

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.30p.m.

Chairman Cllr. B.Denham

**Present.** Cllrs.P.Burton,J.Clarke-Irons,J.Duffin,B.Mason,C.Pratt,P.Shirley,A.Turner,P.Whiting.8 Members of the public  
**Apologies for absence** Cllr. C.Sellers. County Cllr. M Rogers, District Cllr.K.George.

**Election of Chairman**

Cllr. B. Denham - Proposed by Cllr. J.Clarke-Irons, Seconded by Cllr. B.Mason. Elected unanimously.

**Vice Chairman.**

Cllr. J.Clarke-Irons- proposed Cllr. B. Denham. Seconded by Cllr. A.Turner. Elected unanimously

**Election of Officers and Sub-Committees.**

Cllr. Duffin who has chaired the Planning sub committee for a number of years is unable to continue in this post due to outside commitments. It was therefore agreed that this and other appointments would be postponed until the June meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr.Duffin for all his hard work and commitment.

**Minutes.** The minutes of the April 2008 meeting, as circulated, were adopted and signed.

**Matters arising.** Cllr.Clarke-Irons reported that the remedial works to the swings which Hags Ltd were supposed to have actioned have not yet been carried out and he will chase.

**Planning.**

**Applications granted by East Devon District Council**

Doone, Whalley Lane. Erection of side extension

Churston, Harcombe Road. Demolition of garage, ground floor extensions & raising of roof height to provide 1st floor accommodation.

Colmers, Woodhouse Fields. Demolition of existing garage and construction of new freestanding garage

Hunters Croft, Charmouth Road. Conversion and extension of garden shop to form self contained holiday unit.

**Applications dealt with by the planning Sub-committee.**

Higher Holcombe Farm, Holcombe Lane Demolition of existing conservatory & replacement with garden room & extended living room, construction of 3 new dormers on SW Elevation. *The Parish Council has no adverse comments. Approval Recommended.*

Shapwick Quarry. Replacement building for storage of agricultural lime. *The Parish Council has no adverse comments but the colour of side cladding and roof sheeting should be approved. Approval Recommended.*

Lydwell House, Lyme Rd. Erect three 3 bedroom town houses with access from Lyme Rd. *The Parish Council considers this application to be over development of the site and the following factors need to be addressed. 1)The proposed buildings are too high on land which is known to be unstable due to greensand.2)The proposal is not in accordance with the Uplyme Parish Plan supplemental planning buildings (as approved by EDDC).3) Three storey buildings in this location do not fit in with the surrounding area. 4) Insufficient detail concerning the development of the adjacent location. Refusal Recommended.* Copies of three letters of objection to EDDC were received.

Valley View Farm, Lime Kiln Lane Conversion of barn into two holiday cottages. The Parish Council considers the proposal to be of poor design within an AONB and not in accordance with the Parish Plan. The large picture windows and velux windows in a small roof remove any character of the original building. Refusal Recommended

6 Ethelston's Close. Conservatory. *The Parish Council has no adverse comments. Approval Recommended.*

**Other Planning**

Oak tree on land at Lydwell House Tree Preservation Order No. 5/2008. Mr Sole the Parish Tree Warden reported as follows:-.....a Provisional TPO was made by EDDC on this tree on the 10th March this year. I understand the making of a Provisional Order is followed by a 3 month consultation period to give the public an opportunity to comment on the matter, after which the District Council will either confirm or cancel the order. I also said at the meeting that I considered this tree to be of importance and hoped the Order would be confirmed. You asked me to set out my reasons for this view, and they are as follows: 1. I consider the oak to be one of the types of tree most worthy of protection in view of its potential longevity and value for biodiversity. 2. This particular tree is a good shape and appears to be healthy (although the ivy -also healthy - attached to it could give it a problem in the future!) 3. Although it is still far from fully grown, it already provides (together with 2 other lesser trees in the vicinity) a welcome contrast to the rather prominent buildings nearby, softening their impact as one enters or leaves the village. The importance of this tree in the street scene will clearly increase over the years if its growth continues uninterrupted .I hope the Parish Council will feel able to support the confirmation of this Order. Councillors were unanimously in agreement that a letter should be sent strongly recommending the confirmation of this Preservation Order

**Finance.**

Approval of accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 The Responsible Finance Officer (the Clerk ) presented the accounts to the councillors and read out the Annual Governance Statement including statements 1 to 9 which must be approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman & Clerk. In addition the Council must now review the effectiveness of the system of Internal Audit. The Clerk then detailed what systems were in place viz.1)All cheques signed by two councillors. 2)Any payments in excess of £250 to be agreed by the full council. 3)Quarterly audits carried out by a member of the council. 4)Accounts audited annually by an independent Internal Auditor. The council deemed the internal audit procedures to be effective and Cllr.Turner proposed that the accounts be adopted, seconded by Cllr.Pratt and carried unanimously.

