

The Council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 7:15pm. Chairman Cllr Mason.

Present: Cllrs Brown, Clarke-Irons, Forrester, Frost, Mason, Pratt, Turner, Whiting and 6, later 7, members of the public.

1. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm for the open forum / police report, and reconvened at 7:24pm.
Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Killingback who is ill, PCSO Wooster, and D Cllr Thomas who may be able to attend later. Cllr Pratt arrived at 7:26.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the December 2011 meeting were adopted and signed with a small amendment.
3. **Matters arising:** Clerk has been unable to get any response re: training/funding for neighbourhood plans.
4. **Planning:** Tenders for affordable housing are in, and completion for mid-November 2012 is still hoped for. Applications will be considered in August/September. Road completion should be done first. School footpath exit may need further consideration.

Applications dealt with at meeting

- **Post Office Lyme Road.** Demolition of existing single span storey shop unit to facilitate construction of 2 storey residential units (*2nd revised plans*). It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: *The Parish Council does not wish to amend its comments made on the original plan and objects to this application* (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pratt).
- **Land At Red Lane Cross Rocombe.** Retention of field shelter for equine use. It was resolved to respond as follows: *The Parish Council does not object to this application.* (Proposed Cllr Forrester, seconded Cllr Turner). Mrs Harman's letter was summarised. Cllr Whiting pointed out that Councillors should refer applicants to EDDC if asked to give a planning opinion. Clerk will try to find out who offered one to the applicant. Another application must be made for the second shelter.
- **Ware Barn Ware.** Internal alterations to garage to form pantry. It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: *The Parish Council supports this application* (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Turner).
- **Dashwood House Lyme Road.** T1, Scots Pine - shorten low second order branch on north side of tree by 1.5m. It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: *The Parish Council supports this application in accordance with the opinion of the Parish Tree Warden* (proposed Cllr Brown, seconded Cllr Whiting).

Applications granted by EDDC since last meeting

- **Hunters Cross Farm Yawl Hill Lane.** Construction of agricultural storage building. *Granted with conditions*
 - **Hook Farm Camping And Caravan Site Gore Lane.** Installation of solar pv panels on roofs of reception building and 2no amenity buildings. *Granted with conditions.*
5. **Governance:** The Chairman read a statement regarding Cllr Clarke-Irons' comments at the last meeting, and a vigorous discussion followed. The Clerk noted that no proper decision could be made by members of the Planning Committee without a public meeting. It was resolved to amend Standing Orders to include this statement:
 - "1. Planning applications will be dealt with by members of the Planning Committee and comments reported at a Council meeting, where applications will be on view, discussed at the meeting and voted upon. Responses will be copied to EDDC.
 2. If a response is required before a Council meeting but an extension cannot be granted, an advertised public Planning Committee meeting will be held and a response made as above. Decisions will be reported at the next full Council meeting.
 3. If a response is required before a meeting but an extension cannot be granted, and if an application concerns a minor matter in the opinion of the Planning Committee Chairman, and the Planning Committee members are unanimous in their comments, and no public objections are received, comments will be passed on to EDDC and ratified at the next Council meeting." (Proposed Cllr Brown, seconded Cllr Whiting).

It was resolved that any items for resolution at meetings must be given in writing to the Clerk or Chairman at least 14 days before the date of the meeting at which they are to be discussed (proposed Cllr Mason, seconded Cllr Turner). It was furthermore agreed that only the Chairman or Clerk may originate notices for the official Parish Noticeboards. Referring to Cllr Clarke-Irons' comments in December, Councillors were reminded that the Clerk, as an employee, had a right to fair treatment, and public criticism of her competence or actions was unacceptable according to employment legislation.

