

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th February 2010 at 7:30. Chairman Cllr Denham.

Present: Cllrs Brown, Clarke-Irons, Denham, Frost, Mason, Pratt, Sellers, Whiting; and 3 members of the public. Cllr Turner joined the meeting at 7:43.

1. It was unanimously resolved under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public be excluded from the meeting for item No. 16 on the agenda because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business. (Proposed Cllr Sellers, seconded Cllr Pratt.)
2. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Forrester owing to medical problems, and D Cllr Thomas who is on holiday.
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the January 2010 meeting were adopted and signed.
4. **Matters arising:** none.
5. **Planning**

Applications dealt with by Planning Committee

- **Lower Holcombe Farm Holcombe Lane** Erection of first floor extension and formation of terrace over existing garage. **Comments:** The Parish Council supports this application
- **Pyms Orchard Lyme Road** Erection of replacement lean-to conservatory at rear of dwelling. **Comments:** The Parish Council supports this application
- **Pyms Orchard Lyme Road** Installation of double door and first floor window to rear elevation, removal of existing conservatory and erection of replacement lean-to conservatory (LBC). **Comments:** The Parish Council supports this application

Applications being considered

- **Rhode Hill Gardens Rhode Hill** Erection of 4 no. standalone photovoltaic panels
- **Oakwood Springhead Road** Erection of conservatory
- **Pendennis Cottage Crogg Lane** Erection of two storey side extension
- **The Crows Nest Ware** Construction of conservatory to front elevation
- **24 Barnes Meadow** 1 beech: shorten low branches by 1.5m; 2 Lawson Cypress: fell; 1 sycamore: shorten back over garden by 1.5m and balance form – currently with the tree warden. Cllr Whiting observed that this was yet another application with more concern for light to a building than trees. Wildlife area was fought hard for by Council, and now 3 times new owners have immediately asked to take trees down. Trees were there before the houses and strong representations against such applications should be made.
- **18 Barnes Meadow** withdrawn – wrong plot number.
- **Lynwood Lime Kiln Lane** Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and erection of replacement two storey dwelling and detached garage – application papers awaited.

Applications granted or refused by EDDC since last meeting

- **The Chantry Rhode Lane** Erection of single storey front and rear extensions and front porch. *Granted*
- **Hedgehog Corner Lyme Road** Extension to holiday unit *Granted*
- **Applegarth Pound Lane** Crown lift 1 turkey oak; fell 1 cherry, 1 sycamore, 2 ash; 1 ash reduce height by 10%; 1 sycamore remove sub-dominant stem and reduce height by 20% *Split decision*
- **Nutshell Venlake End** Erection of two storey side extension *Granted*
- **Rhode Hill Lodge Rhode Lane** Fell 1 Norway spruce *Granted*
- **Rhodes Harcombe Road** Extensions and alterations *Granted*
- **Uplyme Village Hall Lyme Road** Extension to provide additional store room and infant toilets *Granted*
- **Lower Holcombe Farm Holcombe Lane** Erection of first floor extension and formation of terrace over existing garage *Granted*

Other planning EDDC are to start charging developers for pre-application planning guidance. The lack of a site notice or opposite neighbour notification at Nutshell in Venlake was followed up by the Clerk, but Nick Wright of EDDC replied that both were at the discretion of the planning officer.

When all-electronic plans are provided, a projector and screen will be needed to view them. Clerk to apply for equipment.

6. **Finance** : The Clerk reported on the **current position at 31st January 2010:**

Current Account	7,996.19	Including Restricted Funds of :	
Business Instant Access A/c	5,352.20	Footpath funds	2,148.06
Millennium Tree Fund	55.06	Uplyme Speed Campaign	879.01
	<u>13,403.45</u>	Playground funds	<u>3,507.01</u>
			<u><u>6,534.08</u></u>

Payments Out		Payments In	
Clerk's expenses	22.05	Locality funding DCC	750.00
Clerk's overtime	47.34	Bank interest	0.24
Clerk's salary	410.28	Cemetery	1,050.00
PC battery and Office software	308.08		
Councillors' expenses	11.74		<u>1,800.24</u>
Grounds maintenance	508.33		
Refund of overpaid cemetery fees	150.00		
VAT	<u>53.92</u>		
	<u><u>1,511.74</u></u>		

The Clerk submitted the list of current payments for inspection, and it was resolved unanimously to pay the Village Hall hire bill of 324.67 (proposed: Cllr Clarke-Irons, seconded: Cllr Sellers).

<i>cheque #</i>	<i>payee, re</i>	<i>amount</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Net</i>
1156	G Sims - Grounds maintenance	508.33		508.33
1157	L Wakeman - Clerk's expenses	22.05		22.05
1158	L Wakeman - Clerk's overtime	47.34		47.34
1159	Village Hall - hire (2010)	324.67		324.67
1160	J Clarke-Irons – expenses	11.88		11.88

Cllr Whiting declared an interest and took no part in the discussion of the next item.

East Devon CAB grant requested was 20% up on what we gave last year, and councillors felt that this was excessive in the current climate.

Cllrs Whiting and Clarke-Irons declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or voting on the next item.

