

The meeting of the Council was held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 14th December 2016** at 7.15pm. Chairman Cllr James.

Present: Cllrs Duffin, Frost, James, Kidson, Ostler, Pullinger, Turner, Pratt, B Turner and 7 members of the public.

1 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Mason, unwell.

Meeting adjourned for the **Open Forum:** After more damage to hedge boundaries by another HGV lorry in Uplyme, John Fowler asked if we could have a more visible warning sign like an A4 poster size of a white lorry on a blue background as used in Lyme Regis. Previous requests of moving the original signs have not happened to date. Cllr Ostler will ask at the next Highways meeting. John Fowler would also like to thank James Booth for his contribution and help on the recent flooding and asked if the Council could acknowledge this.

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

3 **Matters arising:** Factual correction to November 2016 Minutes: 9g) 'Cllr Neil Pullinger attended the KGV meeting and has now been voted on as the Treasurer', should read 'Cllr Neil Pullinger was approached and has now been voted on as treasurer of the KGV committee'. Resolved, (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr B Turner)

4 **Pecuniary or other interests:** None

5 **Planning:**

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

16/2197/FUL (Amendment) , Land East Of Redlane Cross Rocombe, Erection of temporary agricultural workers' dwelling and agricultural building and associated necessary works to establish a poultry unit. Objection

16/2694/FUL , Greystoke, Whalley Lane, Uplyme, Lyme Regis,DT7 3UP, Extension to dwelling including raising of main roof ridge by 1.65m, installing first floor roof windows, increasing height of projecting gable by 2.4m and installing balcony, alteration of garage roof (demolition of conservatory). No objection

16/2678/FUL , Cheesecombe Cottage, Harcombe, Lyme Regis, DT7 3RN, Replace existing garage and rebuild as summerhouse (partially retrospective). No objection

Applications granted or refused by EDDC:

16/2101/FUL, Lymewood Retirement Home, Lyme Road, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, DT7 3XA, Change of use of nursing home (Class C2) to 3no dwellings (Class C3). Approved

16/2197/FUL, Land East Of Redlane Cross Rocombe, Erection of temporary agricultural workers' dwelling and agricultural building and associated necessary works to establish a poultry unit. Refused

16/2398/LBC, Hillside Farm, Harcombe, Lyme Regis, DT7 3RN, Internal alterations and external flue. Approved

16/2585/FUL, Harcombe Cross, Harcombe Road, Axminster, EX13 5TB, Construction of garage.

16/2504/TRE, Strathaven, Church Street, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, DT7 3TS, T1, Beech: Fell, T2 & T3, Beech: Crown reduction by no more than 20% of the folia area by crown thinning and crown clean. Maximum pruning cut 75mm. Approved

16/2197/FUL (Amendment), Land East Of Redlane Cross Rocombe, Erection of temporary agricultural workers' dwelling and agricultural building and associated necessary works to establish a poultry unit. Refused

Planning (Other): The Neighbourhood Plan team will be meeting on Tuesday 20/12/2016 to discuss the selection of an appropriate examiner for the submitted plan which there is some debate on the legal side relating to localism and how the examiners comments are implemented.

6 Finance:

The Clerk submitted the schedule of current payments for approval. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Pratt). The Clerk reported that Cllr James had checked the bank reconciliation for November, payments made vs bank statement, and December payments vs invoices.

6a Projected Budget/Precept 2017/18: As discussed in full detail at the recent finance meeting and full council, the clerk investigated and examined the current and past year's accounts, it was recommended that the budget should be increased to £31,000.00 to cover the parish council service costs as previous years the funds were at a potential risk of depletion using the general and earmarked reserves with no contingency. Also, the clerk pointed out that there are a lot of 'Hidden Costs', this is where councillors and volunteers give up their time free of charge helping to provide a service to Uplyme. Cllr Pullinger suggested a timesheet to log volunteer hours to capture true costs. Therefore a proposal of £31,000.00 less Cemetery income of £1000.00, Council Tax Support Grant of £183.00 making a total of £29,817.00 request for the 2017/18 precept. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Ostler).

6b Reserves review: The committee agreed to maintain the current earmarked reserves and carry over the totals (If not spent) to the next financial year except for the 'Churchyard' reserves which was agreed to be transferred to the 'Cemetery' reserves for the next financial year. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr James, seconded Cllr B Turner).

