

The council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th November 2010 at 7:30. Chairman Cllr Mason.

Present: Cllrs Brown, Clarke-Irons, Denham, Frost, Mason, Pratt, Sellers, Turner and Whiting and 10 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from PCSO Jones who is on leave and Cllr Forrester on holiday.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 2010 meeting were adopted and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** none.
4. **Planning:**

Applications dealt with by Planning Committee

- **Woodcote, Charmouth Road.** T1 oak - reduce stem by 3m; T2 ash - reduce lowest limb over garden by 3m; T3 ash - fell. *The Parish Council is unable to make a collective response for administrative reasons, but the Parish Tree Warden has reported as follows: "Recommend: no objections to the proposed work on T1 - oak and T2 - ash. However, T3 - ash - appears to be healthy and in good shape. I can see no particular grounds to justify felling. I therefore recommend: object to the proposed felling of T3." The Parish Council would normally be guided by this advice in its response.*
- **Hillside Farm Harcombe** (amended plans). Construction of 2 storey rear extension and alterations to dwelling and construction of wall. *The Parish Council does not object to this application.*
- **Hillside Farm Harcombe** (amended plans). Construction of 2 storey rear extension including demolition of attached outbuilding and garage and alterations to garage. *The Parish Council wishes to leave this to the Listed Buildings officer to comment.*
- **Coachmans Cottage Woodhouse Fields.** One and a half storey front extension with dormers and alterations including removal of existing garage. *This property, which is in an elevated position, would be greatly increased in size. This is contrary to the Uplyme Parish Plan to which EDDC signed up. It is too large and out of keeping with neighbouring properties. The Parish Council objects to this application.*

Applications considered during this agenda item:

- **14 Glebelands.** T1 and T2 - Ash - fell. *The Parish Council does not support this application to fell two ash trees T1 and T2 at 14 Glebelands. The Parish Council supports the recommendations of its Tree Warden that the smaller and diseased ash tree should be felled but considers that the larger ash tree should remain. Some branches of the larger tree may be removed to restore its shape, provided the work is carried out by a professional tree surgeon.*
- **Coachmans Cottage Woodhouse Fields** (amended plans). *This property, which is in an elevated position, would be increased in size out of proportion with neighbouring properties. This is contrary to the Uplyme Parish Plan, as approved by EDDC, and is not considered to achieve a 'village scale' as referred to on page DS-3 of the Design Statement. The Parish Council objects to this application.*
- **Smoky Hole Cathole Lane.** Construction of garage. *The Parish Council does not object to this application.*

No applications have been granted/rejected by EDDC since the last meeting.

Other planning. Temporary planning permission for school ramp/canopy may be renewed. Affordable housing – draft of planning application to EDDC has been seen by some Councillors; some changes have been made e.g. end gable with windows; the main concern is that the roundabout seems very small. Cllrs Denham and Brown attended a planning presentation. Cllr Brown summarised figures: 6.6% refusals. Paperless planning will be coming soon. EDDC be implementing scales on drawings on the web site. Affordable housing will be requested at 30% of new developments. Village plans will be “more and more used”. Uplyme plan update has not gone very far.

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

Current Account	14521.07	Including Restricted Funds of :	
Business Instant Access A/c	5354.21	Footpath funds	3063.06
Millennium Tree Fund	55.06	Uplyme Speed Campaign	879.01
	<u>19930.34</u>	Playground funds	771.74
		Locality funding	750.00
		PAYE due	<u>-36.20</u>
Payments Out			5427.61
Grounds maintenance	508.33		
Clerk's salary (inc. tax refund)	466.98	Payments In	
Clerk's expenses	5.28	Bank interest	0.23
War memorial repairs	405.00	Cemetery	<u>900.00</u>
Rubbish collection - cemetery	30.00		900.23
VAT	78.12		
	<u>1493.71</u>		

The Clerk submitted the list of current payments for approval.