6. **Finance:** The Clerk reported on the position at 31st December 2011:

Bank balances at 31st December 2011		Payments Out	
HSBC Current Account	4410.66	Grounds maintenance	516.67
HSBC Deposit Account	24244.04	Clerk's expenses	20.87
	<u>28654.70</u>	Clerk's salary	370.91
Reserves		PAYE	212.80
Footpath funds	3788.06	Travel	9.62
Uplyme Speed Campaign	379.01	VAT	0.00
Playground funds	785.83		
Millennium Copse	2198.78		
Millennium Tree Fund	55.06		
Cemetery repairs	5000.00		<u>1130.87</u>
Big Lottery funding	7.01		
Locality funding	800.00	Payments In	
Salt spreader funding	500.00	Bank interest	1.12
PAYE due	<u>70.80</u>	Cemetery fees	300.00
Total reserves	<u>13584.55</u>	War stock dividend	1.56
		VAT refund	195.19
General fund	<u>15070.15</u>	DCC locality funding	800.00
Total funds	<u>28654.70</u>		<u>1297.87</u>
Transfer from Deposit to Current	2000.00		

The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Pratt, seconded Cllr Turner).

cheque #	payee, re	amount
100073	G Sims - grounds maintenance December	516.67
100074	L Wakeman - Clerk's expenses	9.94
100075	L Wakeman - Clerk's salary	371.11
100076	Uplyme Village Hall – room hire	6.00
100077	DCC - salt spreader	1574.40
100078	Village & Urban - noticeboard	864.00
100079	R J Fisher - bus shelter repairs	60.00

7. **Precept:** it was resolved to set the precept at £16260 for 2012-2013 (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Turner). Cllr Brown proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Killingback and the Clerk for their assistance in doing the figures
8. **Correspondence.** The Clerk summarised correspondence received. The following item was agreed: Cllr Whiting will comment on the East Devon Plan, which calls for 20 houses by 2026 (8 in progress); Neighbourhood Plans: Uplyme is lumped in with Combpyne/Rousdon/Axmouth.
9. **Footpaths:** The AONB officer advises that Axe Vale Conservation Society is unlikely to work on Chimney Rock and suggests asking the DCC Footpaths Officer. Cllr Whiting reported on state of East Devon Way between Church Rd/Lyme Rd. Scalpings to be deposited if DCC/landowner agree (£67.38/tonne delivered). Permissive path: materials in hand, should be fitted shortly. Litter on Coach Rd; police cleaned this up. Handrail to be fitted in Glen near a potentially dangerous drop.
10. **Highway matters:** The defects list was circulated. Cannington Lane inspected; minor works will be done by Council WP, but more work on ditches will be done by Highways in spring. Salt spreader was delivered; and salt has finally arrived. Cllr Turner was thanked for his hard work. Grit bins – Clerk to follow up with C Cllr Knight.

11. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** Cemetery and Stafford Mount are looking untended. Contractor’s payment for December was agreed. Tender for 2012-13 has been published; Cllr Frost noted cemetery hedges: not only N and S sides, but school/church side as well: all internal hedges, and external on the road. EDDC Tree Warden confirms felling of chestnut is essential, also removal of stump and replacement species: he suggests crab apple, thorn or Devon Whitebeam (2 or 3) would be suitable smaller native species with year-round interest and bird appeal. Meeting was suspended briefly for Mr Cook to advise on Horticultural Society recommendations: birch or rowan. Clerk to approach Western Power contractor about felling. Could Stafford Mount be renovated as a Jubilee project? Sign needed; walls, slope, beds/hedges messy, benches need tidying.
12. **Playground:** Lyme Regis Carnival Committee has donated £50 towards a toddler slide and Clerk will apply to Cllr Knight for capital project funding. Concrete under bench – Martin Edwards will be asked to look at this when he does the drainage work.
13. **County Councillor’s report.** None
14. **District Councillor’s report.** None
15. **Meetings attended by Councillors.** None. Cllr Clarke-Irons will be attending a Ring & Ride finance meeting next week. Chairman and Clerk will be attending a DALC localism meeting on 31st.
16. **Any other business:** Former Cllrs Denham and Sellers will be asked to return their copies of the green book. The casual vacancy on the Council can now be filled by co-option.

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

Signed Chairman

Date