

The meeting of the Council was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.15pm.

Chairman Cllr Garland.

**Present:** Cllrs Frost, Duffin, Garland, Kidson, Mason, Ostler, Pratt, Pullinger, Turner, James and 8 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** None

In the Open Forum, a member of the public brought to the attention of the councillors the enforcement notice to Lindens in Mill Lane, and suggested that this is observed and monitored. Pound Cottage.(Crogg Lane) has been derelict and in state of disrepair for quite some time. The owner has other properties also (EDDC cannot compulsory purchase) due to the owner being incapable following illness and getting access to full title is proving impossible. Once this is resolved the property will be sold at auction. Footpath 65 to the Mill is quite slippery and dangerous and an erection of a handrail was requested, there may be a contribution to the cost under the P3 scheme. An enquiry was made by a member of the public on the planning application for a 'Poultry Unit' at Rocombe Cross' as to any further details published and it was suggested that the planning meetings should be moved to a later time to accommodate interested members of the public. Cllr Turner advised as yet the 'Poultry Unit' is still pending and the current planning meeting times at 5.0 p.m. are adequate and have been running successfully over the past 2 years. It was also suggested that when a contentious application is being considered, ideally one spokesman should act for several members of the public to put their matters forward so items can be discussed thoroughly before decisions are made by the planning councillors.

2. **Adoption of Minutes:** It was resolved unanimously to adopt the minutes of the March 2016 meeting (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pullinger).

3. **Matters arising:** None

4. **Pecuniary or other interests** None.

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

- **Land Adjacent 17 Glebelands.** Construction of 2 storey dwelling and off street parking. *Objection*
- **Bridlepath Lodge Woodhouse Hill.** Retention of mobile home for use as an annexe and use of former riding arena for use as motor vehicle storage (retrospective). *No Objection*
- **Pitt White Mill Lane.** Construction of conservatory to side elevation. *No Objection*
- **Spring House.** Two storey side extension. *No Objection*
- **Land East Of Redlane Cross Rocombe.** Erection of temporary agricultural workers' dwelling and poultry unit. *No final response made*
- **Coombe Warren Gore Lane.** Engineering works to create new parking space in front garden. *No Objection*

**Applications approved by EDDC:**

- **The Lookout St Marys Lane.** Construction of replacement dwelling (revised design to 15/1773/FUL) and swimming pool. *Approved with numerous conditions*
- **Pitt White Mill Lane.** Construction of conservatory to side elevation. *Approved*
- **Spring House.** Two storey side extension. *Approved*

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Draft NP has been sent to East Devon for comments. ED have forward the plans to 3 consultation bodies, National Heritage, Natural England and Historic England. The latter raised queries over Statutory Environmental Appraisals but are now happy. EDDC are now dealing with this during the 6 week period.

6. **Finance:** The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr James). The Clerk reported that Cllr Garland had checked the bank reconciliation for March, payments made vs bank statement, and

April payments vs invoices.

Cllr Garland put to the meeting that to insure the war memorial for £100k would result in an increase of £500 to the existing premium. Do we wish to consider this as this would be costly to replace in the event of damage. Cllr Duffin stated that the war memorial was made of sandstone and not Portland stone and He was to investigate costs and get alternative quotes for sandstone rebuild costs. The changes to the finance regulations and standing orders were accepted (proposed Cllr Pratt, seconded Cllr Kidson)

7. **Correspondence:**

- Ed Blundell was expected but did not attend the meeting as promised, to ask for the council's support for better broadband in the north of the parish
- Dorset and Devon County Councils are having a public consultation for 6 weeks from the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 for the Jurassic World Heritage site
- DDC to undertake the first grass cutting during April 2016
- Emergency plan had been updated by Lois Wakeman (previous clerk) and needs to be reviewed by the council
- No volunteer accepted the offer of attending the garden party at Cllr Stuart Hughes to celebrate her Majesty The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Victor Gough has offered to talk about the 'what the Road Warden scheme has to offer'
- Chairman of Char Valley PC would like to be kept informed of the chicken farm application
- Enforcement action is being taken on the Land south of Greensleeves, Harcombe, Lyme Regis, DT7 3RN application

8. **Parish council land:** Grass cutting tender will have to be deferred in the absence of information re. DCC contribution (also DCC are now in the process of doing the first cut). Cllr Frost commented that Stafford Mount repairs were extremely sturdy and finished. The children's playground needs a heavy roller to flatten out the bumps. The Cemetery is fine. Cllr Duffin suggested tree pruning on the three large trees at the Millennium Copse, Cllr James suggested cutting the lower branches off and it was agreed that traffic signs would be needed to be used in the road. Cllr Ostler, Cllr Turner and John Fowler have offered to cut the lower branches off the trees early one morning to avoid disruption and congestion of the traffic.

