

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th November 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman Cllr. B.Denham

Present Cllrs. B.Denham, J.Clarke-Irons, , C.Pratt, C.Sellers, A.Turner, P.Whiting,.

6 members of the public.

Apologies Cllrs B.Mason. P.Shirley, C.Cllr M.Rogers

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

Matters arising. There were no matters arising.

Planning.

Applications Granted by East Devon District Council

Dalverton Rise, Lyme Road. Construction of first floor extension with dormers over existing garage and extension of existing bathroom dormer window in bedroom 1.

Carswell Farm land at Harcombe Removal of condition 4 of application 07/3458/FUL

Applications considered

Mrs Ethelstons Primary School. Installation of a Portakabin Titan building to provide classroom. *The Parish Council supports this application provided that its installation and use has no adverse effect on the ancient sycamore tree*

Old Barn, Lyme Road. Removal of condition relating to access. *This condition was imposed mainly to utilize the safest possible exit/entry. There has been no change in circumstances hence the Parish Council objects to the removal of this very necessary condition, as endorsed by Highways.*

Valley View Farm, Lime Kiln Lane. Conversion of barn to holiday accommodation including erection of extension. *There are no reasons why this application should change the original refusal and neighbours objections are still valid. The Parish Council objects to this application.*

The Beeches, Harcombe Road. Remove dead wood and damaged limbs (exempt) and lift canopy of 2 x Turkey Oaks. *The Parish Council recommends acceptance in accordance with its Tree Warden's recommendation*

Ware Barn, Ware. Variation of Condition 2 on permission 02/P1228 to allow use of barn for holiday accommodation ancillary accommodation to Ware Barn or occasional training facility. *The Parish Council recommends approval of this application.*

Land adjacent Lydwell House, Lyme Road. Erection of dwelling. *The scale of the building is excessive for this location and east elevation of just a blank wall is unlike any property in the location (e.g. especially "Lydwell House"). The design should be reviewed and revised. Any approval must include all necessary conditions to protect the adjacent property "Abbotswell". The Parish Council therefore objects to this application.*

Land at Clanbury, Rhode Lane. Erection of dwelling with new vehicular pedestrian access. *The Parish Council considers this to be a most inappropriate design for a Devon village setting and it goes totally against the planning guidance notes given in Uplyme Parish Plan Design Statement which was approved by EDDC. The Parish Council objects to this application in the strongest possible terms.*

Hunters Cross Farm, Yawl Hill Lane. Erection of 2 storey replacement dwelling and detached garage/office and relocation of access. *The Parish Council considers that this application is not in accordance with Policy H11(3) regarding height and size in this elevated location and considers the building should preferably be a bungalow, or at least use dormers to reduce its height. All existing ancillary buildings must be removed and usage of building over the garage should be restricted. The Parish Council objects to this application.*

Land to west of reservoir Shire Lane. Change of use of agricultural land to recreational land in connection with Woodroffe School. *The Parish Council supports this application.*

Bulford, Lyme Road. Demolish existing dwelling and garage, construct replacement dwelling and garage. *This over large development is likely to generate more traffic on a very poorly aligned access and this should be reconsidered by Highways. Subject to this, the Parish Council supports this application provided that all existing buildings are removed.*

Other Planning

An anonymous letter has been received by EDDC complaining that a hedge had been removed on land in Burrowshot. As EDDC do not act on anonymous complaints the matter was referred to the Parish Council. On inspection the hedge has not been removed but cut back to allow greater visibility when accessing the B3165. In the circumstances it was decided to recommend to EDDC that no further investigation is necessary.

Finance.

Clerk's Retirement

The Chairman announced that it is the Clerk's intention to retire at the end of April next year. Some time should be allowed for a handover to a new Clerk and the Chairman recommended that between two and three hours a week during March and April should be allowed which would necessitate a total payment of up to £250 to a prospective Clerk. Cllr. Clarke-Irons proposed that this recommendation be approved, seconded by Cllr. Turner and carried unanimously.

Present Position

Balances at 31st October 2008

Current Account	£7,674.66		Including Restricted Funds of :	
Business Instant Access A/c	£5,335.76		Footpath funds	£1,718.06
Millennium Tree Fund	£54.83	£13,065.25	Playground Funds	£2,133.63
			Uplyme Speed Campaign	£879.01
				<u>£4,730.70</u>

Payments Out

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	495.98
Bay Gardens and Landscaping	480.00
Stamps	30.60
Waste Bags	100.00
Councillors expenses	96.82
VAT	24.56
	<u>1227.96</u>

Payments In

Cemetery	30.00
Bank interest	10.94
	<u>£40.94</u>

Footpaths

Cllr. Clarke-Irons has agreed to take on the chairmanship of the footpath sub committee for the time being. He reported that the annual survey of footpaths in the parish is due and volunteers will be needed to assist.

Maintenance of Parish Council Land Cllr.Sellers reported that he was pleased with the work the contractor had done on the War Memorial in preparation for the Remembrance Service. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr Chetwode thanking him for his efforts. Cllr. Sellers confirmed that the monthly payment could be made.

Children's Playground Cllr.Clarke-Irons reported that the new slide, new gates and safety surface had now been installed with the playhouse due to be installed within the next few days.

Meetings attended by Councillors

Ring & Ride Service. Cllr. Clarke-Irons reported that the service was £10,000 in the red as an increase in fares to cover the significant rise in fuel costs cannot be implemented without the permission of Devon CC, Dorset CC, EDDC and WDDC. Permission is unlikely to be forthcoming until January next year.

Devon Association of Parish Councils The Chairman & Cllr.Clarke-Irons attended at which a presentation was given of the Digital switchover of televisions. Help is available for the over 70's.

Correspondence

Waste Collection Councillors are very concerned that the village is not receiving an adequate service with regard to both household and street collection of landfill and recyclable waste. The Parish Council, the Village Hall Chairman and several members of the public have complained to East Devon District Council and on each occasion have been assured that the problems are being addressed. This is patently not the case as even after letters to East Devon District Council, last week was the second week running that the four litter bins in the village had not been emptied. This is not only an inconvenience, but a health hazard. The Clerk has written yet again pointing this out and a response is awaited. In the meantime the Parish Council would encourage anyone who has concerns about this to telephone Mr. Paul Deakin, the Interim Waste & Recycling Manager on 01395 571617 or put their complaints in writing.

Part Night Lighting

A parishioner has written to enquire if the Parish Council is aware of the current movement to reduce County Council expenditure and reduce carbon emissions by implementing 'Part Night Lighting' wherever it is appropriate. The parishioner has spoken to Councillor Margaret Rogers regarding part-night lighting in Axminster, where such a scheme has recently been approved . It seems local communities will be consulted as to changing to part-night operation of the lighting, that is, switching on as normal, switching off from say 11:30 to 6.30 and then switching back on until daylight levels pick up.

The Parish Council has not been consulted yet but very much agree with these views and will respond appropriately when it is consulted.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman

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