Present Position

Balances at 30th April 2008

Treasurers Account	£7,977.70		Including Restricted Funds of :	
Business Instant Access A/c	£5,269.22		Footpath funds	£2,349.29
Millennium Tree Fund	£54.35	£13,301.27	Playground Funds	£173.80
			Uplyme Speed Campaign	£879.01
				<u>£3,402.10</u>

**Payments Out**

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	451.35
Bay Gardens and Landscaping	580.00
Stationery	28.89
Repairs and Maintenance	4.34
Telephone	26.82
Insurance	577.64
VAT	5.44
	<u>1674.48</u>

**Payments In**

Cemetery		100.00
Parish Paths partnership Grant		1725.00
Precept	6946.50	
Less DAPC Subscription	<u>-282.00</u>	6664.50
Bank interest		12.77
		<u>£8,502.27</u>

Lyme Regis Museum is presenting an exhibition of *Farming in the Lim Valley* to be held at the Village Hall from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May. Admission is free. Cllr. Shirley proposed that the Parish Council donate the sum of £150 in support of this enterprise which should be of great interest to parishioners, seconded by Cllr. Turner and carried unanimously.

Tennis Court at King George Field

At the November 2007 meeting it was unanimously agreed that The Parish Council would donate the sum of £500 towards the total of £2285.36 required for repairs to the tennis court subject to the remaining monies being raised by the trustees. Cllr. Denham confirmed that the trustees had now raised the remaining monies.

**Footpaths.** Footpath 12 - Cllr. Burton reported that the EDDC solicitor needs a letter from the developer's solicitor confirming that any damage as a result of the proposed diversion was the developer's liability.

**Maintenance of Parish Council Land.** As Cllr. Sellers was unable to attend the meeting he contacted the Clerk and reported that he was happy with the work of the contractor and payment could be made.

**Children's Playground.**

Cllr. Clarke-Irons is awaiting the decision on a possible grant of £4500 from Gemini Radio which if successful will provide sufficient funding (with funds already held) to install a slide.

It had been suggested at the March meeting that consideration should be given for an open shelter to be erected outside the play area to provide shelter for youngsters and to prevent misuse of the swings. Not all councillors thought this to be a good idea but quotations would be obtained so that further discussion could take place. Since then two letters of objection have been received and quotations ranging between £7800 and £10,000 - sums which are quite out of the question. It was therefore agreed that the idea should be abandoned.

**Meetings attended by Councillors**

Cllr. Denham & Clarke-Irons attended a public forum in respect of Devon CC's proposals to the Boundary Committee. It was very poorly attended there being no members of the public and Uplyme Parish Council having the largest parish council representation

Cllr. Shirley attended an Affordable Housing meeting in Lyme Regis. One idea put forward was the development of the field adjacent to the Park and Ride on the Sidmouth Road where this could be shared between West Dorset and East Devon DC. This site is however not suited to Uplyme as being a rural area the site has to be adjacent to the village boundary.

**Correspondence**

Trinity Hill Local Nature Reserve. Following a question raised at the Annual parish meeting last month the Clerk sent an email to Charlie Plowden at EDDC expressing concern at the unacceptable lack of communication with regard to the activities of the Trinity Hill Local Nature Reserve.

*Thank you for your email. EDDC will respond formally to you outlining our authority's commitments and role within the management of LNRs that engages with the local community. This will include the management of Trinity Hill LNR, one of 8 LNRs we manage across east Devon[sic] for the benefit of wildlife and the public, communities and visitors of and to east Devon [sic].*

Councillors were of the opinion that this did not address the concerns raised and if no satisfactory response is received from EDDC as indicated by the next meeting the matter should be pursued further.

Lack of Vehicle Testing Station on A35 Chideock Parish Council are campaigning for this facility and have approached neighbouring parishes for support. It was agreed that an appropriate letter should be sent to Hugo Swire MP, copy to Chideock PC.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman

