

The council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th October 2010 at 7:30. Chairman Cllr Mason.

Present: Cllrs Brown, Clarke-Irons, Denham, Forrester, Frost, Mason, Pratt, Sellers, and 5 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllrs Turner (on a police course) and Whiting (on holiday), and D Cllr Thomas who is at an EDDC Council meeting.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the September 2010 meeting were adopted and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** Clerk has not had details necessary to chase up cemetery matters.
4. **Planning:**

Applications dealt with by Planning Committee

- **Coombehayes House Wadley Hill** Conversion and alteration to garage to form annex. *The Parish Council has no objections to this application. The Planning Committee also notes that the reason given for construction was 'subsidence', but no special measures are noted for the foundations, to overcome this problem.*
- **Hillside Farm Harcombe** (amended plans) Construction of 2 storey rear extension and alterations to dwelling and construction of wall. *The Parish Council has no objections to this application.*
- **Hillside Farm Harcombe** (amended LBC plans) Construction of 2 storey rear extension including demolition of attached outbuilding and garage and alterations to garage. *The Parish Council considers the proposed demolition of outhouses etc. and the two storey extension to be improvements to the building, and have no objections to this in principle. However, it queries whether slate to replace the tin sheeting (probably over old thatch) is appropriate for this Grade II listed building, rather than reverting to the original thatched roof. The application must comply with the Listed Building Officer's requirements.*
- **Ashurst Cottage Woodhouse Fields** Construction of two storey extension with balcony. *Owing to financial constraints, the Parish Council has formed no collective view on this application. Individual councillors on the Planning Committee have expressed their support.*

Applications considered at the prior planning meeting

- **Woodcote, Charmouth Road** T1 oak - reduce stem by 3m; T2 ash - reduce lowest limb over garden by 3m; T3 ash - fell.
- **Hillside Farm Harcombe** (further amended plans). Construction of 2 storey rear extension and alterations to dwelling and construction of wall.
- **Hillside Farm Harcombe** (further amended LBC plans). Construction of 2 storey rear extension including demolition of attached outbuilding and garage and alterations to garage.
- **Coachmans Cottage Woodhouse Fields** One and a half storey front extension with dormers and alterations including removal of existing garage.

Applications granted or refused by EDDC since last meeting

- **Spring Gables Springhead Road** (amended plans) Construction of garden studio *Granted with conditions*
- **Cheesecombe Cottage Harcombe** Replacement of 4 no. windows and 1 no. external door *Granted*
- **Hillside Farm Harcombe** (amended plans) Construction of 2 storey rear extension and alterations to dwelling and construction of wall *Granted with conditions*
- **Blossom Hill (land Adj) Pound Lane** Construction of bungalow and garage (renewal of planning permission 07/2400/FUL) *Granted with conditions*
- **The Haven Harcombe** Construction of detached outbuilding to form two carports, store and greenhouse *Granted with conditions*
- **Ashurst Cottage Woodhouse Fields** Construction of two storey extension with balcony. *Granted with conditions*
- **Land opposite Trewillow (adj Rocombe Cross) Harcombe Road** Construction of one live/work unit *Refused*

Other planning.

Guinness Trust's response to the Council's letter was favourable. The affordable housing scheme is going ahead with an environmental survey, and a full planning application is expected in 5-6 weeks. School representatives and Cllr Mason will be meeting Guinness Trust on 19th October to discuss how the two projects might work together. It was agreed that Cllrs Denham and Brown would attend the EDDC Planning presentation in November and question the lack of credence given to Parish Plans.

5. Finance: The Clerk reported on the **current position at 30th September 2010**

Current Account	15114.78	Including restricted funds of :	
Business Instant Access A/c	5353.98	Footpath funds	3063.06
Millennium Tree Fund	55.06	Uplyme Speed Campaign	879.01
	<u>20523.82</u>	Playground funds	771.74
		Locality funding	750.00
		PAYE due	<u>0.00</u>
Payments Out			5463.81
Grounds maintenance	<u>508.33</u>	Payments In	
Clerk's salary	344.78	Bank interest	0.23
PAYE	<u>250.20</u>	Precept	<u>7981.50</u>
	1103.31		7981.73

The Clerk submitted the list of current payments for approval.