1210	G Sims - grounds maintenance	508.33
1211	L Wakeman - Clerk's expenses	10.18
1212	Audit Commission fee	158.63
1213	L Wakeman - Clerk's salary	361.98
1214	J Clarke-Irons - travel expenses *	17.88

Schedule of donations agreed for 2011-2012:

<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Voting</i>	<i>Councillors declaring an interest and not taking part in the decision</i>
Fields in Trust (KGV field)	£500	For (proposed Cllr Sellers, seconded Cllr Pratt)	Cllr Denham
East Devon Citizens Advice Bureau	£162	For (proposed Cllr Pratt, seconded Cllr Brown)	Cllr Whiting
Axe Valley Ring & Ride	£250	For (proposed Cllr Denham, seconded Cllr Sellers)	Cllr Clarke-Irons abstained
Red Cross	£50	Unanimous (proposed Cllr Pratt, seconded Cllr Frost)	
Royal British Legion Women's Section (for poppy wreath)	£16.50	Unanimous (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Brown)	

In future, Finance Committee will recommend amounts for approval.

6. **Financial regulations and expenses.** It was resolved to adopt the financial regulations and expenses policy as recommended by the Finance Committee and presented to the meeting (attached). It was further resolved to offer a Parish Basic Allowance of £50 per annum to elected Councillors. (Proposed Cllr Whiting , seconded Cllr Turner). Cllr Pratt asked that his objection to offering an allowance be recorded. Next month, clarification of the process for tendering for the annual maintenance contract will e considered.
7. **Footpaths:** P3 funding requirements for next year must be submitted by 3/2/2011. Cllr Whiting reported on the summary of works agreed for next year. Stile by Cheescombe Cottage Harcombe is difficult to negotiate. Barnes Meadow footpath – Clerk has written to liquidators asking for a progress report.

8. **Highway matters:** The defects list was circulated. Salt bins – locality funding will only permit 4 this year; meeting was suspended briefly at 8.55 to allow C Cllr Knight to comment; he suggested that perhaps 4 more would be possible next year. Cllr Forrester will be asked to choose priority locations.
 9. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** Contractor’s payment for October was agreed. Quote for mending fence panel in cemetery was requested from contractor. Newman’s bench – it was agreed to authorise Cllr Frost and husband to effect repairs, estimated cost about £28. It was agreed to authorise the Parish Tree Warden to trim overhanging branches at Stafford Mount as requested by a neighbour.
 10. **Response to EDDC’s Local Development Framework Preferred Approaches document.** Meeting suspended at 9:10 to allow D Cllr Thomas to speak on the document. The removal of the development boundary at Raymond’s Hill was of particular concern: the intent was that Raymonds Hill would therefore be treated as open countryside – so more difficult to get new developments through. The wording did not make this clear. Meeting reconvened at 9:21. Councillors were asked to read the document and pass comments to Cllr Whiting for collation. Depending on the comments received, it may be necessary to convene a Council meeting – otherwise it was agreed that Cllrs Mason and Whiting would compose a response.
 11. **County Councillor’s report.** DCC debt has decreased. Spending review will hinder paying more off. Few redundancies are expected. Cooks Mead roundabout is a potential danger if not properly improved.
 12. **District Councillor’s report.** Spending review and freeze on council tax will have major effect on EDDC. Opportunity to allow parish councils to take on extra responsibilities (with funding). New school – meeting on 23rd November of Governors/Trustees to decide on whether the project will go ahead. Co-operation with affordable housing development will be essential to the success of both.
 13. **Meetings attended by Councillors:** Cllr Frost attended a School Trustees meeting – the new school was the major topic; she asked the Council to support the project, and thanked D Cllr Thomas and C Cllr Knight for their help. Cllr Clarke-Irons attended a Senior Council for Devon talk from Age UK on benefits for elderly/disabled people, and is willing to pass on information to parishioners. He will be attending a Ring & Ride meeting in Axminster on 18/11. The Clerk and Cllr Denham attended an EDDC meeting displaying the various council services and picked up some useful leaflets and documents.
 14. **Correspondence:** the Clerk presented the list to the Council. Cllr Denham agreed to do the planning questionnaire from the University of Plymouth.
 15. **AOB:** The EDDC AONB officer has been asked to speak about the Uplyme Parish Biodiversity Audit in December.
- There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Signed Chairman
 Date