

The Meeting of the Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th July 2014 at 7:15pm. Chairman Cllr Whiting. **Present:** Cllrs, Duffin, Frost, Garland, Mason, Ostler, Pratt, Wellman, Whiting and 9 (later 10) members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Brown and Turner who are on holiday. Also D Cllr Thomas, PCSOs Wooster and Trott. C Cllr Knight arrived during the meeting having been delayed at another meeting. Meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the June 2014 meeting (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Wellman.)
3. **Matters arising:** Parishes Together: the Clerk explained that the bid for funding from The Project was made in the mistaken belief that 2013-14 funds were still available. Clerk advised the applicant that the grant would stand if another parish could be found to take part for 2014-15.
4. **Pecuniary or other interests.** No requests for dispensation or declarations of interest were received.
5. **Planning: Applications considered by the Planning Committee:** (see committee minutes for full details)
 - **The Cottage Rocombe** Change of use of land to provide 2 no. car parking spaces and siting of underground gas tank and package sewage treatment plant. *No objection*
 - **Gelsmoor Yawl Hill Lane** Replacement dwelling and garage. *No objection subject to conditions*
 - **Wellhayes Harcombe** Proposed extension (re-submission of 14/0408/FUL). *No objection*
 - **Post Office Lyme Road** Variation of condition 6 of planning permission 11/2179/FUL to replace hedgebank with hazel hurdle fence with planting. *No objection subject to conditions*
Cllr Mason said that there had been objections from neighbours and that the Council should reconsider this response, since it was unlikely that EDDC would allow a site visit. The Clerk is to write again to EDDC saying that a hedgebank would provide much better long-term privacy for the affected neighbours than a hurdle fence, and that the original condition should be upheld.
 - **Longhill Trinity Hill Road** Replacement of garages with 1 bed ancillary building with secure store and parking below. *No objection subject to conditions*

Applications granted by EDDC:

- **Wandas Venlake** Replacement dwelling (revised plans) *Approved with conditions*
Cllrs Garland and Ostler had attended the EDDC Development Management Committee meeting, and spoke about Wandas, but their objections did not change the decision. The Council will write to EDDC Planning asking to have input into the requirements for a construction method statement and limitations on noise, traffic and parking for the site. The letter will also ask why the design statements of the Parish Plan were overridden, and how many of the Cllrs voting had actually visited the site. The Council had been thanked by neighbours on both sides for its efforts.
- **9 Yawl Crescent** Proposed dormer windows *Approved*
- **Winding Wood (formerly Chestnuts) Trinity Hill Road** Construction of replacement dwelling *Approved with conditions*
- **20 Whalley Lane** Construction of first floor rear extension *Approved*
- **Lindens Mill Lane** First floor extension over bungalow and new entrance lobby (revised tree plans) *Approved with conditions*

Shire Lane development: Hallam Land had sent a revised presentation that mentioned 200 houses (although references to the 350 still remain). A meeting with the Council or the Planning Committee to answer questions had been requested, but Cllrs did not see the point of this until a planning application had been submitted. Cllr Whiting reminded members that private meetings with developers were discouraged under the Council's newly-adopted policy.

Considerate contractors scheme. D Cllr Thomas had requested the Council to consider supporting his initiative to get the conditions of this scheme applied to all permissions granted in Trinity Ward. Cllrs recognised that limitations on operating hours, noise etc. were appropriate for many sites where neighbours or traffic flow would be affected, but that each case should be considered on its individual merits to avoid

placing unnecessary burdens on developers. It was resolved unanimously to recommend that the application of the considerate contractors scheme should be considered for all planning applications in Trinity Ward (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Wellman).

Neighbourhood Plan: Both Lyme Regis and Axminster TCs had been consulted with. Landowner consultations are ongoing.

- 6. **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 Cllr Garland had checked the bank reconciliation for June, payments made vs bank statement, and July cheques vs invoices. The Finance Committee had approved estimates of up to £1000, and £2147.34, respectively for groundworks and fencing in the playground re. the emergency flood relief channel.

Future items the Council will need to bear in mind include the legal requirement to offer the Clerk a pension plan, and changing bankers now there is no HSBC branch in Lyme Regis.

The Cemetery is currently subsidised by local taxpayers, and Cllrs were not currently minded to make exceptions in particular cases where the estate of former residents had to pay double fees. However, the Council could review the current rules when the level of fees was next considered.

- 7. **ID Cards.** It was resolved unanimously for all Councillors and the Clerk to have photo identity cards for use on official business (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Ostler). Clerk to arrange getting photographs and then supply of cards, which are expected to be about £6.50 each.

8. **Correspondence.**

- AONB survey volunteer: Cllr Turner.
- The Clerk read out the copy letters from the MP to the Environment Agency and Devon Highways.

- 9. **Maintenance of Parish Council land.** Work on the playground ditch has been promised to start on 14/7. Playground will need to be closed during construction. After a recent inspection, Cllrs Garland and Frost reported that the Council’s grounds were very well kept. Mr N Ball has offered to plant a commemorative specimen tree with iron railings on the grass triangle for the centenary of WWI. The meeting was suspended to hear from Mr T Sweeney, who had spoken to Mr Ball about planting three smaller specimens instead. The Council agreed in principle to this; so the Clerk will write and thank Mr Ball, saying that the details of the tree(s) are to be agreed. The Council approved the draft licence agreement for the playground to be presented to KGV for comment later in the year. Cllr Knight’s capital fund bids must be in by 12th December – Clerk to give details to Cllrs next month.

10. **Reports to note.**

i. **Finance** to June 30th.

ii. **Lengthsman.** Meeting expected on 21st July with T Vaughan of DCC Highways to discuss.

vi. **Playground:** Wooden roundabout will need attention soon.

iii. **Flooding WP.** Cllrs Turner, Mason, Ostler and Whiting will be signed up for a pilot flash flood warning service from the Environment Agency.

iv. **Meetings attended by Cllrs:** Cllrs Wellman and Garland met Neil Parish MP and showed him the road damage caused by the waste tankers. He also heard about the size of tankers and frequency of visits, and reversing onto the highway. Clerk read out MP’s letters to Environment Agency and DCC Highways. (Lyme Regis TC is also concerned about pollution.)

v. **C Cllrs report.** DCC Highways is keeping a log of damage in the area used by the tankers – to prove who is doing the damage. Care homes, day care, libraries and youth services are all under great pressure – if cuts are not made this year, will be worse next year because of huge savings required.

vi. **D Cllrs report.** Dorset CC Landfill site: D Cllr Thomas is working with local residents to find a way of challenging the decision. He also asked for support re. the considerate contractors scheme (see above).

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.34 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date