

Notes from the Council Meeting, 11th March 2015

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

- **Larks Hey Woodhouse Hill.** Construction of replacement dwelling. *No objection.*
- **Wellhayes Harcombe.** Conversion of outbuildings to holiday unit. *No objection subject to conditions.*
- **Uplyme House (South Of) Woodhouse Fields.** T1 - T6: Oak - 20% Crown reduction. T7 - T9: Larch - Reduce to 10m high standing trunks. *No objection.*

Applications granted by EDDC:

- **Hamacre Lyme Road.** Replacement dwelling and garage. *Approved with conditions re neighbour privacy, datum, and materials.*
- **Ravenhill Woodhouse Fields.** Removal of existing first floor extension and construction of two storey extension including engineering and retaining works. *Approved with conditions re biodiversity report.*
- **Larks Hey Woodhouse Hill.** Construction of replacement dwelling. *Approved with conditions re bats, tree protection, materials, and site management.*

Police report: Two common assaults were reported, involving the same family. The new Police Station in Axminster should be up and running in April/May 2015, and is just waiting for equipment to be transferred.

PC4891 Simon Aldred has taken up his new post as Axminster's Neighbourhood Beat Manager. He can be contacted either by telephoning 101 or by emailing axminster@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk.

Flood meeting: The Council met with the MP, representatives from Devon CC Flood Risk Management, Highways, and the Environment Agency, and heard about the measures that may be possible if funding is forthcoming, as well as definite plans for next financial year. A full report is available from the Clerk or you can download it from the web site: see the [Flooding](#) link at the right side.

Oak tree on the grass triangle by the church. Councillors very reluctantly agreed that a memorial tree would never be viable on the site, given the repeated attempts to destroy everything that had been planted there, which spoke of determined opposition by someone living nearby, rather than random vandalism by disaffected or tipsy passers-by. Instead, a stone memorial is being investigated, and the donor of the tree and guard will remove them for use elsewhere.

Outdoor space: the Council was asked by EDDC for ideas on improvements to spaces in the parish, should any funding become available. The idea of an outdoor gym was suggested, so that older children and adults would be able to enjoy some exercise locally.

Closure of churchyard. You may remember that last May, the Parochial Church Council notified its intent to close the churchyard to new burials and hand over maintenance responsibility to the Council. It seems that the necessary paperwork was lost, so the process will be starting again. In the mean time, repairs to some of the crumbling walls will be undertaken, so the Council will not have to budget for so much future work.

Footpaths: the diversion order of FP 12 through Barnes Meadow is almost complete, after which the Council may be able to take ownership of the Millennium Copse after 15 years. No-one is holding their breath though! FP 61 behind Cooks Mead is being looked at to see if the slope to Lime Kiln Lane can be made safer. Oak fingerposts for the East Devon Way have been ordered, and will be installed later in the spring. This path to Lyme Regis is well-used but visitors don't always know about it, so the aim is to make it easier to find for tourists and locals alike.

Housing needs survey: this was commissioned by the Neighbourhood Plan Group to see what requirement for affordable housing existed. Janice Alexander from the Community Council of Devon presented the report to the Council, and was closely questioned on local needs. The report was adopted by the Council, and can be found on the web site in the Neighbourhood Plan section.

Clerk's working days: the Clerk will not be working on Council business on Fridays in future, so please wait until Monday to call, or ring a Councillor if something is urgent. (List of numbers on the Village Hall Noticeboard, and on the web site.)



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