

# Uplyme Parish Council

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# Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Uplyme Village Hall at 7.15pm

Present: Chairman: Cllr. C. James Vice Chairman: Cllr. Mrs. P Frost

<u>Councillors:</u> Cllrs. A. Turner, P. Oakley, C. Pratt, W. Trundley,

Mrs. C. Wiscombe

Officer: Zishan Adamson-Drage, Clerk to the Council / RFO

Members of the Public: Nine present. No members of

the press.

FC22/48 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. N. Pullinger and P. Hackett.

FC22/49 Approval of Minutes

**RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Meeting of the Council held on **9**<sup>th</sup> **February 2022** be approved as a correct and true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr. C. Pratt and seconded by Cllr. W. Trundley.

FC22/50 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None.

FC22/51 Co-option to Councillor Vacancy

Following advertisement of the vacancy, no applications had been received. The vacancy would continue to be advertised on the website, noticeboard and on social

media.

FC22/52 East Devon AONB presentation (brought forward by Cllr. James)

Lindi Rich, Ecologist from the AONB, gave the Council a presentation on the Parish Nature Recovery Project.

In brief, the presentation covered events organized and delivered by the AONB tailored to the ecological issues faced within the Uplyme area. Ms Rich gave the examples of offering farming grants, tree planting, wetland management, road verge and river corridor management and pond creation courses. Similarly, examples of the things which the AONB could provide are bird boxes, rakes and wildflower seed.

The role of the AONB would be to lead and advise on initiatives such as bat monitoring, butterfly events, surveys of rare species and hedgehog habitats. The AONB were working in partnership with East Devon District Council's Climate Change Officer, and joint initiative, cross-border projects with Dorset Council were possible.

# FC22/53 Public Participation Session on items on the agenda

A question was raised about the ownership of the gabion mattresses on the bed of the river by The Talbot public house. Cllr. Turner advised that John Gault, Flood Alleviation Manager, Devon County Council was the best person to notify of any issues.

An update was given on the planned village party to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate HM The Queen's platinum jubilee. An article had been in the Parish Newsletter to inform residents about the event. Cllr. P Hackett had been assisting with bunting for the event. The school and pre-school were also involved by delivering a lesson on the 70 year reign of the monarch. Ms Lois Wakeman had offered to bind all of the letters written by schoolchildren into a book to commemorate the event. The next meeting of the organisers was due to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr. James asked that, following that meeting, to let the Parish Council know if they could contribute to anything which was required.

A member of the public asked if walkers could be reminded to close gates and keep dogs under control during lambing season. The Clerk will include this in the Parish newsletter and make a request to Lyme online to feature an article reminding people.

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council were receiving any correspondence from the East Devon District Councillor. Cllr. James advised that they were not, but having spoken to Cllr. Ian Thomas, Cllr. James had been advised that Cllr. Thomas would always act in the interests of the village but would not attend meetings of the Parish Council.

A member of the community SOS group asked for an update on the discussions between the Bestic Trust and AWP. Cllr. James brought item 17 forward for discussion. Cllr. James outlined the discussions which took place at the Highways Forum meeting; Jamie Hulland, who had been very responsive and helpful, had been replaced by Stuart Jarvis at DCC Highways. Cllr. James had emailed Mr Jarvis on 16<sup>th</sup> February regarding progressing the proposed amended scheme for access to the school, but was still awaiting a reply. The revised access was to be via Masters Close, with the exit to the site as existing.

A member of the public asked if they could speed the process up by writing a letter. Cllr. James advise he had written to Cllr. Ian Hall (DCC), Cllr. S Hughes (DCC, Lead on Highways) and Rt. Hon. Neil Parish, MP. Mr Ostler, the garage owner advised

that he no longer wished to pursue the issue, as no planning application had been submitted.

Cllr. James reiterated that the Parish Council had offered the Bestic Trust funding for the extra planning work which may be required. Cllr. Turner suggested that residents write/email to Cllr. Ian Hall to request his assistance to expedite matters.

**RESOLVED** Cllr. Mrs Frost, in her role as the Council representative, would compel the Trust to submit an application for a planning amendment as soon as possible, and would feedback progress at the next full Council meeting.

Standing orders were reinstated.

# FC22/54 Clerks Progress Report

Members received the below Clerk's Report which was noted.

Meeting date	Task Name	Minute reference and details	Action taken (text)
Meeting 14.06.2021	Cemetery – Waste Bin	21/43-64	Signs collected – arranged for them to be affixed by Cllr Pratt.
Meeting 14.07.2021	Lengthsman	21/57	Contract prepared and given to Lengthsman.
Meeting 12.1.2022	Proposed Changes to legislation on Cemetery	22/21	Letter to MP – completed and sent
Meeting 12.1.2022	Millennium Copse	22/18	Reported to grounds maintenance contractor to tidy up. Strimmer in for repairs but will complete work once it is returned.
Meeting 12.1.2022	Playground quotes for remedial work	22/10	Both quotes obtained – considered in meeting on 9.3.2022.
Meeting 9.2.2022	Oak Tree offered by EDDC Cllr. Thomas	22/38	Confirmed acceptance of tree to EDDC. Contacted KG5 trustees to moot possibility of tree being planted there – discussed at meeting of 9.3.2022
Meeting 9.2.2022	Quotes for bench to commemorate Platinum Jubilee	22/38	Obtained 3 quotes for a variety of styles of commemorative benches.

# FC22/55 To receive reports

Chairman - nothing further to report

**Parish Councillors –** nothing further to report.

**County Councillor** – C.Cllr. I. Hall had passed on his apologies.

Outside Bodies – Nothing to report.