6c Cemetery Fees Increase: Following recommendation from the finance meeting and research into neighbouring cemetery costs, the parish council voted to increase the current prices by 10% henceforth. It was resolved unanimously to approve them (proposed Cllr Pullinger, seconded Cllr Frost).

7 Correspondence: Terry Sweeney recommended that the council support the public footpath diversion order at Uplyme bridleway no 66 and no 10 Lyme Regis. The Uplyme village sign on the B3165 from Hunters Lodge needs tidying up, Cllr Knight to look into this. The latest news on the 'Neighbourhood Plan' needs updating on the Uplyme Parish council website.

Email items already forwarded to Councillors:

12/12/2016, Coastal Highways meeting 15th December

08/12/2016, Making it Local is open

06/12/2016, UPLYME CYCLIC ISSUES FOR LENGTHSMEN. Ware Lane & Lyme road, Raymonds hill report

04/12/2016, The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is consulting

28/11/2016, Locality Budget Grant - Uplyme Parish Council for refurbishment of the Cricket Pavilion

22/11/2016, Snow Warden Update - Trinity Hill is still on the Principal Gritting Route.

12/12/2016, RE: Pound Cottage / Kippax - adjacent land

8 Parish Council Land: Pound Cottage and Stafford Mount; The council agreed to wait for defined boundaries to scale before making any decision on the future of selling council land. It was resolved unanimously to approve this (proposed Cllr James, seconded Cllr Turner), Clerk to write to Mr Kippax (Owner of Pound Cottage)

Millennium Copse: Cllr Duffin, on behalf of the Council has purchased 60 trees for planting on Tuesday, 20/12/2016.

9 Reports to note:

- a **Finance:** position at 30/11/2016
 - b **Footpaths:** Footpath 19 (Harcombe Bottom); Dispute between the owners of Cheesecombe Cottage and the local Farmer. Cllr B turner, Cllr James and the clerk made a site visit and found that the footpath was clear to be used but found a broken footpath signpost and no direction signs fixed to gates, etc, also the enforcement officer had paid a visit after a complaint and had no objections to the planning. Cllr James and the clerk to write to the Public Rights of Way with their findings.
 - c **Lengthsman:** Clerk informed the Council that Fluxy's (Local contractor) should be used for ditches and drainage and there is funding to be used by the end of March 2017 with additional funding confirmed for 2017/18.
 - d **Highways:** see County Cllr's report.
 - e **Playground:** NTR.
 - f **Flooding, Emergency Plan:** The flood emergency team again done a brilliant job on containing some of the worst flooding recently, also a special thanks to John Fowler and James Booth for their contribution. Cllr Ostler to ask Martin Edwards what to do about moving the soil and deposits left by flooding in the area.
 - g **Meetings attended by Councillors:** Cllr Kidson reported that the Ring and Ride passenger numbers are up and well used although there are no grants available, also rural areas are losing some of their services. Also a recent concert raised £200. Cllr Turner attended the LymeForward local area strategic partnership meeting. Cllr B Turner inquired that the Parish need an electrician to install the defibrillator, the Council agreed to instruct a local tradesman paid for by the Council. It was resolved to approve this (proposed Cllr James, seconded Cllr Turner)
 - h **County Cllr's report:** Cllr Knight reported that the blockage has been cleared in Gore Lane by jet washing. The kerb outside Pound Cottage is to be raised in Lyme Road. The raised tarmac in Cannington Lane at Dobles Hill is still to be done. The County Councils are raising local care facility costs.
 - i **District Cllr's report:** Cllr Thomas reported that the office move for EDDC from Knowle, Sidmouth to Exmouth has been delayed but still going ahead. The countryside team are looking into local footpaths and will be liaising with Cllr Turner. East Devon are introducing next year more extra recycling every week, including bulky items such as cardboard and mixed plastics, the grey wheeled bin will be collected every three weeks. The BT Broadband voucher scheme is now complete with Phase 2 tenders coming out in December 2016.
- 10 Any other business:** Cllr B Turner asked when we are joining the work party to clear the cemetery paths of moss and weeds, Cllr Ostler has agreed to obtain a mechanical brush over the festive period to clear the weeds. Cllr James has checked the temporary building fence erected at 17 Glebelands and found it is within the planning laws. Cllr James confirmed that the Parish Council have paid for the paint for a volunteer to kindly paint the steps as hazard markings from the village hall to the church. Cllr Ostler asked if there was going to be a Christmas party this year.

Open forum part 2: John Fowler has recruited three local parishioners as snow wardens for Uplyme.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.51 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: