

The Council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7:15pm.

Chairman Cllr Whiting.

**Present:** Cllrs Brown, Forrester, Frost, Garland, Mason, Ostler, Pratt, Wellman, Whiting and 9 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Turner (on holiday), also PCSO Wooster and Mr T Sweeney. The Chairman wished a speedy recovery to two former Cllrs: Mrs Denham had a bad fall, and Mr Clarke-Irons is having radiotherapy.

Meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum.

2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the August 2013 meeting (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Ostler).
3. **Matters arising:** none.
4. **Pecuniary or other interests.** No requests for dispensation were received or interests declared.
5. **Planning:**

**Applications considered by the planning committee:**

- **Tetherdown Whalley Lane** Retention of front access steps, rear patio and associated works; construction of timber outbuilding; installation of air source heat pump. *The Parish Council does not object to this application.*
- **Undermead Venlake** Construction of single storey extensions, external terrace with storage area beneath. *The Parish Council does not object to this application.*
- **Chestnuts St Mary's** Demolition of bungalow and construction of two storey dwelling. *The Parish Council does not object to this application in principle. However, it questions whether it is really necessary to cut down so many trees, and strongly recommends that the EDDC Tree Officer should be asked both to ensure that trees are not cut down unnecessarily, and that suitable replacement trees (as mentioned in the tree survey) are specified, preferably 3 per mature specimen removed, to preserve the wooded nature of the current setting. (The Council also notes that there may be a covenant protecting the trees, although this is not a planning consideration).*

**Applications considered at the meeting:**

- **Land East of Hill Farm Gore Lane** Change of use of part of agricultural land to recreational amenity land. It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: *The Parish Council objects to this application* (proposed Cllr Brown, seconded Cllr Pratt).

**Applications approved by EDDC:**

- **Land North West Of Yawl Hill Lane** Retrospective application for retention of access track (re-submission of application 12/1654/FUL) *Approved with conditions.*
- **Land North East Of Cheescombe Cottage Harcombe** Construction of 6no buildings for agricultural use. *Approved*
- **The Lookout St Marys Lane** Renewal of extant planning permission 10/1298/FUL for construction of rear and side extensions to ground and first floor and raising of roof height *Approved with conditions.*
- **Tetherdown Whalley Lane** Retention of front access steps, rear patio and associated works; construction of timber outbuilding; installation of air source heat pump *Approved with conditions.*
- **Undermead Venlake** Construction of single storey extensions, external terrace with storage area beneath. *Approved.*

**Neighbourhood Plan:** the application to designate the whole of Uplyme parish as a Neighbourhood Area was approved by EDDC in September. Council will be applying for funding for the development of the plan.

6. **Finance:** The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Frost). The Clerk reported that she had authorised two expenses cheques after the last meeting for items already agreed (emergency tools, and plants for Stafford Mount).
7. **Correspondence.** Milk waste spreading had generated much nuisance. Some conditions of the deployment appear not to have been complied with – Clerk to summarise for other Councillors, and look for Environment Agency figures re: River Lym nitrates. Residents were recommended to ask EDDC's Environmental Health Officer to come out if the smell was very bad again.
8. **Maintenance of Parish Council land.** Failed tree on the triangle will be replaced by the nursery in the winter. Pound Cottage may be subject to an enforced sale order, so eventually may be renovated. Churchyard wall by Court Hall Farm is reportedly the Church's responsibility, despite what the Clerk was told on her tour with Dr

Cursley. Cllr Garland to investigate church insurance and contact the Council’s insurer. Cllrs Ostler, Wellman and Whiting will conduct a survey of the existing condition of the walls and paths. Large tree and some overgrown shrubs at Stafford Mount needs cutting back, and lime trees at top of cemetery. (Subsequently, Mr D Sole offered his help.)

9. **Flooding WP:** Cllr Whiting reported on progress since the last meeting. He finally heard from K Steel today about the levels. There might be funding for lowering the streambed in Westley. Highways asked to try jetting lower B3165 culvert again. Lowering of culvert under car park entrance might assist flow? Meeting next week with K. Steel, R Rainbow and J Galt to discuss issues, and Neil Parish MP will be asked to help progress proposed actions.
  10. **Reports** to note.
    - i. **Finance** to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2013. Quarterly reviews of expenditure vs. budget should be carried out.
    - ii. **Footpaths.** Broken signpost on Yawl Hill by Vann’s camping field.
    - iii. **Highway matters.** Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> with Neil Parish MP re. Hunters Lodge junction; public meeting on Monday, 5pm at Guildhall. Tree stump has fallen into road at bottom of Yawl Hill Lane: Cllr Ostler to move out of way. Highways need to look at big logs on roadside in Burrowshot.
    - iv. **Playground** – new swing seats and most of defects identified by inspection have been fixed by Cllrs Forrester, Garland and Ostler). Bench and playhouse still to be installed.
    - v. **Meetings attended by Cllrs:** Cllr Frost reported, as School Trustee, that land was now bought and will be fenced off. Funding for the build is being sought. KGV meeting was attended by Cllr Pratt: they will be putting up ply flood-boards at the court but not doing the ditch/wall. Mrs Kidson reported on the Ring & Ride meeting. Second bus is needed and fundraising is going on. DCC funding is threatened; C Cllr Knight is being asked to assist. She has become a Director Trustee.
    - vi. **D Cllrs report:** West Dorset Local Plan: EDDC will probably make a formal objection to this re. allusions to Uplyme being a suitable site for overflow housing for Lyme Regis. It was resolved unanimously to write to EDDC endorsing their comments and objection (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Mason). Cllr Garland will try to attend the meeting on 17/9 to speak in person.
    - vii. **C Cllrs report:** none.
  11. **Any other business.** Flood preparedness meeting in Village Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 24/9. Cllrs to invite those affected. Public A35 meeting on 16/9 at Axminster Guildhall, 5pm.
- There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman

Date .....