

The Council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th September 2012 at 7:15pm.

Chairman Cllr Killingback.

Present: Cllrs Forrester, Frost, Garland, Killingback, Mason, Pratt, Turner, and 10, later 11 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Brown (convalescing), Whiting (away on business); also PCSO Wooster, Terry Sweeney.
2. It was resolved unanimously under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public be excluded from the meeting for item no. 15 on the agenda because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Mason).
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the August 2012 meeting (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Turner).
4. **Matters arising:** Clerk had not solicited cemetery work quotes owing to pressure of work.
5. **Declarations of pecuniary or other interests** on agenda items. None.
6. **Standing Orders.** It was resolved unanimously to ratify the changes made to Standing Orders at the July meeting (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Mason).
7. **Action log:** this item was held over until the next meeting.
8. **Planning**

Applications dealt with at meeting:

- a) **East Marches Launchycroft** Variation of condition of planning permission 01/P0797 to allow use as ancillary accommodation or holiday let. It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: *The Parish Council objects to this application* (proposed Cllr Frost, seconded Cllr Turner). Councillors expressed concern about a precedent being set if annexes were allowed to be occupied separately or sold off as separate properties.

Responses ratified at meeting:

- b) **Land North West Of Yawl Hill Lane** Retention of access track for agricultural purposes. It was resolved unanimously to ratify the response of members of the Planning Committee: *The Parish Council strongly objects to this application.* (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Forrester). An attached letter gave detailed reasons for objection.
- c) **The Old Black Dog Lyme Road** Change of use of part of guest house to tea room. It was resolved unanimously to ratify the response of members of the Planning Committee: *The Parish Council strongly supports this application* (proposed Cllr Frost, seconded Cllr Turner).
- d) **14 Glebelands** Raised deck and steps. It was resolved unanimously to ratify the response of members of the Planning Committee: *The Parish Council does not object to this application.* (proposed Cllr Frost, seconded Cllr Turner).
- e) **Land Adjacent Lydwell House Lyme Road** Renewal of extant planning permission 09/0885/FUL for the construction of 2no. detached dwellings and associated garaging. It was resolved unanimously to ratify the response of members of the Planning Committee: *The Parish Council objects to this application. It is in breach of Condition 1 of the previous permission, whereby development was to have commenced within three years of the date of such permission, namely by 2nd July 2012. The applicant is also in breach of Condition 12 of that permission in that no engineering proposals have been approved for dealing with the slopes forming the south west boundary of the site and the residents of the adjacent property have written to EDDC on 21st August 2012 expressing serious concern about the absence of any measures and consider that there is imminent danger of ground movements or collapse, endangering their property. In addition, it is considered that the present and proposed traffic entrances and exits to this site are dangerous to traffic and should be referred to DCC Highways Department for re-examination.* (proposed Cllr Frost, seconded Cllr Turner).
- f) **Uplyme Cricket Club King George's Playing Field Lyme Road T1 & T2** Sugar Maple: Lift crown to give 3m clearance making pruning cuts of 3cm diameter maximum. Reduce end weight on overextended branches. T7 & T10: Reduce extended branches throughout canopy by 5-6m, target pruning cuts max 15cm diameter. It was resolved unanimously to ratify the response of members of the Planning Committee: *Given the reduced scope of this scheme compared to 12/1310/TRE, the Parish Council has no objections to this revised application.* (proposed Cllr Frost, seconded Cllr Turner).

Applications determined by EDDC:

- **Pitt White Mill Lane T1 - Horse Chestnut:** *Fell Appeal dismissed*
 - **Shapwick Quarry Uplyme** Retention of mobile home. *Refused*. Councillors were dismayed that this application was refused, given that the caravan had apparently been sited without objection for some years, and the applicant believed his job would be put at risk if he could not live on site. In particular, the reasoning about preventing extra journeys on Cannington Lane was not felt to be sound. Clerk to write to EDDC.
 - **Land East Of Yawl Cross Lyme Road Raymonds Hill** Agricultural fodder/machinery shed *Permitted development*
 - **Carnbrae (land To The Rear Of) Woodhouse Hill** Extension to existing barn and installation of pv panels *Approved with conditions*
 - **Fair View Gore Lane** Proposed front extension to create a split level bungalow & Erect a carport to the side of the new extension *Approved with conditions*
 - **The Old Dairy House Rhode Lane** Variation of conditions 5 and 7 of permission 05/3162/FUL to allow use of timber in lieu of stonework and relocation of one rooflight. *Approved with conditions*
 - **7 Glebelands** Retention of outbuilding *Refused*
 - **Land adjoining Gore Lane** Construction of dwelling and improvements to access *Refused*
 - **Land West Of Buckthorn Harcombe Road** Construction of dwelling (Outline Application with all other matters reserved except access). *Refused*
 - **14 Glebelands** Raised deck and steps *Approved*
9. **Finance:** The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Forrester).
10. **Correspondence.** Several councillors were interested in a future localism training course; Cllr Killingback will attend the DALC conference; councillors were reminded of the need to identify items for locality funding; Terry Sweeney will be asked if he would like to attend the AONB forum; Clerk to investigate funding for Glen-Lyme FP improvements; any new co-opted councillors will be asked to attend standards training later in the month.
11. **Maintenance of Parish Council land:** A tour of Council property made by Cllrs Forrester, Frost, Garland, and the Clerk, revealed some items that should have been done under the current contract and others that need to be added to the specification. One off tasks may be necessary to get property up to scratch. It was resolved unanimously to approve the contractor's payment for August (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Mason). It was agreed that since the contractor's payment could only be withheld after following due process, there was no point in separately approving his cheque under this agenda item in future. Cllr Killingback will go round with Cllr Brown once he is recovered and look at points noted during the tour, after which a letter may be written to the contractor. The Clerk was requested to get the trees for the grass triangle ordered as a priority, and Cllrs Pratt and Turner will collect them. The Horticultural Society will be asked for a grant for one, and also help in planting. A Jubilee plaque will be obtained and fixed to one of the trees, and the original from the Horse Chestnut for another. It was resolved unanimously that the fees for the Cemetery be increased as recommended by the Clerk (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Frost).
12. **Flooding WP:** a report of progress since the last meeting was made by Cllr Mason, including a number of letters and meetings. The main problem discussed so far is the KGV tennis court which needs protection, although the WP owes care to all people affected by floods and wishes to put forward a long term solution. The Trustees of the KGV Field made a formal request to the Council to reinstate and fund the scheme as agreed last year. The Council was not convinced that the original scheme, with modifications to the intake of the pipes, was adequate in the face of the experience of July's floods, and wished to have an assessment by a bona fide surveyor before committing public funds. The Clerk will write to the Trustees explaining this. Should the Council have a lease on the land occupied by the playground?
13. **Reports to note.**
- i. **Finance:** conclusion of external audit: the auditor found no issues of concern.
 - ii. **Highway matters** were reported
 - iii. **Affordable Housing:** report from Cllr Whiting. The Council has still not been asked by Guinness for its agreement to the surface finishes for the housing. Cllr Whiting to follow up upon his return.

iv. County Councillor's report

v. District Councillor's report. The Yawl Hill Lane agricultural track decision has not yet been made, and D Cllr Thomas may ask for it to be called in. Note that permitted development rights may apply within the AONB.

14. **Any other business:** school presentation before next meeting.

The meeting was suspended at 8.50pm for the open forum and reconvened *in camera* at 9am. Councillors voted by a majority to co-opt Mr David Ostler to fill the vacancy (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pratt).

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:10 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date