

The monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th October 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
Chairman Cllr. B.Denham

Present Cllrs. B.Denham, J.Clarke-Irons, B.Mason, C.Pratt, C.Sellers, A.Turner, P.Whiting,
5 members of the public.

Apologies Cllr. P.Shirley, C.Cllr M.Rogers, D.Cllr.K.George

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

Matters arising. There were no matters arising.

Planning.

Applications Granted by East Devon District Council

Keepers Cottage, St Marys Lane. Demolition of cottage and erection of replacement cottage and garage.

Woodhouse Heights, Lime Kiln Lane. Side extension with pitched roof, balcony and garden store.

Applications considered

Carswell Farm land, Harcombe. Removal of condition 4 of application 07/3458/FUL. *The Planning Report submitted with this application does not deal with the potential for noise, odour, or drainage referred to in condition 4 for the land at Harcombe Road, but which are environmental health issues rather than planning. The Parish Council has no grounds to recommend withdrawal of Condition 4, imposed by the Environmental Health Officer (Pollution) Communities Directorate, but who, following consultations, may now in fact withdraw it. Pending any such action, the Parish Council must recommend refusal. In any case, the drainage from the building should be investigated.*

Finance.

Present Position

Balances at 30th September 2008

Current Account	£8,796.39		Including Restricted Funds of :	
Business Instant Access A/c	£5,313.54		Footpath funds	£1,718.06
Millennium Tree Fund	£54.54	£14,164.47	Playground Funds	£173.80
			Uplyme Speed Campaign	£879.01
				<u>£2,770.87</u>

Payments Out

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	425.84
Bay Gardens and Landscaping	480.00
Footpaths	376.23
Councillors expenses	22.60
	<u>1304.67</u>

Payments In

Precept	6946.50
Cemetery	250.00
	<u>£7,196.50</u>

Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2008

The Clerk reported that the District Auditor had completed the audit.. The 'Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Right to Inspect the Annual Return' has been posted on the notice boards in accordance with the regulations.

Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring and Ride Before the following was discussed Cllr.Clarke-Irons declared an interest as a director of the charity and did not vote.

Letter received requesting a donation. Cllr.Denham proposed that the Parish Council donate the sum of £250 from next year's budget. Seconded by Cllr. Turner and carried unanimously.

Highway Matters

Village Hall Pedestrian Crossing – Following the site meeting between the Chairman, C.Cllr.Rogers and the Highways Engineer, Paul Wilson has explained that a raised table could be constructed at this location which is what has been done at a number of other locations, especially for schools. This would also act as a traffic calming device and he thinks it would be a great benefit. It will be included on the Highways list of schemes to be funded next year.

Maintenance of Parish Council Land Cllr.Sellers reported that the Chairman, the Clerk and himself had met with the contractor in an effort to iron out the problems which have been experienced. Cllr.Sellers confirmed that the maintenance work was satisfactory and the monthly payment could be made.

Children's Playground Cllr.Clarke-Irons reported that in addition to funds available from the Parish Council in respect of VAT to be claimed, CUP has now in excess of £10,000 available and an order has been placed for a high slide, a playhouse and a new pedestrian/vehicle gate. However, the existing equipment continues to suffer as someone has taken a knife to the plastic finish of the roundabout and carved holes into it exposing the bare metal that has started to rust. There were also three broken concrete slabs on the viewing mound which have been replaced free of charge by the maintenance contractor, for which we thank him.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Clarke-Irons for the work he has done to ensure that the playground is properly equipped.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed..... Chairman

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