It was resolved unanimously that the following grants and donations for next year be authorised: East Devon CAB £200; Axe Valley Ring & Ride £250, Parish News £50, Royal British Legion Women's section (re poppy wreath) £16.50. (Proposed Cllr Denham; seconded Cllr Mason.)

The King George Field owned by the Fields in Trust is covered by a blanket public liability insurance taken out on behalf of all the fields owned by the Trust and costs the Trustees £125 per annum. Until now this cost has included a full safety inspection of the children's playground equipment, which equipment is owned by the Parish Council, and the Parish Council has paid the Trustees £50 towards the cost of the inspection. This year the Trust are imposing an additional charge of £60 for the inspection and it was agreed that this should be paid by the Parish Council.

It was resolved unanimously to authorise the payment of 8 hrs overtime to the Clerk for January. Proposed Cllr Denham, seconded Cllr Sellers. Councillors also agreed to a bulk purchase of stamps before the price goes up in April.

7. **Footpaths** – Cllr Mason reported that he is **still** waiting for the meeting about the Glen with DCC. Funding is definitely held over to next year without affecting PPP finance.
8. **Highway matters:** grit now with Cllr Turner for emergency use. Potholes are a big problem on many local roads. The Clerk reported that works at Culver, Woodhouse Lane were being scheduled and the Council has received the £750 locality funding from C Cllr Knight's budget. Cllr Forrester asked the Clerk to report that two new grit bins have been installed at the top of Tappers Knap and the bottom of Church St, after a request by John Fowler. She will be submitting the list of grit bins to Devon Highways, but Brian Hoare has indicated that there is probably no money in the budget for them. Parishioners can buy their own from the Council for £100, and the County Council will keep them filled. The defects list was circulated.

Speed campaign funds are still in hand. Cllr Mason proposed that Council should reactivate the whole idea – on next agenda for discussion. Clerk to find out price.

9. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** Contractor’s payment was agreed. Moles in playground are causing a problem with the surfacing – Clerk to ask if we can get professional advice on this. Moss needs eradicating. Unsigned letter has been received from Barnes Meadow Management Committee asking if Council can tidy up Millennium Copse. Cllr Denham has spoken to the liquidator who will advise in due course. The Clerk reported that a new bus shelter was erected by Axminster TC at Hunter’s Lodge, and she now has written confirmation of its ownership. Possible locations for the second-hand shelter offered by C Cllr Knight were discussed. North end of Lime Kiln Lane on northbound side of Lyme Road was suggested. Axminster TC has offered to support reinstatement of A35 westbound bus stop and layby at Hunter’s Lodge – Clerk to write to Town Clerk.
10. **Standing orders and Council procedure.** The Chairman thanked the Vice Chairman for bringing procedural matters to her attention, then read a statement about the regrettable way the suggested improvements to Council procedure had been handled. She noted that new NALC model standing orders were now issued, and an agenda item to appoint a working party to tailor these for Uplyme Council would be on the table for the March meeting; the working party would then report to Council in April for consideration. Lesley Smith’s (DAPC Secretary) reply to the Chairman’s letter was read; the Chairman intimated that she would be following the DAPC’s advice on all matters. The Emergency Plan Sub-committee should have been called the Emergency Plan Development Working Party, rather than a sub-committee as previously minuted. Cllr Whiting read a statement about the difficulties of arranging planning meetings in public – may only be 10 days for everyone to visit sites, collate information and respond. He listed locations for plans to be seen. PC can make comments only, and residents can also do the same. A Planning Committee meeting before each full meeting was suggested. Practical constraints will make it very difficult to consider every application in public. Cllr Denham will write to Lesley Smith asking for further advice about the planning issue. A heated discussion about comments made in letters and at meetings ensued. Cllr Mason proposed a vote of confidence in the Chairman which was carried. Cllr Sellers asked the Vice Chairman to apologise for his remarks about Council conduct, but Cllr Clarke-Irons stood by them. Cllr Sellers proposed a vote of no confidence in the Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Pratt, which was carried.
11. **County Councillor’s report.** None.
12. **District Councillor’s report.** None.
13. **Meetings attended by Councillors:** Cllr Clarke-Irons attended the Axminster DAPC meeting. Senior Council of Devon gave a presentation. Grit bins will be filled up in November; residents are urged to “adopt a grit bin” so levels can be monitored.
14. **Correspondence:** the Clerk summarised correspondence received, and read out letters from Hugo Swire MP about the unitary authority proposals, and from Denise Lyon (EDDC Monitoring Officer) about vexatious complaints to Standards Boards.
15. **Any other business:** Cllrs Turner, Frost and Forrester were thanked for their work on emergency plan appendices. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm for the open forum. It was reconvened at 9.47pm *in camera*.
16. **Tenders for maintenance.** The Council heard the recommendations of the interview panel. It was resolved to offer a contract to Gary Sims for maintenance of Parish Council land, April 2010-March 2011, in the sum of £5,750. Upon achieving a standard of performance of 100%, the rate of payment will be increased to the monthly equivalent of £6100 p/a from the date of the uplift being agreed. Proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pratt.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.05.

Signed Chairman
 Date