

Notes from the monthly Council meeting, 14th September 2011

Affordable Housing: Start on site is now planned in February 2012. Suggestions for a road name are requested for next month's meeting.

Planning: Applications dealt with by committee since last meeting

- **Lindens Mill Lane** Construction of storage building to rear of existing garage. *The Parish Council supports this application.*
- **Mrs Ethelston's School, Pound Lane** Construction of timber decking and steps for ancillary use. *The Parish Council supports this proposal.*
- **Sun House Pound Lane** T1 Lime - remove deadwood and crossing branches 8 pruning cuts max 20cm, T2 Norway Maple - 15% crown reduction and reduce 2 lower limbs by 2.5m and 4.0m, T3 Ash - reduce crown by 30%, reduce 3 leaders by making 2 x 40cm and 1 x 30cm diameter cuts, T4 & T5. *The Parish Council supports this application.*

Applications dealt with at the meeting by the Council

- **Dalverton Rise Lyme Road** Construction of first floor extension with dormers over existing garage (renewal of 08/2193/FUL). *The Parish Council does not object to this application.*
- **Dalverton Rise Lyme Road** Extension of existing bathroom dormer window into bedroom 1 (renewal of 08/2194/FUL). *The Parish Council does not object to this application.*

Applications granted by EDDC since last meeting

- **Corner Cottage Gore Lane** Subdivision and conversion of part of existing dwelling, formerly shop into 1no. dwelling. *Granted with conditions*
- **Bulford Lyme Road** Conversion of dwelling to garden studio and construction of new dwelling. *Granted with extensive conditions*
- **South Watch Harcombe** Two storey extension. *Granted with conditions*
- **Happy Valley Cuckoo Lane** New dwelling to replace mobile home (outline application with all matters reserved). *Refused*
- **Lindens Mill Lane** Construction of storage building to rear of existing garage. *Granted with conditions*
- **Carswell Farm Land Harcombe** Construction of agricultural storage and livestock building. *Granted with conditions*

Readers can look at www.uplymeparishcouncil.org for full details of these decisions, which are published in the Minutes section after approval by the Council, and also displayed on the PC noticeboards.

Finance: The Council received the external auditor's unqualified report, and will be buying a new noticeboard to stand outside the Village Hall, which it is hoped parishioners will find more visible.

Footpaths: there have been a number of bridleway improvements made in the parish, and Mr & Mrs Masters have agreed to a permissive footpath allowing easier access from Venlake to the village shop, which should be completed in the next few weeks. The white lines on the steps opposite the Hall have been repainted to make them safer.

Highway matters: the Council agreed to join the Snow Warden Scheme, which gives local councils more discretion about the delivery and spreading of salt/grit on local roads during a cold period. Cllr Turner will be in charge, and has already recruited some volunteers to assist him. The Council is also considering buying a small spreader to make more economical use of the salt. It is hoped that the new arrangement will lead to better road conditions in snowy or frosty weather, and less opportunity for thieves to steal from grit bins as happened last year.

Cllr Forrester was able to arrange a meeting with our MP Neil Parish, who has agreed to meet the Parish Council to discuss the dangers of the Hunters Lodge crossroads.

Flood relief: EDDC has surveyed the ground between the playground and the river, and checked with the Environment Agency that a channel can be dug to take excess floodwater towards the river. The Council will be paying for the work, but hopes to recoup some of the section 106 funds paid by developers in Uplyme. *In order to do this, it must ascertain whether there are any sports projects currently planned that could also apply for the money, so if you know of any, please let the Clerk have details as a matter of urgency.*

District Councillor's report: Local and Neighbourhood Plans protect against the presumption for sustainable development; so the Council may wish to consider that. Cllr Thomas is keen to work with the Council to unlock some of the many sources of funding available for local organisations. Please see www.trinitymatters.co.uk for more information.

Community transport: Cllr Clarke-Irons reports that numbers using the Ring and Ride service in Uplyme have gone up a lot. To find out more, please ring 01404 46520.

School: Cllr Frost reports that progress is being made on securing an option to buy a new site for the school, next to the affordable housing.

Police: PCSO Wooster will not be able to attend meetings often as her hours have been reduced to 16. She asked the Clerk to report on recent crimes: two thefts from motor vehicles – one car left insecure; Trinity Hill/Ware Lane; one theft of two milk churns containing flowers, and one theft of a gate; also a burglary to a shed some time between May and August. Please note: the **new non emergency police number is now 101**. This replaces 08452 777444!

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Parish Tree Warden



Can you help? Mr D Sole has resigned as tree warden, after many years of valuable service to the parish. If you know a bit about trees, are interested in keeping Uplyme beautiful and have just an hour or two to spare each month, please consider volunteering for this important post. Contact the Clerk or any Councillor for more information.