9. **Reports to note:**

- i) Finance: position at 31/03/16
- ii) Lengthsman: Parishioners to let Council know if any special areas of concern. Possibility of contact over handrail on footpath and bridge.
- iii) Highway matters: entrance to Ethelston's Close, parking on white line corner, Clerk has written to School.
- iv) Playground: Some moles are back. The Mole catcher will be re-engaged.
- v) Meetings attended by Councillors - **S106 Finance:** A meeting was held on the 30th March 2016 to clarify what funds are available. After a lengthy talk from Selina Tullock, this proved to be a very complex area but to summarise:- Section 106 agreement is money from charges made to developers to use to develop facilities in the Parish such as sports and play. Unfortunately there was found to be a shortfall of funds available to Uplyme, previously the expectation was rumoured to be a 5 figure sum. Although an agreement was made to move on, there may still be some funding available that may not have been submitted by developers over occupied properties. Cllr Ostler will monitor and investigate the situation of each development. (Full meeting notes and guide available on S106) **A35 Hunters Lodge:** A meeting between Axminster, Hawkchurch & Uplyme Councils, Highways, EDDC District & County Councillors and MP Neil Parish on 7th April got the long awaited approval for work to go ahead (albeit awaiting the final confirmation) on the A35

improvements, starting in September 2016. Although this is good news for the A35, considering the time and effort spent, Uplyme Parish Council expressed their disappointment and felt let down, as safety improvements were needed on both side roads, especially the approach to the junction on the B3165 (Lyme Road) and re-siting of the Bus Stop and will continue campaigning and pressing for this. (Full details available) **Axe Valley Ring & Ride**: Cllr Kidson reported that some of the services are to be cut.

- vi) County Councillor’s report: There is £1000 available in the new financial year for the use of the Parish on capital projects. There is a shortage of funding for roads, etc, under the Grading system of 1-12 and DCC will be asking for Parish’s to take responsibility for the lower grades. Bus numbers changing through Parish’s. Bus concessionary fares for colleges are going up from £520 to £560.

10. **Any other business:** Cllr Pratt expressed his concerns over the affordable housing situation in Uplyme, in particular Masters Close, where recently a property has changed hands and is now occupied by residents who come outside the area. Needy Uplyme related peoples must be told to access the housing register to qualify otherwise they will be overlooked. Should there be no ‘locals’ on the register properties will go to people outside of the area. It would seem that some needy people in Uplyme because of the points system, cannot get housed; At this stage, a member of the public stated that they have experienced this and could not get housed. It was said that young families with children will get priority for housing. Regarding the School Plan, Cllr Mason is concerned about the traffic and does not agree with the comments (Trinity Matters) in the Parish news. Revised drawings are outstanding with an extended consultation date of the 17<sup>th</sup> June. Parking still remains a great issue. There is a School Trustees’ meeting when the matter will be discussed. UPC still consider the present proposal to be a dangerous hazard for school children, it being ‘an accident waiting to happen’ and there should be a discussion on the school safety plans which are still waiting to be published. It was suggested that a letter should be sent to District Councillor Ian Thomas following his article in the Parish News expressing the Council’s concern over His article. Cllr Frost proposed to put another notice in the Parish News stating that Parishioners should walk the area outside of their houses to pick up litter. Clerk to compose a letter with Cllr Frost to put in the Parish News.

The meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum part 2 – It was suggested that there may be help towards insurance for war memorial (British Legion) in Uplyme. The use of social media initiative may be a source to cover the cost of rebuilding the war memorial stone. It was suggested that pictures of war memorial are taken for the recording of names on the stone in case of damage or loss.

There being no other business, the meeting closed 9.05 p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman

Date .....