

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th September 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman Cllr. B.Denham

Present Cllrs. B.Denham, J.Clarke-Irons, B.Mason, C.Pratt, C.Sellers, P.Shirley, P.Whiting, D.Cllr.K.George.
4 members of the public.

Apologies Cllrs. A.Turner, C.Cllr M.Rogers, PCSO Amanda Jones

Cllr.Peter Burton OBE. It was with great sadness that the Chairman had to tell all present that Councillor Peter Burton had passed away. He had, over many years, given invaluable service to Uplyme Parish, and indeed to Trinity Ward when he served as a District Councillor. He will be sadly missed and sympathy was expressed for Joan and his family.

Minutes. The minutes of the August 2008 meeting, as circulated, were adopted and signed.

Matters arising. There were no matters arising.

Planning.

Applications Refused by East Devon District Council

Willow Cottage, Springhead Road Erection of dwelling

Applications Granted by East Devon District Council

Penwaye, Whalley Lane Erection of two storey extension to form granny flat.

The Coppice, Woodhouse Lane. Replacement front porch, new front extension, removal of rear porch, erection of conservatory, rear extension and alterations to roof space.

1 Glebelands. Conversion of garage to living accommodation.

Pitt White, Mill Lane. Fell one beech tree.

Applications considered

11 Glebelands. 30% crown reduction of 2 x sycamore trees. *The Parish Council is unanimous in recommending refusal of this application. The trees form part of the Glen and the East Devon Way. The trees would not appear to endanger the property or exclude sunlight. This is a new estate and several houses border the river Lim and back onto this special woodland area. The Parish Council fears a proliferation of similar applications should the present application be granted which would erode this beautiful area.*

Woodhouse Heights, Lime Kiln Lane. Side extension with pitched roof, balcony and garden store. *The plans do not show any dimensions other than widths of footings. The footings plan shows that the corners of the footings extend underneath the boundary fence in two places, and the elevations show this to be at some depth below the fence. The Parish Council therefore recommends rejection of this application pending clarification of the dimensions and submission of cross-sections showing the relationship between the new construction and the boundary fence.*

Dalverton Rise, Lyme Road. Construction of first floor extension with dormers over existing garage. Extension of existing bathroom dormer window in bedroom 1. *The Parish Council has no adverse comments provided that there are no adverse effects to the property at the rear.*

Other Planning

Finance.

Present Position

Balances at 29th August 2008

Treasurers Account	£2,904.56		Including Restricted Funds of :	
Business Instant Access A/c	£5,313.54		Footpath funds	£2,018.06
Millennium Tree Fund	£54.54	£8,272.64	Playground Funds	£173.80
			Uplyme Speed Campaign	£879.01
				<u>£3,070.87</u>

Payments Out

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	447.66
Bay Gardens and Landscaping	480.00
Repairs & Maintenance	201.98
Axminster DAPC subscription	5.00
King George Field - Donation	500.00
Councillors expenses	46.03
Publications	158.20
VAT	35.34
	<u>1874.21</u>

Payments In

Interest - Deposit Account	11.26
	<u>£11.26</u>

Footpaths. Nothing to report

Highway Matters

Village Hall Pedestrian Crossing – A site meeting between the Chairman, C.Cllr.Rogers and Highways Engineer Paul Wilson has been arranged for Friday 12th September to discuss what can be done. The Chairman will report to the council at the October meeting.

Maintenance of Parish Council Land – Before this subject was discussed Cllr.Clarke-Irons declared an interest and took no further part in the proceedings.

The contractor had written in reply to the letter sent to him on 3rd September and this was read out in full to the council. The question was then raised as to why the letter agreed at the July meeting had only just been sent. The reasons were twofold:-

1. The Clerk had been on compassionate leave
2. It was decided that the contractor would be given yet more time to improve the situation.

Following receipt of the letter the contractor agreed that he would make every effort to bring his work up to standard and it was agreed that he should be paid.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8.07 pm to allow the contractor to put his point of view.

The meeting was resumed at 8.13pm.

Children’s Playground Cllr. J.Clarke-Irons reported that a grant of £4000 had been agreed by Devon CC subject to formal confirmation on 16th September .

Millennium Copse

It had intended to carry out maintenance at a cost of approximately £400. However, the diversion of the footpath has still not be settled. In the light of this the solicitor at EDDC dealing with the matter has advised that Uplyme Parish Council should not touch the land until the ownership has actually been transferred. Furthermore, at a recent EGM of the Barnes Meadow Management Committee Mr.Stephen claimed that both his companies, Barnes Meadow Construction and Barnes Meadow Management are in liquidation. Cllr. Whiting has agreed to prepare a document to be sent to the liquidators if this is needed.

Boundary Committee Draft Proposal for Unitary Government for Devon

The draft proposals for Unitary Local Government arrangements in Devon were discussed at length (including an adjournment between 8.52pm and 9.07pm to allow members of the public to comment) and it was the unanimous view of the Parish Council that there was simply too little information on which to make a considered judgement. It was therefore agreed that a submission be made directly to the Secretary of State for the status quo to remain.

County Councillor’s Report – There was no report.

District Councillor’s Report – D.Cllr.George had nothing to report but he did take the opportunity to pay tribute to Cllr. Peter Burton.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman

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