

The meeting of the Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 7:15pm.

Chairman Cllr Whiting.

**Present:** Cllrs, Duffin, Frost, Garland, Mason, Ostler, Pratt, Turner, Whiting and 13 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Brown who is convalescing. Cllr Wellman had, it was thought, mistakenly conveyed his apologies to the Clerk the previous week.

Meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum. Matters discussed included: the possibility of requesting River Lim water test results from EA to see if it includes any previously unseen bacterial species that might indicate run-off from milk waste; a request for support from the Stop Lyme Landfill campaign from a campaign member and D Cllr Thomas; Police report from PCSO Hayley Widger; glacial progress on the Millennium Copse which now needs urgent attention; sickly horse chestnut tree opp. Talbot Arms may need felling. The ownership of the tree has been questioned; C Cllr Knight said it is not on Highways land and therefore KGV is responsible. A KGV representative said "Council should pay for it as they get the playground for nothing" to the evident surprise of those present.

2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the July 2014 meeting with a single correction to a date (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Garland.)
3. **Matters arising:** none.
4. **Pecuniary or other interests.** No requests for dispensation or declarations of interest were received.
5. **Planning:**

**Applications considered by the Planning Committee:** (see committee minutes for full details)

- **Perhams Farm Harcombe** Construction of replacement dwelling. *No objection.*
- **Wellhayes Harcombe** Implement storage shed and track (revised location plan) *No objection.*
- **Land Adjacent Greentie Lyme Road** Demolition of 3 garages and erection of a dwelling (re-submission of 07/3294/FUL). *No objection subject to conditions.*
- **Amherst Lodge Farm St Marys Lane** Single storey living room extension and link to side of existing dwelling. *No objection.*
- **5 Barnes Meadow** Proposed dormer and alterations to roof. *No objection.*
- **Charlesmeade Gore Lane** Replacement side extension. *No objection.*
- **Undermead Venlake** Single storey side extension. *No objection.*
- **Trevarthian Rhode Lane** Construction of link extension and alterations between house and garage incorporating first floor extension. *Objection.*
- **The Flower Patch Lyme Road** Creation of replacement porch and bay window. *No objection.*
- **Crossways Cottage Lyme Road** Single storey extension and replacement porch. *No objection subject to conditions.*
- **Crossways Cottage Lyme Road (LBC)** Construction of single storey extension, replacement porch and internal alterations. *No objection subject to conditions.*
- **Perhams Holcombe Lane** Change of use of field to provide new access to dwelling and construction of garage (amended plans). *Objection.*
- **14 Whalley Lane** Single storey front extension and two storey side and rear extensions to dwelling (revision to planning consent ref no 14/0124/FUL). *No objection.*
- **Beech Farm Harcombe** Change of use of office/studio to unit of holiday accommodation. *No objection subject to conditions.*
- **The Barn (Stables) Land North Of Pen Rock Yawl Hill Lane** Construction of extension to existing stable block. *No objection.*

**Application considered at the meeting:**

- **Braidwood Lyme Road** Construction of double garage. It was resolved to respond as follows: "The Parish Council does not object to this application" (proposed Cllr Ostler, seconded Cllr Frost).

**Applications granted by EDDC:**

- **The Cottage Rocombe** Change of use of land to provide 2 no. car parking spaces and siting of underground gas tank and package sewage treatment plant. *Approved.*
- **Longhill Trinity Hill Road** Replacement of garages with 1 bed ancillary building with secure store and parking below. *Approved with conditions.*
- **Wellhayes Harcombe** Proposed extension (re-submission of planning application 14/0408/FUL). *Approved with conditions.*
- **Wellhayes Harcombe** Implement storage shed and track (revised location plan). *Approved with conditions.*
- **Gelsmoor Yawl Hill Lane** Replacement dwelling and garage. *Approved with conditions.*
- **Perhams Farm Harcombe** Construction of replacement dwelling. *Approved with conditions.*

The Council, having heard from both D Cllr Thomas and campaign members before the meeting, gave its support to the attempt to stop the Lyme Regis Golf Club landfill site at the head of the Harcombe valley. The Clerk will liaise with D Cllr Thomas to get information necessary to write to the Environment Agency.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** the group is halfway through consultation and deciding whether to do a housing needs survey.

6. **Finance:** The Clerk noted that some reserve figures had been adjusted, and submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Turner). The Clerk reported that Cllr Garland had checked the bank reconciliation for July, payments made vs bank statement, and August cheques vs invoices. It was resolved unanimously to purchase a dozen hi-vis vests printed with the Council's name, for use by volunteers (proposed Cllr Frost, seconded Cllr Garland).
7. **Correspondence.** Double yellow lines opposite Venlake Lane: the meeting was briefly suspended to hear from C Cllr Knight, who explained how difficult it would be to get these agreed. Cllrs Mason and Ostler will attend the HATOC committee to put the case for the parish, on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10am at the Seaton Resource Centre. Cllr Whiting reminded the Council that a fatal road accident occurred in this area some years ago.
8. **Maintenance of Parish Council land.** The War Memorial was found in an untidy state for the WW1 Centenary service. Cllr Garland will clear it; but the maintenance contract may need clarification. Cllrs noted that if the British Legion had checked beforehand it could have been rectified. The poor state of the Millennium Copse was raised again. Clerk to chase E Hellier re. footpath 12 diversion. Brambles need cutting and some trees may need replacing –tree warden to advise. Cllrs Duffin and Garland will do some clearance, after the Clerk has spoken to the receivers to advise them. Work on the playground ditch is done and bills submitted to EDDC: s106 money will not cover the entire amount. C Cllr Knight is organising a meeting of all his parishes to discuss possible Parishes Together projects in September.

9. **Reports to note.**

i. **Finance** to July 31st.

ii. **Footpaths** – Cllr Turner proposed a vote of thanks to T Sweeney, who had done a lot of work on signage for East Devon Way. It was resolved to add an extra sign at the Venlake end of the permissive path (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Ostler). The PROW team will be meeting Cllrs Turner, Garland and the Clerk on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10am.

iii. **Lengthsman.** Cllr Turner summarised the recent meeting with T Vaughan. The Clerk is waiting for a draft contract from Sidmouth TC in order to put a sample contract together for agreement.

vi. **Playground:** new fence will stop children using the hedge as a way in and out. KGV are currently deciding what they want to do about blocking the river end of the emergency channel. Paving slabs by entrance will be concreted instead.

iv. **Flooding WP.** Recent DCC correspondence has been disappointing. The Clerk is to remind the Village Hall committee of its recommendations re. flood gates. Riparian owners need to do remedial work as far as Venlake; there is a lot of green waste, weeds and scrub that should be cleared. A working party was proposed to tackle this.

v. **Meetings attended by Cllrs:** Highways public meeting in Axminster re. The Hunters’ Lodge junction – traffic lights are now being reassessed – will be another meeting in a month’s time.

vi. **C Cllrs report.** Venlake Meadow ditch is being cleared by DCC, but Guinness may not cut the hedge or clear their culvert and sump at the same time, which makes the work less effective. Will be serious cuts in DCC services next year; lengthsman service likely to be first to go, plus grass-cutting on verges and hedges except on visibility splays.

vii. **D Cllrs report.** Will be another update on Hallam Land’s proposals, but no application is yet submitted. Considerate contractors – most complaints are re. noise from late and early construction work. D Cllr Thomas was grateful for the Council’s support on adding conditions to Trinity planning applications where necessary and appropriate, and was still discussing this with the planning officers. He had spoken to Ed Freeman who will be responding to the Council’s letter in the next few days.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.37 p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman

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