

The council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 7:30. Chairman Cllr Mason.

Present: Cllrs Brown, Clarke-Irons, Denham, Frost, Mason, Pratt, Sellers, Turner and Whiting, D Cllr Thomas, C Cllr Knight and 18 members of the public.

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Mr Kimmo Evans, from the East Devon AONB team. He mentioned a Sustainable Development Fund, and Making it Local in conjunction with Blackdown Hills. Parish Biodiversity Audit was conducted last year, and Mr Evans presented it to the meeting. It contains suggestions for things that could be done to improve the parish. Mr Evans would like a point of contact in the council.

1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Forrester who is ill, and David Sole.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the December 2010 meeting were adopted and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** there has been a small change to the maintenance contract specification agreed by Cllrs Denham and Sellers, regarding the hedge behind the tennis court.
4. **Planning: applications to be considered by the Planning Committee**

- **The Granary Hook Farm Gore Lane** Complete rendering of western gable end and insertion of first floor window.
- **Windrush Yawl Hill Lane** Alterations and extensions (to include ground and first floor extensions and rear balcony).

Applications granted or rejected by EDDC since last meeting

- Smoky Hole Cathole Lane Construction of garage *Granted*
- The Little Cedar House Venlake T1 - Larch - reduce canopy back to the boundary. *Split decision*
- 14 Glebelands Uplyme Fell 1 x multi-stemmed Laurel. *Granted*

Other planning. Affordable housing is unlikely to go to committee, but Council will be notified if it does, so a representative can be sent.

5. **Finance:** The Clerk reported on the **current position at 31st December 2010**

Current Account	14277.41	Including Restricted Funds of :	
Business Instant Access A/c	5354.64	Footpath funds	3063.06
Millennium Tree Fund	55.06	Uplyme Speed Campaign	879.01
	<u>19687.11</u>	Playground funds	771.74
		Millennium Copse	2198.78
		Locality funding	-10.00
Payments Out		PAYE due	<u>101.20</u>
Grounds maintenance	508.33		7003.79
Clerk's salary	362.18		
Clerk's expenses	35.86	Payments In	
Councillor's travel expenses	3.61	Bank interest	0.22
VAT	0.52	War loan interest	<u>1.56</u>
	<u>910.50</u>		<u>1.78</u>

The Clerk submitted the list of current payments for approval.

1222	Transfer to HSBC account	2000.00
0001	G Sims - grounds maintenance	508.33
0002	L Wakeman - Clerk's expenses	8.12
0003	L Wakeman - Clerk's salary	362.18
0004	HMRC - PAYE	101.20

6. **Precept.** The Clerk presented the recommendations of the Finance Committee. It was resolved unanimously to set the precept for 2011-12 to £ 16,260. (Proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Sellers.) Cllr Denham recorded her thanks to the Clerk for her good housekeeping.

Meeting suspended at 8:08 for PC K Bennett to give the police report, and resumed at 8:12.

7. **Footpaths:** Contractor has done some signposts, but others need fixing.
8. **Highway matters:** The defects list was circulated. New budget in April to resurface Trinity Hill, which is in a bad state in places.
9. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** Contractor's payment for December was agreed. Not much done because of the bad weather, but time is made up in the summer. Children's playground is silty after the flood, although the equipment and surfacing has been checked and is safe.
10. **Maintenance contract.** Cllrs Pratt, Sellers and Denham were appointed to the interview panel.
11. **County Councillor's report.** Unemployed totals are increasing in Devon. C Cllr Knight will have £25,000 extra locality fund in ward, plus £10,000 for Uplyme. Could be used for capital project like drainage improvements, and C Cllr Knight might find smaller sum for immediate digging out (£5-800). DCC will need to save £50M. If highways repair work not done properly, report to Clerk to get rectified.
12. **District Councillor's report.** LDF consultation is finished but government has announced a review so it's on hold. Raymond's Hill building line and less housing numbers have been recognised. EDDC funding squeezed; localism bill will also have an effect.
13. **Meetings attended by Councillors:** none. There will be an Axminster DAPC meeting soon, and probably a Ring & Ride meeting.
14. **Correspondence:** the Clerk presented the list to the Council. Cllr Denham agreed to complete the questionnaire from the church, and to look at the RBL poppy party literature.
15. **AOB:** Hedges overhanging the road must be cut by landowners. Cllr Forrester was thanked for all her hard work in managing the salt bins.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed Chairman
 Date