# FC22/56 Finance

(a) **RESOLVED** that the following payments were /will be settled:

**Payments February** 

Name	Details	Amount	VAT
	Computer		£154.03
Dell Corporation Ltd.	Accessories/Charges	£924.20	
Fluxys maintenance	Grounds Maintenance	£653.80	£0.00
Argos - laminator/sheets			£0.00
reimburse Clerk	Stationery/Misc	£46.98	
Clerks expenses	Travel/Expenses	£29.25	£0.00
Google email/O2	Telephone/Communication	£16.69	£0.00
Employment		£1,379.14	£0.00

#### **Income February**

Name	Details	Amount
Wakely & Sons	Cemetery Fees	-385.00

#### **Payments March**

Name	Details	Amount	VAT
Uplyme Village Hall	Room Hire	55.00	0.00
Uplyme Village Hall	Room Hire	56.00	0.00
DCC Pension Fund	Pensions	403.41	0.00

#### **Income March**

Name	Details	Amount	
Country Memorials	Cemetery Fees	-132.00	

(b) Members noted the bank reconciliation for February 2022:

#### February 2022

Monthly Balance Sheet	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22
Expense (Cashbook)	3,482.09	2,884.05	3,050.06
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Income (Cashbook)	1,100.00	152.00	-385.00
Monthly Balance (Cashbook)	2,382.09	2,732.05	2,665.06
Bank Statement (First DOM)	71,158.46	68,776.37	66,044.32
Bank Statement (Last DOM)	68,776.37	66,044.32	63,379.26
Bank Monthly Balance	-2,382.09	-2,732.05	-2,665.06

# FC22/57 Play park repairs

(a) Councillors approved Company 2, S J Surfacing Solutions, to carry out the moderate risk repairs of the wetpour surfacing and replacement of shackles on the swings, as outlined by the Fields in Trust RoSPA report. **RESOLVED** Cllr. Mrs Wiscombe proposed that the work be carried out as above, Cllr. Turner seconded. Cllrs. Trundley and Pratt abstained. Vote carried.

# FC22/58 Post Office Service

(a) This item was covered in the public participation session, item 5.

#### FC22/59 Banking

(a) **RESOLVED** Cllrs. Turner and Oakley would respectively remain, and become authorised signatories on the Council's bank account.

#### FC 22/60 Office Lease

(a) **RESOLVED** the Council would rent the upstairs office of the village hall and use the address as a post restante at a cost of £40 p. Agreed.

#### FC22/61 Schedule of meetings

(a) This item was deferred in order for Councillors to check dates against their other commitments.

#### FC22/62 Council Governance

- (a) Standing orders The date to be amended to March 2022; point 3.I to require that the meeting be informed that they are being recorded; point 18 b and c to amend Chairman to Chair. **RESOLVED** These amendments being made, Cllr. Oakley proposed and Cllr. James seconded approval of the Standing Orders. Agreed.
- (b) Financial Regulations Cllr. James requested that provision be made for a Councillor to act as auditor to carry out a mini-internal audit. Also for provision to be made for a backup USB stick to the accounts to be kept with the Chairman. A volunteer for the audit position was required before the financial regulations could be approved.

## FC22/63 Platinum Jubilee

(a) The quotes for a bench to commemorate HM The Queen's platinum jubilee were deemed to be prohibitive **RESOLVED** The Council would not purchase a bench and the oak tree donated from East Devon District Council with a plaque would stand as commemoration of the event.

# FC22/64 <u>Highway Issues</u>

(a) The updates on this item were covered during the public participation session. No further items to discuss.

# FC22/65 Neighbourhood Plan and emerging Local Plan for East Devon

(a) RESOLVED Cllr. James advised that the alterations to the Neighbourhood Plan were ready to send to East Devon District Council's (EDDC) Neighbourhood Planning department. Cllr. Oakley proposed the report be sent to EDDC, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Wiscombe. Agreed.

#### FC22/66 Residents and other correspondence received

(a) None received.

# FC22/67 Footpaths/Millennium Copse/Stafford Mount/King GeorgeV Play Area/Trinity Hill

(a) Councillors were to split walking the parish footpaths between them in April 2022 in order to prepare a maintenance report for the Parish Paths Partnership scheme.(b) The Council noted the agreement of the King George IV field Trustees to plant the commemorative oak tree and thanked them for the work undertaken in planning the placement. The opinions of the tree wardens on planting of the tree on the triangle outside the Church were also noted.

Cllr. James offered to liaise with the Barnes Meadow Management Committee (BMMC) to request that as a planting site near the war memorial. **RESOVED** Cllr. Pratt proposed that the Chair approach the BMMC to discuss the planting, seconded by Cllr. Turner. Agreed.

# FC22/68 Planning

Cllr. Turner advised Members of the recent applications received, appeals made and considerations made by the Committee. Members were provided with a spreadsheet of applications now being considered by EDDC and recent approvals/refusals.

# FC22/69 Newsletter / Noticeboards / LymeOnline

No items were forwarded.

# FC22/70 Committee/Working Groups

- (a) Members noted the minutes from the Planning Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- (b) Nothing new to report.

# FC22/71 <u>Public Forum/Members i</u>tems

None put forward.

#### FC22/72 Date of future meetings

**RESOLVED** The next meeting of the Full Council will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Uplyme Village Hall at 7.15pm. **Meeting Closed 8.58pm** 

Signed by Chairman:		
Date:		