

## Notes from the Council Meeting, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016

The Chairman wished all present a Happy New Year, and welcomed two potential applicants for the Clerk's job in the audience.

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

- **16 Barnes Meadow** T1, Sycamore: reduce, T3, Sycamore: fell to coppice. *No objection*
- **Greenways Gore Lane** T4, Ash: Reduce. *No objection*
- **Honeysuckle Cottage Harcombe** Two storey rear extension (amended plans). *No objection*
- **West End Lyme Road** Proposed dormer window and first floor window on east elevation. *No objection*
- **Bridlepath Lodge Woodhouse Hill** Proposed extensions to dwelling. *No objection*
- **Hartgrove Hill Farm Trinity Hill Road** Retention of 2 no. flag poles and flags and 3 no. freestanding signs. *Objection*

**Applications approved by EDDC / DCC:**

- **Coombehayes Barn Wadley Hill** Removal of condition to allow unrestricted residential use.
- **Upper Cottage Rocombe** Internal alterations and installation of soil vent pipe and extraction unit.
- **Ayot Gore Lane** Replacement dwelling (amended and additional plans).
- **Harcombe House Harcombe** Tree work.
- **Annies Field Farm (land north of Carswell Farm)** Erection of agricultural workers' dwelling.
- **Hunters Moon Yawl Hill Lane** Construction of replacement dwelling (revised position and design).
- **16 Barnes Meadow** Tree work.
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- **Shapwick (Uplyme) Quarry** Erect building for storage for drying of raw lump chalk.

**Police report:** Uplyme was top of the league in Axminster Rural last month, with 8 reported crimes ☹

Problems with repeatedly **inconsiderate parking** – some of which had prevented emergency vehicles getting past – were discussed. Although parking restrictions might be the obvious answer, these are difficult and expensive to get, and the Police will be asked to speak to the offenders, and if necessary issue penalties.

**The Precept:** the Council approved the draft budget drawn up by the Finance Committee, and agreed to set the precept for 2016-2017 (the part of the Council Tax that goes towards parish activities) at £20,409.97, which means an annual contribution of £23.79 from an average (band D) property, about 20p less than last year.

The Council has worked hard to balance the demand on the taxpayers with the ever-increasing calls on it to take on work from higher-tier authorities. Without the hundreds of hours of unpaid work put in by willing volunteers and Councillors, your tax bill would be many times higher; for example ditches, sumps and weirs are cleared, the playground and footpaths are checked, winter gritting is done on minor roads, and the emergency team is on hand if there are more floods. The Council would therefore like to thank all those who give their time on behalf of the parish, and encourage others to come forward and offer their help if they are able.

Next month, the long-awaited **improvements to the PA system** in the Village Hall will be installed during half term, which will – the Council hopes – help to overcome the difficulties of hearing over the noise of the heating system.

The **Churchyard** is now officially closed, and the Council will be asked to take over all maintenance from March 2017. Preparatory to this, an inspection of the walls will be made, to see what liability will need to be taken on.



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