

The meeting of the Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th October 2014 at 7:15pm.
Chairman Cllr Whiting.

Present: Cllrs Frost, Garland, Mason, Ostler, Turner, Whiting and 11 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** received from Cllr Brown, Cllr Pratt who is away, and Cllr Duffin. Also PCSO Wooster. Cllr Wellman was absent.

Meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum. Matters discussed included: the bridge at Pitt White; Venlake stream and riparian ownership; Highlands gravel traps; Millennium Copse transfer held up by footpath diversion; hedge partly cut and stream partly excavated by Guinness Hermitage at Venlake Meadow.

2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the September 2014 meeting (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Frost.)

3. **Matters arising:** none.

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)

- **Talbot Arms Hotel Lyme Road** Erection of new dwelling. *No objection subject to comments.*
- **Crossways Cottage Lyme Road** Single storey extension and replacement porch (amended plans). *No objection.*

Application determined at the meeting:

- **Bramble Hayes Yawl Hill Lane** Installation of 2no. roof lights .

It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows:

“The Uplyme Parish Council does not object to this application”(proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Ostler).

Applications granted or refused by EDDC:

- **Post Office Lyme Road** Variation of condition 6 of planning permission 11/2179/FUL to replace hedgebank with hazel hurdle fence with planting. *Approved with conditions*
- **Undermead Venlake** Single storey side extension *Approved*
- **The Barn (Stables) Land North Of Pen Rock Yawl Hill Lane** Construction of extension to existing stable block *Approved with conditions*
- **Little Winters Rocombe** Erection of orangery and reinstatement of steps. *Approved*
- **Combestone Ware Lane** Replacement of existing single storey extension with 2 storey extension, replacement of existing garage with new garage and construction of retaining walls. *Approved with conditions*

Neighbourhood Plan: consultation almost complete; 143 replies from Council questionnaire, and 182 replies to housing needs survey. Prize draw will be done at meeting next month.

E Freeman’s letter re “Wandas” was read out. Clerk to ask for copy of Wanda’s Construction Management Plan.

6. **Finance:** The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Garland). The Clerk reported that Cllr Garland had checked the bank reconciliation for September, payments made vs bank statement, and October cheques vs invoices. There was discussion of the informal rules on double cemetery fees and local residency, to no conclusion. The Finance Committee was asked to look at the matter in more detail and report back.

7. **Standing orders:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the new Standing Orders as revised at the meeting (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Mason). Clerk to bring printed copies to the meeting next month, and also to ask which Councillors are not happy to received emailed summonses and papers.
8. **Correspondence.**
 - DCC is consulting on how the Highways Services should be cut. Cllrs asked to comment before next meeting, for collation as a joint response.
 - Cllrs involved in the emergency plan to meet at Cllr Turner’s house, 7.00pm on 14th October, bringing their copy of the plan.
 - Clinical Commissioning Group is holding a councillor briefing on 19 November 2014, 6.00 – 8.00pm at Honiton Community College. Cllrs to let the Clerk know if they wish to attend.
 - The KGV Secretary’s email to the Clerk was read out and discussed. The “rent” for the playground in exchange for some security of tenure for the Council’s play equipment was felt to be a practical solution which achieved the same aims as a general grant would do. Fields in Trust now have to decide if the proposed agreement is acceptable.
 - Mrs Rice, head teacher at Mrs Ethelston’s, will be attending the November meeting to present details of multi-academy status to the Council.
9. **Maintenance of Parish Council land.** Millennium Copse grass has been flailed; some brambles still to be cut once renewed permission from owners has been given. Trees need strimming underneath. Playground hedge has now been cut. Maintenance specs. to be reviewed.
10. **Reports to note.**
 - i. **Finance** to September 30th.
 - ii. **Footpaths:** Cllr Turner is waiting for a call from Jenny Penny of Dorset CC to place the order for the oak signs that were agreed for the East Devon Way footpaths. Monies will come out of Council footpath funds which need to be spent as agreed with DCC. EDDC is putting in a bid for two new information plinths outside the village hall. Terry Sweeney has heard that the East Devon Way team would like to replace all the signs on the way to match those chosen by Uplyme.
 - iii. **Highways** – village gate visibility is not good enough when cars speeding down hill: this is a police matter, not for Highways. Salt spreader is seized again; Cllr Ostler to look at it.
 - iv. **Lengthsman.** Clerk to chase up Sidmouth TC for a response on the contract.
 - vi. **Playground.** Concrete path inside gate was delayed.
 - v. **Flooding WP.** Report from M Hutchings: improvements done mean that Uplyme is now not so threatened and funding is less urgent. Clerk to circulate report to WP members and C Cllr Knight.
 - vi. **Meetings attended by Cllrs:** Cllr Frost attended Chardstock school presentation on multi-academy status. Ring & Ride new bus is in service, and much improves passenger’s comfort. Cllr Mason attended a HATOC meeting to request double yellow lines and one way system at bottom of Gore Lane. DCC Traffic Engineer suggested one way up (southwards) rather than down Gore Lane. Still dangerous parking on Cooks Mead roundabout and corner of Venlake, despite requests to police to monitor. Crogg Lane footway scheme is not yet designed or financed, despite considerable concern re. children walking to school. Mr N Ball’s offer of a memorial tree on the grass triangle by the Church was withdrawn after the working party meeting failed to agree the species satisfactorily. Subsequently, Mr N Gregory has offered a Lucombe oak, with a black metal guard concreted in. Meeting was suspended briefly to hear from interested members of public. The RFO reminded the Council to be aware of the ongoing maintenance costs associated with planting a (potentially 30m) tree near overhead power lines. It was resolved unanimously to accept Mr Gregory’s generous offer of planting the tree, installing the guard, and rebuilding a small retaining wall (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Ostler). Cllr Ostler will

attempt to remove the existing chestnut stump to make room for the new planting. The Council will be responsible for sourcing a memorial plaque.

- vii. **C Cllrs report.** School safe walking officer is investigating the route from Uplyme to Woodroffe. Tough Choices – residents are urged to look at the web site and have their say. Libraries – community trust involvement to stop closures. Some youth centres, day centres will be taken over by other groups. Meals on Wheels service has stopped. There will be further cuts year on year.
- viii. **D Cllrs report.** Lympstone Neighbourhood Plan will go for inspection before the EDDC Local Plan is agreed. EDDC is supporting the provision of more work space in local towns. Seaton Jurassic project is starting.

11. **AOB.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.58 p.m.

Open forum, part 2. Matters discussed included: Mr T Sweeney attended the East Devon AONB forum on behalf of the Council; no progress on Hunters Lodge junction improvements; Clerk to ask for spare batteries for radio microphone.

Signed Chairman

Date