

Notes from the Council Meeting, 14th January 2015

There was no report from December, so for those who don't know, I am sorry to report that Cllr Peter Whiting resigned as Chairman owing to ill-health. In his place, Cllr John Garland was elected, with Cllr John Duffin as his Vice-chairman.

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

- **The Lookout St Marys Lane** Replacement dwelling. *No objection, but disappointment that Parish Plan Design Statement was ignored*
- **Lane End Spring Head Road** Removal of render and replacement lime based render on south gable end wall *No objection*
- **Land Adjacent Regis House Lyme Road** Erection of 4 no. 2 bed apartments (open market) and 2no. 1 bed apartments and 1no 2 bed dwelling (affordable). *Objection*
- **Winding Wood Trinity Hill Road** Construction of detached garage. *No objection subject to conditions*
- **Upper Cottage Rocombe** Amended plans re front elevation of outbuilding. *No objection subject to conditions*
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- **Solway Cottage Lyme Road** Provision of dormer windows to rear roofslope and windows one each gable end to facilitate loft conversion (retrospective). *No objection*
- **Hamacre Lyme Road** Replacement dwelling and garage *Objection*

Last month, the Planning Committee and the Council responded to seven more applications, one being objected to.

Application determined at the meeting:

- **Uplyme Quarry** review of conditions (DCC application). *No objection.*

Applications granted by EDDC:

- **Braidwood Lyme Road.** Construction of double garage. *Approved*
- **Regis House Lyme Road.** T1 Oak - Crown raise to give 5.5m clearance over the Highway. *Approved*
- **Upper Cottage Rocombe.** Installation of woodburning stove, internal alterations, installation of rooflights, replacement of 2 no. double glazed windows with timber raising of chimney, replacement roof covering of monopitch roof and alterations to outbuilding. *Approved with conditions restricting use ancillary to house*
- **Holly Hill Bungalow Rocombe.** New access and closure of existing access. *Approved*

- **Doone Whalley Lane.** Single storey front extension. *Approved*
- **Springfield Farm Harcombe.** Conversion and extension of outbuildings to form a unit of holiday accommodation. *Approved with conditions on use as holiday accommodation only*
- **Lane End Spring Head Road.** Removal of render and replacement lime based render on south gable end wall. *Approved with conditions re materials*
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Last month, EDDC refused permission for an application to build a new house at the Talbot Arms Hotel, but approved a further six applications.

Police report: four crimes for December: a burglary, a miscommunication, the theft of a vehicle, and a making off without payment. Three more burglaries, all to unoccupied houses, were committed over the holiday period, so we do need to be vigilant. PCSO Andy Trott reminded everyone that the Axminster team offers free postcode marking of property, and security advice.

Grass triangle by church: the commemorative oak tree planted for Remembrance Sunday has already been vandalised – the Council was sickened by this mindless stupidity, the third time that trees on the triangle have been targeted, which seems strange given no other similar activity elsewhere.

Precept: The precept for 2015-16 was set at £20,247, meaning that a band D property will pay £23.76 a year towards the Parish Council, an increase of just 83p from 2014-15. (The budget was worked out in November based on the number of tax-paying households for last year to keep the amount the same, but the figures for this year have changed slightly, hence the small increase.)

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