs bank statement, and January cheques vs invoices (subject to above).
Funding: Meeting was suspended to hear from members of public to see if they had any ideas for DCC locality, capital and Parishes Together funding – tennis court resurface, resurfacing back car park of village hall, adding pinch point at Crogg Lane were suggested. None were felt to be suitable.
7. **Precept.** It was resolved unanimously to set the precept for 2015-2016 at £20,247 (proposed Cllr Duffin, seconded Cllr Mason) in line with the budget approved at the November meeting. The Clerk to send off the papers to EDDC.
8. **Lengthsman contract.** One applicant only has come forward, who will not cover Sidmouth. Chapter 8 training for 4 people has been requested from DCC: no answer as yet.
9. **Correspondence.**
- Following discussion of the vandalism to the oak tree, it was decided to put a decision on siting of a replacement tree on the agenda for February.
 - It was agreed not to pursue the owner of Wandas for payment for the sandbags he had taken.
 - Two reps from the Neighbourhood Plan Group will be attending a conference at Dartington.
10. **Maintenance of Parish Council land.** Developing pothole on apron by cemetery will need attention.
11. **Reports** to note.
- i. **Finance** to December 31st.
 - ii. **Footpaths:** Cllr Turner was absent, but Cllr Garland will follow up dog gates at Highlands with Cllr Turner.
 - iii. **Flooding WP.** Meeting arranged with MP for 27th February.
 - iv. **D Cllrs report.** EDDC Council Tax should stay the same again. Plans for the Park and Ride time extension were submitted on Christmas Eve. No progress to report on local plan or landfill site at golf course.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.23 p.m.

Open forum part 2: a village gateway north of Cook’s Mead roundabout was discussed. Council was asked to write with Axminster and Hawkchurch to the Highways Agency re the Huinters Lodge junction. Cllr Garland has requested a meeting with the Mayor of Axminster and a councillor from Hawkchurch.

Signed Chairman
 Date