

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th August 2009 at 7.30 pm. Chairman Cllr B Denham.

Present: Cllrs Denham, Clarke-Irons, Frost, Mason, Pratt, Sellers, Turner, Whiting; 6 members of the public.

2 more arrived at 8:00.

1. **Apologies for absence** from Cllr E Brown owing to ill health, and PCSO A Jones, were accepted.
D Cllr George has resigned from EDDC owing to ill health.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the July 2009 meeting were adopted and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** none
4. **Planning**

Applications dealt with by Planning Sub Committee

- **Greendown Rocombe** Replacement and extension of existing balcony and replacement of windows with patio doors
Comments: The Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- **Knapp Cottage Church Street** Creation of parking space with decking over **Comments:** Off street parking should be encouraged, but new works, especially in this part of Uplyme, should encourage a consistent character; thus fencing type and colour should be subject to approval, and walls faced with chert (see Uplyme Parish Design Statement page DS3 'Building Styles and Walls'). In view of potential danger to adjacent (old) properties, methods of construction should be approved by a structural engineer, with trial pits and borehole as necessary. Otherwise, the Parish Council has no objections.
The Chairman observed that she was surprised the Committee had not objected to this application.
- **Pitt White Mill Lane** Fell one horse chestnut (T1), coppice one holly (T3), reduce crown of one maple (T4) by 30%
Comments: The Parish Tree Warden recommends 1: fell horse chestnut; 2: coppice holly; 3: crown reduction of maple, and the Parish Council reluctantly agrees. A fine beech has recently been (legally) removed, and the removal of such trees must only be allowed if the replacement by sustainable trees is required and carried out.
- **Land At Clanbury Rhode Lane** Erection of dwelling with new vehicular pedestrian access (approval of reserved matters 05/0760/OUT) **Comments:** The Parish Council considers that this design is most inappropriate for this part of Uplyme, being within an AONB. It does not follow the guidance given in the Uplyme Parish Design Statement, Guidance Note 02 regarding height, scale and character of building, use of low pitch (35-45 degree) pitched roof, and vertical emphasis by proportioning and positioning of windows and entrances or use of local materials. This guideline has been approved by EDDC and should be followed unless for very good reasons, and no such reasons are given. In the 16th October 2008 Planning Officer's Site Notes, it was commented that 'consideration will have to be given to the visual impact of a contemporary design within the semi-rural setting designated as an AONB and the relationship with the surrounding properties'. In view of the design not taking into account the requirements of the Design Statement, such considerations do not appear to have been taken into account and should be. Query use of soakaway for surface water, as this may not be suitable for the topography and ground conditions.

Applications being considered

- **Pitt White Cottage Mill Lane** Deletion of condition of planning permission 02/P0238 to allow unrestricted residential occupation
- **Ware Manor Ware** Construction of lean-to orangery
- **6 Rohaise Court Lyme Road** Fell one sycamore tree. This application has not yet gone to Planning, but a parishioners' letter was read out, and the numerous applications to fell or severely lop trees on new developments in the village were deplored. A discussion of the very poor standard of TRE application papers being allowed by EDDC followed this item.

Applications granted by EDDC

- Recreational ground for Woodroffe School Barbers Lane Erection of replacement storage unit and open-fronted shelter
- The Coach House Trinity Hill Road Erection of replacement conservatory
- The Coach House Trinity Hill Road Erection of tractor store
- Holly Hill Nurseries Rocombe Provision of second storey within roof including construction of dormers and external cladding
- The Laurels Lyme Road Fell one sycamore

Other planning – Cllr Whiting has already taken up poor standard of applications and many fine trees being cut down in the village. Ray Steer-Kemp (EDDC) is gathering written evidence re: the new access into the woods at Burrowshot. Any further evidence in writing to the clerk please.

5. **Finance** : The Clerk reported on the **current position**

Balances at 31st July 2009

Current Account	2,765.97	Including Restricted Funds of :	
Business Instant Access A/c	5,350.83	Footpath funds	2,218.06
Millennium Tree Fund	55.05	Uplyme Speed Campaign	879.01
	<u>8,171.85</u>		<u>3,097.07</u>
Payments Out		Payments In	
Grounds maintenance	508.33	Bank interest	0.22
SLCC: Arnold Baker book	55.60	Cemetery: memorial	80.00
Clerk's salary	410.28		
Clerk's expenses	25.52		
Hire of Village Hall (Guinness Trust)	4.95		
VAT	0.15		
	<u>1,004.83</u>		<u>80.22</u>

The Clerk submitted the list of current payments for inspection, and requested specific authorisation for starred items.

Cheque #	Payee	Re:	Amount
1119	Axminster DAPC	subs for 2009/10	£10.00
1120	DAPC	Clerk's intro training	£28.75
1120	DAPC	subs for 2009/10 *	£326.55
1121	Uplyme Village Hall	Guinness Trust presentation	£22.27
1122	Audit Commission	2008/09 accounts *	£327.75
1123	Lyme Bay Handyman	noticeboard refurbishment	£30.00
1124	L Wakeman	Clerk's expenses	£58.71
1125	TruGreen	grounds maintenance	£508.33
1126	J Clarke-Irons	mileage * / phone calls	† £27.43
<i>† Cllr Clarke-Irons submitted a further claim after the list was printed; total cheque written was for £31.03</i>			
1127	P Frost	mileage *	£12.00
1128	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	playground repair kit	£124.78

It was unanimously resolved that the payments to DAPC and the Audit Commission should be made (proposed Cllr Turner; seconded Cllr Whiting).

