

The Council meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 7:15pm.

Chairman Cllr Whiting.

Present: Cllrs Forrester, Frost, Garland, Mason, Ostler, Pratt, Turner, Whiting and 10 members of the public.

1. 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. 16 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 Ostler)
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Brown and Cllr Wellman, both affected by power cuts. Also PCSO Wooster.
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the January 2014 meeting (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Frost).
4. **Matters arising:** none.
5. **Pecuniary or other interests.** No requests for dispensation were received. Cllr Turner declared a personal interest in item 16 on the correspondence list.
6. **Planning: Applications dealt with by the Planning Committee:** no objections except as stated:
 - **14 Whalley Lane** Single storey front extension and two storey side and rear extensions to dwelling.
 - **Rocombe Farmhouse Rocombe** Proposed construction of new vehicular access and garage with ancillary accommodation on first floor, refurbishment of outbuilding to create annex. Not to be sold separately.
 - **Tracey Cottage Harcombe** Construction of single storey side extension.
 - **Dashwood House Lyme Road T1, Copper Beech:** Lift crown on S W side by removing 3 low 1st order branches. (Removal of dead branch is an exception to the need for an application.)
 - **7 Glebelands T1 - Copper Beech -** light crown reduction and shaping as illustrated in Fig. 2 of the Arbicultural [sic] Report.
 - **Wandas Venlake** Replacement dwelling. Objection on grounds of Parish Plan contraventions – number of storeys; overdevelopment of small plot; parking and road obstruction in confined site.

Applications granted by EDDC:

- **Valley View Farm Lime Kiln Lane** Replacement windows and doors, re-roofing of main house and extension, removal of existing weatherproof coating from elevations and re-point, re-cladding of east chimney and insertion of roof lights. *Approved with conditions*
- **Woonsocket Venlake** Construction of single storey rear extension and timber decking, first floor rear extension and balcony (amendments to approved application 13/2327/FUL)
- **3 Yawl Crescent** Construction of single storey extension.

Note: the application for **Croyston Charmouth Road** was withdrawn.

Neighbourhood Plan – questionnaire will be going out with newsletter at start of March.

Meeting adjourned for D Cllr Thomas to explain what was happening with **Local Plan hearings**. Objections regarding Uplyme revolved around duty to co-operate with WDDC/LRTC. Once a number of houses has been set (350-400 asked for), would not necessarily be on the site proposed by the Pinhay Estate, which has access and sustainability issues. Date for registering to speak was 16th December but full submissions not made till January. Caravan rally has been objected to by local residents (no comment made last month). Camping and Caravan club provides stewards and has rules on noise etc. Traffic is a police matter, and noise is the EHO's responsibility. Residents can speak to the Camping & Caravanning Club. Clerk to write to CCC and EDDC objecting. We support tourism but locals were not notified, and there are objections. They should be consulted

7. **Finance:** it was resolved to approve Cllr Frost's mileage claim re: licensing ceremony in Axmouth (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Pratt); it was resolved unanimously to appoint Auditing Solutions Ltd as the Council's internal auditors (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Mason). The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Garland). Spare VH key has been purchased for Cllr Garland as second key-holder.
8. **Correspondence.**
 - EDDC Consultation on the Draft Villages Development Plan Document: responses by 10/3/14. Cllr Garland and Whiting to reply.

- Request from Kate Taylor of EA for feedback on flood warnings in recent bad weather. Fwded to Cllr Turner who has spoken to KT.
 - Came & Co is offering a one year insurance renewal premium of £487.45 or a new 3-yr Long Term Agreement with a premium of £463.07. It was resolved unanimously to renew for one year (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Ostler).
 - Donation of £200 towards Cemetery from grateful relative via Cllr Garland: should this be put to a specific use and if so what? It was resolved unanimously to plant a screening hedge around compound; e.g. pyracantha (proposed Cllr Ostler, seconded Cllr Frost).
 - Request for £472 funding for alcohol/drug/smoking/diet workshops for year 7/8 children at Mrs Ethelstons. (Would come under section 137). Clerk to write and suggest applying to Trustees for funding.
 - It was agreed to host the next DALC Axminster Group meeting on 29/4. VH is free then. Mrs Garland will do refreshments.
 - Representations from Rocombe residents regarding Caravan Club Rally – see above.
9. **Lengthsman** It was resolved unanimously to take on lengthsman service from Devon County Council from April 2014; and to apply for Parishes Together funding in conjunction with Axmouth, Combyrne/Rousdon, and Sidmouth (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Garland). Practical arrangements for developing a tender in conjunction with other parishes to be completed ASAP.
10. **Maintenance of Parish Council land.** It was resolved unanimously to accept a tender for tree work in the Cemetery from K Williams in the sum of 800 (proposed Cllr Whiting, seconded Cllr Garland). Dangerous trees on School/Church land adjoining cemetery – Clerk to write to church and school with copy of report and quote for their info. It was resolved unanimously to use a skip for disposing of cemetery waste (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pratt). Cllr Ostler to get quotes.
11. **Minute books:** the Clerk was authorised to retrieve the minute books pre-1998, with a view to submitting them to the County Archive for safe keeping.
12. **Emergency Plan.** It was agreed that Cllr Turner should reformat the Emergency Plan in line with DCC’s template.
13. **Flooding WP:** John Galt survey is complete. Will be doing tank tests – consultant will meet Cllrs Ostler and Whiting. 300mm dip on tennis court side of culvert in bed levels. Cllr Frost thanked all those who have done so much work in clearing ditches etc. Guinness culvert has been partially cleared but is still full of silt. Clerk to ask for a copy of survey.
14. **Reports** to note.
- i. **Finance** to January 31st.
 - ii. **Highway matters.** Ask for meeting date re Hunters Lodge jct. with MP’s secretary
 - iii. **Footpaths.** Most trees cleared. Annual footpath report to be completed by Cllrs Turner and Garland.
 - iv. **Playground:** bank to be extended along to end of playground.
 - v. **Meetings attended by Cllrs:** KGV.
 - vi. **C Cllrs report:** DCC care homes being closed – consultation. Youth service being outsourced? Day centres underused after funding changes. Highway maintenance is greatly reduced because of flooding remediation. Should be more central money for flood repairs soon.
 - vii. **D Cllrs report:** council tax the same. IT costs reduced by joining with other authorities. Skypark offices may be ratified soon. Huge amount of storm related work and communication.
15. **AOB.** Cllr Ostler will be absent for next 2 meetings.
Meeting suspended for open forum then reconvened *in camera*.
16. **Tender selection.** It was resolved unanimously to offer the tender of S Flux for 3 years subject to satisfactory performance and agreement of terms waste (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pratt). One quotation was not according to specification.

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

Signed Chairman

Date