1205	G Sims - grounds maintenance	508.33
1206	L Wakeman - Clerk's expenses	7.27
1207	Woodbury Stone Restoration	475.88
1208	L Wakeman - Clerk's salary	344.58
1209	Veolia - admin charge	35.25

The Clerk reported that the external audit was completed satisfactorily, and only received just in time to put up the legal notice. The Clerk requested approval to attend election training and was asked to find out if the former Clerk could advise instead.

6. **Financial regulations and expenses** – Cllr Brown explained that the regulations are intended to cover current circumstances, and any major items of expenditure requiring a different procedure will be subject to consideration by the Council. After inconclusive discussion on the correct procedure for tendering, it was agreed to defer a decision on adopting the financial regulations until the November meeting. After discussion on whether co-opted Councillors should vote on the expenses policy, the Clerk was asked to find out the legal situation, and it was agreed to defer a decision on adopting the expenses policy and setting an allowance until the November meeting.
7. **Footpaths:** A Three Counties long distance bridleway will be passing through Uplyme – Raymond's Hill 40MPH limit will be reduced to 30MPH to allow horses crossing at Red/Green Lane. Contractor to be asked about posts he was supposed to be fixing.
8. **Highway matters:** The defects list was circulated. Speed advisor is back for a month, and will be turned after 2 weeks to face the other way. There are still battery problems.
9. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** Contractor's payment for September was agreed. War Memorial has been repaired. Wall at bottom of cemetery – the contractor gave a verbal quote of £450 to make safe. Cllr Sellers will do it himself. Cllrs Frost and Forrester have been inspecting the playground. Moles are back. Newman's bench – school will be asked about Newman family's contact details – to see if they will pay for it; in the mean time, can a repair be made? Issue of overflowing public litter bins was discussed. EDDC must be asked to fulfil the contract. In case of future problems, the Clerk should inform Environmental Health about litter problem.
10. **Open forum.** The Council agreed to hold an open forum for 15 minutes before and after the Council meetings. 15 minutes will be allowed for public participation before and after the meeting. Rules: The Chairman shall decide who shall speak and in what order, and has the right and discretion to avoid any disruption, repetition and to make

best use of the time. Councillors should where possible keep their answers brief in order to allow time for members of the public to put their points.

11. **County Councillor’s report.** None.
12. **District Councillor’s report.** The Clerk summarised Cllr Thomas’s written report. He would appreciate a view on how the PC views the status of Uplyme as a 'Hub' settlement (as stated in the LDF document. He has been approached by the school to join the governors and to focus on the possible new school adjacent to the Village Hall. No response to requests for progress on the Woodlands for Sale signs at Burrowshot. Responses are 'not seen as of a high priority'.
13. **Meetings attended by Councillors:** none. Travel expenses were approved for Cllr Denham to go to the DALC local meeting in late October, EDDC Information Event in November, and Cllrs Brown and Denham to planning presentations in November.
14. **Correspondence:** the Clerk presented the list to the Council. Cllr Denham was congratulated on her nomination as Most Inspirational Individual for the Devon Rural Housing Awards by Claire Brimm, in recognition of all her hard work and perseverance in the affordable housing project in Uplyme.
15. **AOB:** Cllr Sellers enquired whether handing back the Trinity Hill NR to the parish would save money. The Lym Valley Society has been dissolved. Grants of funds were made, including over £2000 to PC for Millennium Copse maintenance. LDF issues for discussion at next meeting, and Mr Holmes from Uplyme Stores will speak on the proposed post office move. The EDDC AONB officer will be asked to speak about the Uplyme Parish Biodiversity Audit in December.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.48 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date