

The meeting of the Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th February 2015 at 7:15pm. Chairman Cllr Garland.

Present: Cllrs Brown, Frost, Garland, Mason, Ostler, Pratt, Turner, Wellman and 6 members of the public.

The meeting began with a minute's silence in tribute to two former Chairmen of the Council, Bill Halden and Peter Whiting, both of whom had died recently.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Duffin who was on his way back from Exeter, and D Cllr Thomas at EDDC Cabinet. Also PCSO Trott.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the January 2015 extra meeting (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Wellman).
Meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum. Matter discussed was the police report from PCSO Trott - 4 burglaries in January, and results of speed checks in Yawl. Outgrown hedges in Yawl contribute to road safety, as does the hedge by the Millennium Copse. DCC's T Vaughan can write hedge notices if Council provides details. People should let the Clerk know, and C Cllr Knight will action.
3. **Matters arising:** the Clerk had amended the draft minutes to show that Cllr Pratt had been away at the time the summons for the extra meeting was issued, and therefore did not know about it.
4. **Pecuniary or other interests.** No requests for dispensation or declarations of interest were received.
5. **Casual vacancy.** It was agreed that there was no necessity to co-opt a replacement for Cllr Whiting.
6. **Planning:** NP meeting on 31/1/15 was successful and well-attended. Displays were well-received, and local organisations were represented.

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

- **Land East Of Ware Cross.** Continuation of use of land for a "park and ride" car park. The Parish Council Planning Committee objects to the application, and wishes enforcement action to be taken to restore the field.
- **Ravenhill Woodhouse Fields.** Removal of existing first floor extension and construction of two storey extension including engineering and retaining works. The Parish Council Planning Committee does not object to the application.
- **The Lookout St Marys Lane - amended plans.** Replacement dwelling - amendments to southern elevation to reduce amount of glazing. Further tree information and submission of additional site plans. The Parish Council Planning Committee has not changed its view on this application.

Application determined at the meeting:

- **Land Adjacent Regis House (formerly Lydwell House) Lyme Road.** Erection of 4 no. 2 bed apartments (open market) and 2no. 1 bed apartments and 1no 2 bed dwelling (affordable) - Amendments to design of dormers and rear stairwell to main building and design and orientation of separate detached unit, and change of description to remove reference to on-site affordable housing provision.

The Planning Officer for the case had explained that the removal of affordable provision on site was a technical one consequent upon recent changes to legislation.

It was resolved unanimously to respond as follows: "The Uplyme Parish Council strongly objects to this application on the same grounds as previously stated. Furthermore, it wishes to commend the detailed objections submitted by Mr C Boothroyd." (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Brown).

Applications granted by EDDC:

- **Land Adjacent Greentie Lyme Road.** Erection of dwelling (amendments to approved access details under 14/1554/FUL). *Approved with numerous conditions incl. landscaping and highway access.*
- **The Lookout St Marys Lane - amended plans.** Replacement dwelling - Amendments to southern elevation to reduce amount of glazing. Further tree information and submission of additional site plans. *Approved with conditions re tree retention and planting, and materials.*

7. **Finance:** The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Frost, seconded Cllr Mason). The Clerk reported that Cllr Garland had checked the bank reconciliation for January, payments made vs bank statement, and February cheques vs invoices. She also reported that following unexpected expenditure, the general reserve was rather lower than she would like, but the Council agreed to wait till the end of the financial year at which time transfers between reserves could be agreed as necessary. Cllr Turner proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Knight for his locality funding for the salt/grit spreader.
8. **Pension scheme.** It was resolved unanimously to authorise the Clerk to set up a pension scheme with NEST (proposed Cllr Pratt, seconded Cllr Turner).
9. **Lengthsman contract.** Cllr Garland is still waiting for confirmation of Chapter 8 training – both the contractor and a number of volunteers from Uplyme and Axmouth. It was resolved to use some of the PT funding to pay for Chapter 8 training (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Wellman). DCC Brian Hoare’s offer of reinstating the county service for the remainder of the year was not taken up.
10. **Correspondence.**
 - Letter from EDDC re section 106, asking for suggestions on what open space in the parish could be improved using future development contributions. Councillors were asked to bring ideas to the March meeting.
 - Notes from Axminster TC re meeting on Hunter’s Lodge junction do not tally with UPC’s recollection of the meeting. Widening of side roads was omitted, and other inaccuracies exist. Cllrs Garland and Mason will meet with Mayor of Axminster to discuss a letter to the Highways Agency.
 - Clerk to circulate Quality Council status criteria to Cllrs for consideration.
11. **Maintenance of Parish Council land.** Cllr Garland has done an inspection and all in good order, apart from moles in the playground. Vandalised oak tree: Mr Gregory sees no point in replacing the tree which he says will never grow straight after having the leader broken; and suggests saving the ironwork for another tree if another site can be found. Cllrs did not wish to give into repeated vandalism at this spot, and wished to replace the tree, using CCTV to monitor it (Clerk to prepare laminated sign). It was resolved by a majority to replace the tree in consultation with Mr Gregory (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pratt). Cllr Turner will arrange the purchase. The Council agreed that the Clerk should use discretion in the case of the interment of Mrs Gosling’s ashes, and a single fee should be charged even though she had been in a nursing home for some years prior to her death.
12. **Reports to note.**
 - i. **Finance** to January 31st.
 - ii. **Footpaths:** dog gates at Cuckoo Lane need making and installation, signs for E D Way have been ordered but as Mr Sweeney is away there has not been a progress report. P3 form needs completion.
 - iii. **Meetings attended by Cllrs.** Cllr Pratt/Mr J Fowler attended flood warden training in Feniton.
 - iv. **C Cllrs report.** Highways tour had been completed and over 30 potholes identified. Clerk to let C Cllr Knight know when milk waste spreading is due to start so the road can be photographed beforehand.
13. **AOB** Arrangements for Cllr Whiting’s funeral service. 2.30 at church on 19th February; afterwards at Ridgeway Hotel. Cheques to Cancer Research UK if wished; no flowers please. The Chairman urged all Cllrs to attend if possible.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date