

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

Present: Cllrs Brown, Clarke-Irons, Denham, Forrester, Mason, Pratt, Sellers, Turner and Whiting, D Cllr Thomas and 8 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Frost who is on holiday.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the February 2011 meeting were adopted and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** Only EDDC can enforce the s106 agreement at the Millennium Copse. If Cllr Thomas can have a report of the situation, he will take it up.
4. **Planning: applications considered by the Planning Committee**
 - **Tetherdown Whalley Lane** Replacement dwelling and associated works. *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.*
 - **Orchard End Ware Lane** Construction of timber garden room. *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.*
 - **Dashwood House Lyme Road** Construction of single storey timber garden room. *We have no objections to this application. Noted that quality of drawings was very good.*
 - **Coombehayes House Wadley Hill** Variation of condition 2 of application 10/1617/COU to allow use as holiday or ancillary accommodation. *The condition was imposed for a reason, and there was no justification in the application as to why it should be changed. The Parish Council objects to this application..*
 - **Reedmace Woodhouse Lane** Single storey rear extension with pitched roof. *No objection.*
 - **2 Cuckoo Hill** Construction of 3 bedroom bungalow (as annex). *The Parish Council objects to this application as a separate dwelling outside the development boundary.*

Other planning: Meeting was suspended at 7:45 to hear D. Sole. A parishioner has offered up to £500 towards the legal costs of transferring the Millennium Copse. Mr Sole thought the copse would be an asset to the village, and if not transferred, it might be sold as a potential development site. Meeting reconvened at 7:49.

It was resolved (1 against, 1 abstention) that the Council would proceed with trying to acquire the Millennium Copse according to the s106 agreement at no initial cost to the Council (proposed Cllr Sellers, seconded Cllr Turner). The Chairman summarised the proposed letter to be written to the liquidator.

5. **Finance:** The Clerk reported on the **current position at 28th February 2011**

LTSB Current Account (closed)	0.00	Footpath funds	3063.06
Business Instant Access A/c (closed)	0.00	Uplyme Speed Campaign	879.01
Millennium Tree Fund (closed)	0.00	Playground funds	771.74
HSBC Current Account	13,958.30	Millennium Copse	2198.78
HSBC Deposit Account	5410.28	Millennium Tree Fund	55.06
	<u>19368.58</u>	PAYE due	<u>137.40</u>
			7105.05
Payments Out			
Grounds maintenance	508.33	General fund	12263.53
Clerk's salary	361.98		
Clerk's expenses	10.44	Payments In	
Councillors' expenses	16.80	Bank interest	0.35
Village Hall hire fees 2011	342.71	Cemetery	<u>625.00</u>
VAT	<u>0.59</u>		625.35
	1240.85		

The Clerk submitted the list of current payments for approval, and explained that the PAYE cheque included tax due on the March salary, hence higher than reserved fund shows.

0009	G Sims - grounds maintenance	508.33
0010	L Wakeman - Clerk's expenses	21.48
0011	L Wakeman - Clerk's salary	362.18
0012	HMRC - PAYE	206.00

The Awards For All funding application for the projector has been successful. The Audit Commission has appointed a new external auditor in Bolton, although the Council can object if it wishes to (it does not). The internal auditor for 2011-12 will be Mr Jerry Lack. The Clerk outlined the Council's duty to register as a data controller under the Data Protection Act 1988, at a cost of £35 p/a; the Council agreed that the Clerk should do this. The Clerk was authorised to bulk buy next year's provision of postage stamps this year to save the annual price increase. It was resolved unanimously that the Council should take up the offer from the current insurers to sign a 3-year agreement to save 5% on premiums. (Proposed Cllr Brown, seconded Cllr Denham).

6. **Footpaths:** 2011-12 PPP funding has been secured for FP66 against washout at Old Mill and the state of East Devon Way through Glen near Springhead Rd: Cllrs observed that this job has been delayed for a long time and should be progressed. Diversion order re: FP5 at Shapwick Quarry is now advertised. No news on FP66 diversion into Dorset. Stile on FP 19 will be chased. Noticeboard by KGV field is very shabby; needs a new map, work to fix the lock, and cleaning up.
7. **Highway matters:** The defects list was circulated. Pavement opposite the old cemetery gate has been replaced; but mud is still not cleared. Lengthsman has visited; Cllr Turner reported on his activities. Paul Wilson (DCC) has been told of Cannington and Woodhouse Lane problems. A working party to clear ditches could make a substantial improvement to areas like Cannington Lane; the Clerk was asked to find out if Highways would object to this. The Speed Advisor is still not working; Clerk to report this again.
8. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** Contractor's payment for February was agreed. Path in old cemetery sprayed for moss/weeds, but parishioners have complained that manhole covers are very slippery when wet. Stafford Mount rubbish cleared. Cllr Frost reported on her progress with the playground; it was felt that concerns over the willow tree were overstated; the Tree Warden will look at it but play should not be restricted unnecessarily. The Operator sign needs replacing.
9. **APM arrangements:** this year, will be standard reports from Chairman, D Cllr and C Cllr only, plus any issues submitted by public.
10. **Noticeboards:** the Council should wait and see where boards are to be moved to before committing to buying a replacement noticeboard to be sited at the new Post Office premises. Chairman will ask for information.
11. **County Councillor's report.** None.
12. **District Councillor's report.** EDDC budget cut; council tax is level. Axmouth HGV traffic report. School move: site assessments are being undertaken. Meeting with Guinness Hermitage to coordinate with affordable housing development nearby.
13. **Meetings attended by Councillors:** Cllr Turner attended the Coastal Traffic meeting.
14. **Correspondence:** the Clerk presented the list to the Council. It was resolved (1 abstention) that the Chairman should write to Brian Hoare saying that Cllr Clarke-Irons has acknowledged in public that his statement was misleading, & to apologise for the slur on Mr Hoare's attitude to his work (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Brown) Mr Ostler had returned the letter of thanks from the Clerk, and his rejection was read out.
15. **AOB:** It was suggested that two microphones for Village Hall could be obtained with locality funding. Report of progress on stream bank / flooding issue from Cllr Denham in her capacity as member of KGV Committee. Environment Agency & Highways suggested a relief channel cut in the field, which will pass through the playground.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.07p.m.

Signed Chairman
 Date