

Notes from the Council Meeting, 11th February 2015

The meeting started with a minute's silence in tribute to two former Chairmen of the Council who died recently: Bill Halden (1993-1999) and Peter Whiting (November 2012- December 2014) Both men were dedicated workers on behalf of residents, performing sterling services to the parish, and will be sadly missed by those who knew them.

Applications considered by the Planning Committee: (see web site for full details):

- **Land East Of Ware Cross.** Continuation of use of land for a "park and ride" car park. *Objection, and request for enforcement action to restore the field.*
- **Ravenhill Woodhouse Fields.** Removal of existing first floor extension and construction of two storey extension including engineering and retaining works. *No objection.*
- **The Lookout St Marys Lane - amended plans.** Replacement dwelling - amendments to southern elevation to reduce amount of glazing. Further tree information and submission of additional site plans. *No objection.*

Application determined at the meeting:

- **Land Adjacent Regis House (formerly Lydwell House) Lyme Road.** Erection of 4 no. 2 bed apartments (open market) and 2no. 1 bed apartments and 1no 2 bed dwelling (affordable) – Amended plans and change of description to remove reference to on-site affordable housing provision. *Strong objection.*

Applications granted by EDDC:

- **Land Adjacent Greentie Lyme Road.** Erection of dwelling (amendments to approved access details under 14/1554/FUL). *Approved with conditions re landscaping, highway access, neighbour privacy, materials, water disposal and future alterations.*
- **The Lookout St Marys Lane - amended plans.** Replacement dwelling - Amendments to southern elevation to reduce amount of glazing. Further tree information and submission of additional site plans. *Approved with conditions re tree retention/planting, and materials.*

Police report: four crimes for January: all burglaries with intent to steal.

Results of speed checks in Yawl over two approx 40-minute periods in early February showed 18% driving at 31-35mph, 4% at 36-40mph and 1% at 41-45mph. While this may not seem very serious to many drivers who obviously ignore the limit, residents and pedestrians find it very worrying, especially on a narrow and twisty section of the B3165.

Flood wardens: Cllr Pratt and Mr J Fowler attended flood warden training as part of the Council's ongoing efforts to be prepared for future emergencies. By the time you read this, the Council will have met with the MP, representatives from Devon CC Flood Risk Management, Highways, and the Environment Agency, to press them to take action on known problems in the village centre, as well as finding out if any results of the survey for Venlake are available. A report will be published on the web site.

Salt spreader: The Council's existing machine has been unreliable since it was first purchased in 2011, and required time-consuming servicing before every occasion it was taken out, so at an extra meeting on 28th January, the Council resolved to purchase a new model with an electric motor and non-corrodable parts. This has now been delivered, and will no doubt be put to good use if we have further frosty or snowy weather. The Council wishes to thank our County Councillor Jim Knight, who is granting £1000 from his locality funding towards the cost.

Lengthsman: the Council has had trouble in finding a contractor to do this work despite initial professions of interest that subsequently turned out to be disinterest! We do have a candidate now, but have not, at the time of writing, been able to source the necessary Chapter 8 (road safety) training that is essential for the work to be done legally. Please be patient if you have reported minor ditch and drainage works that have not yet been attended to.

C Cllr Knight reported that County funding next year would be even tighter than this year, and the way forward is likely to involve more and more self-help. Whilst the Parish Council will do what it can within the limits of the precept, residents will almost inevitably have to take more responsibility in future, for example by keeping their own roadside hedges trimmed and ditches cleared. If you are able-bodied and have infirm neighbours, please consider giving them a helping hand with simple clearance tasks outside their property.

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