Payments to councillors for mileage to meetings where they were invited in a personal capacity were discussed. It was unanimously resolved that the mileage claims of Cllrs Frost and Clarke-Irons for a "Speak Now" meeting should be paid (proposed Cllr Turner; seconded Cllr Pratt). The Chairman requested that in future, Councillors should seek permission from the Council to claim expenses for such meetings beforehand, since funds are limited. Cllr Turner thanked the Clerk for the meeting preparations and correspondence dealt with.

6. **Footpaths.** Cllr Mason reported on his inspection of the Glen with Richard Spurway – there is now agreement of what is to be done under PPP. Hackers Mead now fenced, so no gates required, saving money that may (after review) be spent in improving a boggy patch on FP 10 (estimate £550). Cllr Mason will inform C Cllr Knight. Lower Rhode Farm – unauthorised footpath diversion still ongoing. Footbridge will be improved, and stile repaired. FP100 has a boggy patch in Springfield. FP88 bridleway gate cannot be operated on horseback and is in a dangerous place. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mason for all his hard work in the last month.
7. **Highway matters:** the defects board was circulated.
8. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** Cllr Sellers reported on the contractor's progress, and recommended that the payment to the contractor should be made, which was agreed. Topple test 3 weeks ago was carried out at cemetery. Clerk to write to G Sims thanking him for all his hard work. War memorial: Barnes Meadow Mgt Committee have weeded and swept it. A concrete block has been prised out; plastic padding might be used to repair it? - Cllr Sellers to inspect. CUP funds have now been granted to the Council for maintenance.
9. **Review of burial fees** – the Clerk provided a comparison with other local burial authorities. After discussion, new fees as over were agreed, but will be formally adopted at the next meeting after there has been time for consideration, and to see if they fall inside bereavement grants. (Single fees for deceased parishioners; double for all others.)

Monuments	
A flat stone not exceeding 7ft by 3ft (213 x 91cm)	£85
A headstone or cross which must be of agreed design, not exceeding 4ft in height and 3ft in width (122 x 91cm)	£75
A footstone not exceeding 1ft in height (30cm)	no longer allowed
Kerb stones or border stones not exceeding 7ft by 3ft (213 x 91 cm)	no longer allowed
Inscribed Vase	£40
Tablet on cremation plot	£40
Additional inscription	nil
Interments	
Interment of the body of a stillborn child or a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed 16 years	nil
Interment of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 16 years	150
Interment of cremated remains	£50
Exclusive Right of Burial	
Exclusive Right of Burial for a stillborn child or a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed 16 years, in a child's grave	nil
Exclusive Right of Burial for a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 16 years, in a grave size 9ft by 4ft (275 x 122cm)	£300
Exclusive Right of Burial for a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 16 years, in a grave size 9ft by 6ft (275 x 183cm)	£450
Exclusive Rights of Burial of cremated remains	£75
Searches in Registers	
Personal searches	nil
Search of computerised records	£10
Search of paper records	£25

10. **County Councillor's report** – none.
11. **District Councillor's report** – none.
12. **Meetings attended by Councillors:** Cllr Clarke-Irons attended the Ring and Ride AGM. A Seaton group are block booking trips in advance and the bus is full. New bus funding has been offered, which would double the capacity – an improvement for local people. Cllr Clarke-Irons will press for a change to the bookings process to make it more fair.
13. **Correspondence:** the Clerk summarised correspondence, and items discussed included: inadvisability of having links to commercial web sites from the PC site; request for Councillors' emails to be on web site turned down; action the PC should take re swine flu: direct parishioners to GPs. Sandbags: Clerk to ask N Collier if there is old sand in Shapwick quarry that could be used to fill the empty bags. 3 councillors volunteered for Red Cross 1st aid training session. Letter to Chairman from Mrs Hamblen re: Cllr Turner. Cllr Turner declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the meeting at 8:42pm. The EDDC legal department has offered the following advice "Mrs Hamblen has the choice of two courses which she can follow in order to resolve this matter. 1. If Mrs Hamblen believes that Cllr Andrew Turner is guilty of the breach of the Code of Conduct she should report the matter to the Standards Board – details on the EDDC web site. 2. The matter must now be resolved privately."
The Parish Council cannot take any further steps in resolving this matter . It was unanimously resolved that the Chairman should write to Mrs Hamblen repeating this advice (proposed Cllr Sellers, seconded Cllr Clarke-Irons). Cllr Turner rejoined the meeting at 8:46pm.
14. **Any other business:** Train services from Axminster to Crewkerne will be replaced by buses next month. The Chairman has made a complaint to EDDC on behalf of a local woman who needs urgent accommodation, despite which a Colyton family was moved in at Venlake Meadow. 11 Uplyme families on the waiting list. The Chairman will be meeting with Paul Lowe (Housing Enabling Officer EDDC), John Scott (Rural Housing Officer CCD), Guinness Trust and John Golding (Head of Housing EDDC) to discuss this extremely serious issue, which could impact on the proposed development by the Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:57 p.m.

Signed Chairman
Date