

The meeting of the Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th September 2014 at 7:15pm.
Chairman Cllr Whiting.

Present: Cllrs Brown, Duffin, Frost, Garland, Mason, Ostler, Pratt (later), Wellman, Whiting and 12 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Turner who is away. PCSOs Trott and Wooster.

Meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum. Matters discussed included: agricultural activity overnight near Springhead; waste deployment permit for Furzeleigh Farm renewed without local consultation; speed of traffic at north end of Gore Lane dangerous for pedestrians, red Mini dangerously parked on corner of Venlake Lane (no room for emergency vehicles).

2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the August 2014 meeting (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Frost.)
3. **Matters arising:** Millennium Copse trees – there is money in funds to replace trees and cut brambles. Cllr Duffin will investigate.
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*
- **Braidwood Lyme Road** Construction of double garage. *No objection*
- **Little Winters Rocombe** Erection of orangery and reinstatement of steps. *No objection*
- **Combestone Ware Lane** Replacement of existing single storey extension with 2 storey extension, replacement of existing garage with new garage and construction of retaining walls. *No objection*

Applications granted or refused by EDDC:

- **Land Adjacent Greentie Lyme Road** Demolition of 3 garages and erection of a dwelling (re-submission) *Approved with conditions*
- **Trevarthian Rhode Lane** Construction of link extension and alterations between house and garage incorporating first floor extension *Refused*
- **Perhams Holcombe Lane** Change of use of field to provide new access to dwelling and construction of garage (amended plans) *Refused*
- **14 Whalley Lane** Single storey front extension and two storey side and rear extensions to dwelling (revision) *Approved with conditions*
- **Beech Farm Harcombe** Change of use of office/studio to unit of holiday accommodation *Approved with conditions*

Neighbourhood Plan: survey and questionnaire now being delivered.

Cllr Pratt joined the meeting.

6. **Finance:** The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval, noting that two (for envelopes and printing for the Neighbourhood Plan) had been authorised before the meeting under her emergency powers. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Ostler, seconded Cllr Brown). The Clerk reported that Cllr Garland had checked the bank reconciliation for August, payments made vs bank statement, and September cheques vs invoices. A decision on setting cemetery fees and possibly changing the rules on double fees and local residency was deferred till next month.

7. **Standing orders:** Cllrs Whiting and the Clerk had reviewed and edited the new NALC Model Standing Orders. Cllrs were asked to review the copy provided by the Clerk, for agreement at the next meeting. The Clerk drew their attention to the possibility of receiving electronic summonses and papers.
8. **Chairman's allowance:** the Clerk explained that, although the Council had historically resisted the payment of allowances, a Chairman's allowance was the only way to purchase tea, coffee and biscuits to supply visitors at outside meetings. The money could be held in a notional account from which payment could be drawn when supplies were required; any surplus to be returned to general funds at the end of the year. It was resolved to pay a Chairman's allowance of £25 p/a (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Frost). Cllr Whiting abstained.
9. **Correspondence.** East Devon survey would be discussed at PROW meeting on 15th Sept. No volunteers at meeting for "Working together for East Devon" event on 10th October. Danger to pedestrians (esp. schoolchildren) just before Crogg Lane: Cllrs Mason and Ostler will bring this up at the HATOC meeting on 11th Sept.
10. **Maintenance of Parish Council land.** Meeting was suspended to hear from Mr N Ball, who wishes to plant a commemorative tree for centenary of WWI with metal guard and a plaque. Any work to keep in check to be funded by Mr Ball, who would like to get schoolchildren involved in planting, preferably by early November for Remembrance Sunday. There was a lengthy and inconclusive discussion of the best species to plant. It was resolved unanimously to approve the idea in principle, the details to be worked out by a group of interested parties including Cllrs Duffin and Mason, and recommended to the Council next month (proposed Cllr Garland, seconded Cllr Ostler). Chestnut stump may need removing; suggestion for a wildflower area around the base. The meeting was resumed.
11. **Reports to note.**
 - i. **Finance** to August 31st.
 - ii. **Lengthsman.** Draft contract out for comment/agreement by neighbouring parishes.
 - vi. **Playground** Paving slabs at entrance were removed as a trip hazard; Cllrs Garland and Ostler were thanked for that. Concreting will be done next week overnight.
 - iii. **Flooding WP.** A new bridge has appeared over the Lim and may pose a flooding risk; Clerk to write to Environment Agency.
 - iv. **Meetings attended by Cllrs:** Cllr Garland and the Clerk attended a meeting in Branscombe organised by C Cllr Knight to find possible Parishes Together projects. The meeting was suspended. C Cllr Knight explained that County Council cutbacks are severe; hedge and grass-cutting will be greatly reduced next year. Parishes will need to work together e.g. sharing dog warden, handyman, lengthsman etc. Mrs Kidson summarised the Ring & Ride annual report. The meeting was resumed. Cllrs Ostler, Mason and Brown attended a meeting with the Environment Agency at which the administrative error leading to automatic renewal of the Furzeleigh Down Farm waste permit was explained and apologised for. Councillors were not convinced it could not happen again. Cllr Mason reported on the importance of reporting every single incident to the EA by all affected residents, as evidence before the permit is renewed next year. Clerk to circulate minutes to all Cllrs and also Lyme Regis TC. Letter to residents from Env Agency will go in the press. Nothing to report from KGV or Village Hall.
 - v. **C Cllrs report.** Letter sent to landowner re. drains and road damage in Yawl Hill Lane. Reported potholes are gradually being caught up with – C Cllr Knight will chase up those missed. Cllr Turner should check if the store of salt/grit is still usable before the bulk order is made.
 - vi. **D Cllrs report.** LR Golf Club landfill – waste recovery plan was turned down and permit based thereon is likely to fail, but the applicants still have other options. WDDC and EDDC officers have met and reported on SHLAA sites in Lyme and Uplyme, as part of the duty to cooperate. The Shire Lane site was

not recommended; Hook Farm could perhaps bear small developments. D Cllr Thomas will remind Ed Freeman re. responding to the Council's letter of 6 weeks ago.

- 12. **AOB** The Clerk read out a complimentary comment from the local press about the conduct of Council meetings.

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

Open forum, part 2. Matters discussed included: other parishes have special conditions on waste deployment permits – time limits and immediate cultivation. No other requested limits have been successful. Request to write to EDDC EHO/Mr Voysey asking for his consideration in not running machinery overnight. Rubble in stream and hedge at Venlake Meadow still not cleared.

Signed Chairman

Date