

The council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th November 2011 at 7:15pm. Chairman Cllr Mason. **Present:** Cllrs Brown, Clarke-Irons, Forrester, Frost, Killingback, Mason, Pratt, Turner, Whiting and 6 members of the public.

1. The meeting was immediately adjourned at 7.16pm for the open forum / police report, and reconvened at 7:35pm. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Sellers, & C Cllr Knight who was at another meeting.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 2011 meeting were adopted and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** After representation from residents, it was resolved unanimously that the name of the affordable housing road should be 'Beryl Denham Close' (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Clarke-Irons). The Clerk noted that on the finance report cheque no. 61, for £979.20, was actually written for £981.59 (as no. 62). (Exchange rate fluctuations between the time of writing the cheque and making the order had caused a small difference in the price for the projector and accessories.) This was still within the Big Lottery funding.

4. **Planning:**

Applications already dealt with since last meeting

- **Holly Hill Bungalow Springhead.** Alterations and extensions to include garage/workshop, extensions to roof, rear balcony/terrace, dormer windows, porch extension, replacement of car port with oil tank and log store to east of dwelling. *The Parish Council does not object to this application. (Decision delegated to the Clerk in accordance with Council policy, as Planning Chairman was away and no meeting could be arranged in time.)*

Applications dealt with at meeting

- **Newcastle Cottage Woodhouse Lane.** Construction of side and rear extension (normal and LBC applications). The plans have no scales and it was therefore not easy to make sensible appraisal of the proposals. It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: *The Parish Council does not object to this application.* (Proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Frost).
- **Post Office Lyme Road.** Demolition of existing single span storey shop unit to facilitate construction of 2 storey residential units. Concerns were expressed about height of proposal seen from Church Street, lack of footpath in plans, and visibility for cars exiting. It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: *The Parish Council recommends that the site has one dwelling only, with a reduced height, and a footpath at the front.* (Proposed Cllr Pratt, seconded Cllr Killingback)

Applications granted by EDDC since last meeting

- **Tree Tops Lime Kiln Lane.** Construction of two storey glazed rear extension and installation of solar panels on roof of garage. *Granted with conditions*
- **Lymewood Retirement Home Lyme Road.** Variation of condition 4 of permission 06/0855/FUL to enable roofspace to be used as office and occasional sleep over facility including insertion of rooflights and removal of ground floor windows. *Granted with conditions*
- **Land At Lower Coombe Wadley Hill.** Removal of hedge. *Granted*

Other planning: Cllr Whiting summarised the affordable housing timetable – finish planned for November 2012.

5. **Finance:** The Clerk reported on the position at 31st October 2011:

Bank balances at 31st October 2011		Payments Out	
HSBC Current Account	1917.62	Grounds maintenance	516.67
HSBC Deposit Account	26241.67	Clerk's expenses	26.66
	28159.29	Clerk's salary	370.91
		Office equipment	33.96
Reserves		Projector	817.99
Footpath funds	3788.06	VAT	172.95
Uplyme Speed Campaign	879.01		
Playground funds	785.83		
Millennium Copse	2198.78		
Millennium Tree Fund	55.06		1939.14
Cemetery repairs	5000.00		

Big Lottery funding	7.01	*	Payments In	
PAYE due	141.80		Bank interest	1.21
Total reserves	<u>12855.55</u>		Cemetery fees	450.00
General fund	15303.74			<u>451.21</u>
Total funds	<u>28159.29</u>			

Requests for precept next year: cemetery fencing £100.

The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Clarke-Irons , seconded Cllr Whiting).

cheque #	payee, re	amount
100063	G Sims - grounds maintenance October	516.67
100064	L Wakeman - Clerk's expenses	12.64
100065	L Wakeman - Clerk's salary	371.11
100066	DAPC Axminster - subscription	10.00
100067	RBL WS - poppy wreath	17.00

6. **Footpaths:** Cllr Whiting reported that the Venlake permissive path is expected to be completed soon. Old Mill diversion is still in legal process, also Shapwick Quarry footpath diversion.
7. **Highway matters:** The defects list was circulated. It was resolved unanimously to take an extra £800 from general funds to purchase a better towable gritter (proposed Cllr Killingback, seconded Cllr Brown); this sum to be requested from Cllr Knight’s locality funding. Insurance position re: snow warden activities: only public liability will be provided by DCC, and volunteers will sign a disclaimer to this effect. Clerk to let PC insurers know that snow warden scheme volunteers will have this cover. Cllrs Forrester, Turner and Mason met with the highways agency, MP, and a representative from Axminster council & the MP. The Agency agreed to do a survey, and will consider possible improvements to the A35 junction such as traffic lights and a widened slip lane on the left turn.
8. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** Contractor’s payment for October was agreed. Stafford Mount bus shelter benches have been vandalised; Cllr Forrester has removed all the ivy from the sides and roof. Stafford Mount garden is in a very poor state. (In the open forum, vandalism at the Talbot Arms bus shelter was reported).
9. **Playground:** inspection report has been received. Molehills are an intractable problem, and concrete surface under bench needs replacing. Dumpy bag still needs moving by contractor. Freestanding toddler slide would be needed after works: probably £3500. Cllr Forrester to investigate funding for slide for next meeting.
10. **Flood relief:** contractor will not be starting for at least 2 weeks.
11. **County Councillor’s report.** None. (Cllr Knight was unavoidably detained at his previous meeting.)
12. **District Councillor’s report.** EDDC Local Development Plan is changing; Uplyme is expected to have at least 20 houses to 2026 (other than windfall developments). Plan will be consulted on in the New Year. Neighbourhood plans will fine tune the local detail, and Cllr Thomas reiterated how important it is to have one to protect what the village residents feel to be important.
13. **Meetings attended by Councillors.** Cllr Frost attended School Trustees meeting; option on land ongoing and research for outline planning permission is being done. Ring & Ride AGM will be on 22nd Nov in Axminster (meeting room behind surgery). Cllr Mason attended the Axminster DAPC Rousdon meeting with the Clerk.
14. **Correspondence:** the Clerk summarised correspondence received. Active Villages project manager will come to the meeting in February to discuss the programme. The Chairman will complete a questionnaire from EDDC re open space in the village. There were no volunteers for an event at EDDC on 2nd December. The Council did not wish to respond to a consultation from the fire service on reducing false alarm call-outs.
15. **Any other business:** Terry Daly died recently – he was chair of the Parish Plan working party and put a huge amount of work into the project. The Chairman will represent the council and lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday. The horse chestnut tree on the Church triangle is diseased, and the Tree Warden is seeing what needs to be done. Some parishioners have been asking about allotments.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed Chairman
Date