

The Council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th October 2013 at 7:15pm. Chairman Cllr Whiting.

Present: Cllrs Forrester, Frost, Mason, Ostler, Pratt, Turner, Whiting and 10 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Brown (convalescing) and Cllr Garland (another appointment), also PCSO Wooster. Cllr Wellman was absent.

Meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum.

2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the September 2013 meeting (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Frost).

3. **Matters arising:** none.

4. **Pecuniary or other interests.** No requests for dispensation were received or interests declared.

5. **Planning:**

Applications dealt with by members of the Planning Committee:

- **Fir View Harcombe** Replacement of garage/workshop with workshop/storage building. It was resolved unanimously to ratify the response as follows: *The Parish Council does not object to this application* (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pratt).
- **Ware Farm Manor Ware Lane (LBC)** Internal and external alterations including single storey extension, demolition of 2 storey wc extension, re-roofing, re-structuring of dormer windows, replacement windows to main house; alterations to outbuilding. It was resolved unanimously to ratify the response as follows: *The Parish Council does not object to this application* (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Frost).

Applications considered at the meeting:

- **Ware Farm Manor Ware Lane** Construction of single storey extension to dwelling; repairs and alterations to outbuilding including changes to doors, windows and roof finish. It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: *The Parish Council does not object to this application* (proposed Cllr Frost, seconded Cllr Turner).
- **Land Adjacent 17 Glebelands Uplyme** Construction of chalet bungalow with integral garage. It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: *The Parish Council objects strongly to this application* (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pratt). Supporting opinion to be appended to response to EDDC.

Building and track at Burrowshot – Highways needs to be involved to stop mud and stones on road. C Cllr Knight to take up.

Neighbourhood Plan: info published in *Parish News* for next few months.

6. **Finance:** The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Frost). The Clerk presented a summary of 6 months expenditure vs. budget. She also reported that Cllr Garland is now performing checks before each meeting, viz. bank statements vs. the monthly statement and invoices vs. cheques to be signed.
7. **Correspondence.** The Council did not wish to pay for a dog bin on the footpath at Barnes Meadow; increased postal costs mean that polling cards will only be issued if requested (cost to the Council is 34p each).
8. **Maintenance of Parish Council land.** Vandalism of trees on grass triangle was very disappointing.
9. **Flooding WP:** Cllr Whiting reported on progress since the last meeting. Flood awareness meeting was very poorly attended – apathy of flood-affected residents is regrettable. Guinness intends to build a sump downstream of the Venlake Meadow culvert and dig out balsam, though Cllr Pratt says there is none. Meeting was briefly suspended to hear from D Cllr Thomas, who emailed Cllr I Chubb asking what progress can be made with the survey. Clerk to write to MP asking for another meeting; Cllr Whiting has also written a draft letter to DCC Flood Risk manager. Sandbags replenished, to be reported in *Parish News*.

10. **Reports to note.**

- i. **Finance** to September 30th.
- ii. **Footpaths.** Broken signpost on coach road at Hodder’s Corner. FP 14 Holcombe blocked because gates repeatedly left open; Emma Hellier is negotiating with landowners; also 2 stiles to repair. Parishioners to be asked to report any others then Clerk will get quotes for PPP.
- iii. **Highway matters.** Whalley Lane Lyme Rd end to be completely resurfaced at some time. DCC contractors should be cutting overhanging trees/hedges at Hartgrove in the next few days.
- iv. **Lengthsman:** Hawkchurch’s scheme is very successful. DCC’s Tom Vaughan should give info that Cllr Turner

had requested a while ago.

- v. **Playground** – bench and playhouse have been installed by Cllrs Ostler and Garland.
 - vi. **Emergency plan**; spreader needs to be serviced. The light is broken; Cllr Ostler may have a spare magnetic one. More volunteers to be trained at end of month.
 - vii. **Meetings attended by Cllrs**: 100 people at Guildhall meeting re: Hunters Lodge junction. Churchyard inspection meeting; needs finishing with photos of school path. State of walls very bad. Clerk to finish draft report and send to PCC with covering letter.
 - viii. **C Cllrs report**: £110M to save over next 3 years; all services will be cut; e.g. mobile library service will be down to monthly visits. Parishes may be asked to take on verge cutting etc. C Cllr Knight’s recent parish tour led to several enforcement actions being taken but DCC cannot get money from absentee landlords, so will not be done again.
 - ix. **D Cllrs report**: Local plan – comments now being considered. Feb. 2014 for hearings before adoption. High speed broadband should eventually cover the parish. Cllr Chubb (see 9 above) has passed on info to EDDC flood alleviation champion Cllr Bowden.
11. **Any other business**. New model standing orders have just been published: to be reviewed for UPC use by Cllr Whiting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date