

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Cllr. B.Denham

**Present** Cllrs. B. Denham, P. Frost, J. Clarke-Irons, C. Pratt, A.Turner, P. Whiting, D. Cllr. K. George,  
3 members of the public.

**Resolution.** To resolve under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public be excluded from the meeting for item No.15 on the agenda on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business. Cllr. Turner proposed that this resolution be approved, seconded by Cllr. Pratt and carried unanimously.

**Apologies** Cllrs C.Sellers and B. Mason due to ill-health; C Cllr. M. Rogers.

**Minutes** The minutes of the March 2009 meeting were adopted and signed.

**Matters arising** The Emergency Planning Committee will be convened on 15<sup>th</sup> April by Cllr. Turner without Cllr. Sellers. The Clerk has spoken to a DCC officer about Speed Visors, and is advised that they still cost about £3,000; even if the PC could meet the entire cost, the device would still need approval from DCC. There has been no response to the Clerk's letter about gritting on Trinity Hill.

**Planning**

**Applications Granted by EDDC**

Old Barn, Lyme Road, Replacement conservatory

Hartgrove House, Trinity Hill Road, Construction of first floor and two storey extensions

**Applications dealt with by Planning Sub Committee**

Pencroft Farm, Woodhouse Lane – Amended plans. Change of use and alterations of stable block to commercial cattery with car parking area. *The Parish Council notes that the applicant has been required by EDDC to advertise this application in a local newspaper.*

Lymewood Retirement Home, Woodhouse Lane. Alterations to existing staircase and installation of platform lift between ground and first floors. *The Parish Council has no objections to this application.*

Lymewood Retirement Home, Woodhouse Lane. Erection of summerhouse and alterations to parking area. *Provided that the parking bays are constructed outside of the retained tree's Root Protection Area (RPA), and that it is clearly made a condition of any approval, the Parish Council does not object to this application.*

Willow Cottage Springhead Road Erection of detached dwelling. *The Parish Council considers that paragraph 1 of the Refusal (08/1748/FUL) still applies in every detail. It is overdevelopment near to the East Devon Way in a rural area of the AONB. It is still contrary to policies CO3 and CO6 of the Devon Structure Plan 2001-2016, policies S3, D1 and EN1 of the East Devon Local Plan 1995-2011, Guidance in the Uplyme Parish Plan and Parish Design Statement, and general advice in PPS1. Access alterations are not overcoming any of the above policies and the Parish Council strongly objects to this application.*

**Other Planning**

Pencroft Farm. Residents along the same lane are very concerned about rights of way and maintenance. D Cllr. George was asked to comment, and observed that this was a civil litigation matter, and as such could not be considered by planners. Cllr. Whiting will contact the Planning Officer again and register the residents' concerns.

Parish Plan/Design Statement Correspondence from the chairman of the Parish Plan Working Committee to EDDC was read out.

Planning Committee. Cllr. Denham proposed that Cllr. Turner be appointed to the Committee, on which she had been standing in. Cllr. Whiting seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

**Footpaths** £800 was granted for Parish Paths Partnership, although £2,000 was requested. Cllr. Clarke-Irons reported a fallen beech on FP100 blocking the path; the owner of the tree has been asked to clear it, but has not done so. The Clerk will write to Richard Spurway asking for enforcement action to be taken.

Moby Hill. The clerk summarised somewhat inconsistent correspondence from Mr Hill since November. After discussion, it was agreed that, since the PC has clearly never authorised Mr Hill to do work on the footpath behind the school, his invoice will not be paid.

**Highway Matters** A new vehicular access to woodlands on the B3165 at Burrowshot will be reported to the Enforcement Officer. Drainage and pothole problems in Cannington Lane were discussed.

**Finance**

**Balances at 30th March 2009**

Current Account	£1,163.93	Including Restricted Funds of :	
Business Instant Access A/c	£5,349.68	Footpath funds	£2,218.06
Millennium Tree Fund	£55.04	Uplyme Speed Campaign	£879.01
	<u>£6,568.65</u>		<u>£3,097.07</u>

**Payments Out**

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	462.20
Bay Gardens and Landscaping	480.00
Donation, Uplyme Parish News	50.00
Web hosting	135.00
Repairs and maintenance	414.00
VAT	21.65
	<u>1562.85</u>

**Payments In**

Parish Paths Partnership	500.00
Bank interest	0.42
	<u>£500.42</u>

**Maintenance of Parish Council Land**

Playground/Tennis courts: the padlock for the playground gates has been taken and people keep leaving them open. Any replacement should have a combination lock instead of a key. Cllr. Clarke-Irons has purchased preservative for the wooden elements in the playground, and Cllr. Pratt will apply it. A suitably robust closer for the tennis court gate will cost £335, which can be reimbursed from CUP funds. Cllr. Clarke-Irons proposed that one should be purchased. This was seconded by Cllr. Whiting, and carried unanimously.

Contractors: Cllr. Denham congratulated Mr Chetwode for leaving the cemetery in such a good state. Cllr. Sellers has toured the PC's land with the new contractor Mr Sims, and reports that he has already made a very good start.

**District Councillors Report**

D Cllr. George agrees with the PC's objections re: Willow Cottage and will back them up. He also explained that he had no objection to the Uplyme Parish Plan and Design Statement in particular, but believed that these types of document were wrong in principle, too restrictive, and hindered innovative design. He reported on planning committee meetings he had attended.

**Meetings attended**

Ring and Ride Cllr. Clarke-Irons reported that they now have a new bus, which has an access platform. It will cost £22,000 p/a to rent, which includes maintenance. This year, there were 496 less users overall, and 56 less in Uplyme, possibly because of the issue of bus passes.

Lyme Forward Cllr. Denham attended an exhibition to showcase local voluntary and health organisations, and was impressed by the exhibits.

**Correspondence**

Boundary Committee letters were discussed. Cllr. Denham will send another copy of her original letter on the matter.

**Any Other Business** Councillors were reminded about the Annual Parish Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Mrs Ethelston's is top of the league tables for Devon primary schools this year, based on aggregate scores for Key Stage 2 subjects (English, maths, science). The Council will write to the school with its congratulations.

The meeting was suspended at 8:30 for the Open Forum, and reconvened at 8:45.

**Parish Councillor Co-Option**

Prior to the meeting, councillors had received a copy of Mr Eric Brown's CV applying to join the PC. After discussion, it was resolved that Mr Brown be co-opted onto the Council. It was proposed by Cllr. Clarke-Irons that this resolution be approved, seconded by Cllr. Pratt and carried unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman

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