

The council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th February 2011 at 7:30. Chairman Cllr Mason.

Present: Cllrs Brown, Clarke-Irons, Denham, Forrester, Frost, Mason, Pratt, Sellers, Turner and Whiting, D Cllr Thomas, and 9 members of the public (later 7).

1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from PCSO Jones and C Cllr Knight.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the January 2011 meeting were adopted and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** letter of thanks to Mr Ostler will be written by Clerk as agreed at last meeting.
4. **Planning: applications considered by the Planning Committee**

- **The Granary Hook Farm Gore Lane** Complete rendering of western gable end and insertion of first floor window. *Owing to financial constraints, the Parish Council has formed no collective view on this application. Individual councillors on the Planning Committee have responded as follows: 'We have no objections to this application.'*
- **Windrush Yawl Hill Lane** Alterations and extensions (to include ground and first floor extensions and rear balcony). *Owing to financial constraints, the Parish Council has formed no collective view on this application. Individual councillors on the Planning Committee have responded as follows: 'We have no objections to this application.'*

Applications granted or rejected by EDDC since last meeting

- **The Little Cedar House Venlake.** Certificate of proposed lawful development for a rear extension. *Granted*
- Both above-listed applications granted also, the second with conditions.

Other planning. Affordable housing has been recommended for approval by officers; S106 agreement has been drawn up to give preference to tenants with local connections. Footpath exit: could it be moved to Village Hall? Dormers will not be countenanced by Guinness Trust, but agreement with PC over finish will be sought.

5. **Finance:** The Clerk reported on the **current position at 31st January 2011**

LTSB Current Account	12177.41	Including restricted funds of :	
LTSB Business Instant Access A/c	5354.86	Footpath funds	3063.06
Millennium Tree Fund	55.06	Uplyme Speed Campaign	879.01
HSBC Current Account	2396.74	Playground funds	771.74
	<u>19984.07</u>	Millennium Copse	2198.78
		Locality funding	0.00
Payments Out		PAYE due	68.60
Grounds maintenance	508.33		<u>6981.19</u>
Clerk's salary	362.18	Payments In	
Clerk's expenses	7.78	Bank interest	0.23
HMRC fine	100.00	Cemetery	975.00
HMRC PAYE	101.20	VAT refund	401.57
VAT	0.34		<u>1376.80</u>
	<u>1079.83</u>		

The Clerk submitted the list of current payments for approval.

0005	G Sims - grounds maintenance	508.33
0006	L Wakeman - Clerk's expenses	11.03
0007	L Wakeman - Clerk's salary	361.98
0008	Village Hall - Fees for hire 2011	342.71
0009	B Denham – travel expenses	16.80

The Awards For All funding application for the projector has been submitted.

6. **Flooding.** The Chairman reported that DCC Highways has dug out some of the stream bed, but not the entire length necessary . Bank will be put back in a few days for safety of children playing near culvert. Funds for a relief scheme would be necessary to take overflow straight into Lym.

7. **Footpaths:** diversion order re FP 93/67/68 (Lower Rhode Farm) will be made; FP 62 clearance (Hacker’s Mead) - more work needed at Church St end. PPP forms have been completed. FP 19 has a substandard stile.
8. **Highway matters:** The defects list was circulated. Bad state of bottom of Cannington, top of Woodhouse, Lanes – have been in queue for over a year, and no funds yet allocated. Letter to Highways cc chief exec will be written by Clerk pointing out waste of temporary patching. Many potholes have been repaired in Yawl Hill and Rhode Lane, but not always done properly. Trinity Hill to be largely resurfaced very soon.
Clerk will write letter to Axmouth Council supporting them in their HGV traffic problems.
Cllr Turner will act as the Council’s Lengthsman Co-ordinator via Brian Hoare . The Clerk will find out how much funding we could get for our own lengthsman.
9. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** Injury and personal problems meant that the contractor had to be chased to do his work, but these are now in hand. Contractor’s payment for January was agreed.
Playground flood debris was cleared by Cllr Frost as far as possible; more to do; still muddy. Moles will be looked at by Cllr Turner. There will be an annual inspection at a date that has not been confirmed.
Furzehill Plantation: it was resolved unanimously that the Council would not take a lease on the woodland, after hearing from the Tree Warden in the open forum (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Whiting). Clerk to write and inform Woodland Trust of decision.
10. **Maintenance contract.** One tender had been received from Gary Sims for the contract in the sum of £6,200, which was opened in the presence of Cllrs Pratt, Sellers and Denham. The interview panel recommended acceptance. It was resolved unanimously to accept this tender, conditional on the production of a PL certificate (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Turner).
11. **Millennium Copse.** The Chairman summarised the opaque letter from the liquidators of Wykeham Homes, Wilson Field. The options appear to be 1 – sell the land, 2 – transfer to the PC and use a bond to fund the footpath diversion. Meeting was adjourned at 8.55 to hear David Sole who was a Cllr at the time of the original negotiations. He drew Cllrs attention to clauses 5.1 and 5.3 of the S106 agreement, and John Stevens’ letter of 20/4/00, and said that only DCC can enforce the agreement. Meeting was reconvened at 9.01. Chairman will write to liquidators saying a resolution is required however it may be arranged.
12. **County Councillor’s report.** None.
13. **District Councillor’s report.** Parish Magazine article explains transport plans for ward, and funding decisions. Axmouth HGV traffic – people were requested to write to local papers or useful contacts.
14. **Meetings attended by Councillors:** Cllr Denham and the Clerk attended the Axminster DAPC meeting which had a useful presentation about election procedure. 4th April is last date for nominations to be delivered to EDDC. Axminster on 31st March – will be a meeting for prospective Cllrs. Cllr Clarke-Irons attended Senior Council of Devon – fire safety. Future meetings: Ring & Ride meeting 7th March.
15. **Correspondence:** the Clerk presented the list to the Council. The Chairman will complete the flood risk assessment from DCC.
16. **AOB:** Terry Sweeney was thanked for his book on footpaths.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed Chairman
Date