

Notes from the Council Meeting, 10th February 2016

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

- **Land Adjacent to Lyme Road (Adjoining Uplyme Village Hall)** Construction of two storey school building: Amendments to plans. *Objection to access arrangements only*
- **Land At Bluebell Holt Lyme Road** Outline application for erection of dwelling and garage, only access to be considered. *Qualified objection*
- **Fayre View Lime Kiln Lane** Construction of dormer window on south east facing roofslope of bungalow; construction of garage. *No objection*
- **Rhode Hill Lodge Rhode Lane** T1, Oak: reduction G1, Beech: reduction. *No determination owing to quality of application*
- **Land adjacent Glebelands Uplyme** T14 and T23 - Ash - fell. T16 and T21 - Sycamore - fell *Objection*

Applications approved by EDDC / DCC:

- **Colmers Woodhouse Fields** Proposed two storey side extension (including removal of existing outbuilding). *Approved with conditions re materials and ancillary use*
- **Bridlepath Lodge Woodhouse Hill** Proposed extensions to dwelling. *Approval with standard conditions*
- **Hartgrove Hill Farm Trinity Hill Road** Retention of 2 no. flag poles and flags and 3 no. freestanding signs. *Split decision – conditional approval of flagpoles, refusal of roadside signs*
- **Fayre View Lime Kiln Lane** Construction of dormer window on south east facing roofslope of bungalow; construction of garage. *Approved with conditions re materials*

Police report: PCSO Trott was pleased to tell the meeting that no crimes had been reported in the parish, but that a number of thefts from vans had taken place in the area, so tradesmen were warned to keep their vehicles and tools secure. Dangerous or obstructive parking was being investigated, and members of the public who see offending vehicles could take photos showing the registration plate and send them to the Clerk, who will pass them on for action.

Coastal Community Team: the meeting heard from Adrian Ragbourne, who introduced the work of the CCT in improving the economy of Lyme, Uplyme and Charmouth. A number of projects had been identified, including a major upgrade to the riverside footpath from Uplyme to Lyme, to allow disabled and

pushchair access. Later in the meeting, the Council agreed to offer £1000 from its general reserves towards running costs this year, in order that work to secure significant funding could take place.

Tennis court: as regular players will know, the court is closed owing to flood damage. The Council will be writing to support the trustees of the field in their efforts to get some developer funding from EDDC towards its rebuilding, which will cost approximately £40,000. As the court is the major source of revenue for the maintenance of the field, without it, the village is likely to lose a much-valued resource.

Highways: there have been a number of completed improvements to drainage and surfaces over the past few months, and Cllr Jim Knight was thanked for his work on our behalf in getting these done; there are more to come of course. On a related matter, the parish lengthsman and his volunteer helpers have been visiting various stretches of road and digging out drains and ditches. Residents of Woodhouse and Cannington have noticed the difference, for example. Over the next few weeks, he will be continuing to visit the worst areas, until the worst backlog has been cleared. The Council hopes that in future it can offer a better and more economical service than that provided by Devon CC, and has applied for Parishes Together funding for 2016-2017.

Floods: over the weekend of 5-7 February, the parish experienced very heavy rainfall that tested our flood resilience measures to the limit. The weirs at Carswell prevented flooding at Cooks Mead, and the overflow channel in the children's playground worked well. New drains and a stone trap at Cuckoo Lane were overwhelmed, despite the best efforts of residents digging out drains and the culvert. Work at Venlake by residents helped alleviate flooding, and replacement of the culvert there is scheduled for the end of February. The Council thanks everyone who turned out in atrocious weather – including the Fowlers, Donna Heath, Colin Pratt, the Lewins and Nick Bogue, and of course James Booth and Dave Ostler, always ready with heavy machinery! If we have not been notified of other examples of community spirit and you aren't on the list, please take this as thanks to you too.



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