

**UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.30pm**  
**Committee Room, Ugborough Village Hall**

**District Cllr Fielden** advised that DCC intended to reduce grass cuts on verges from six times a year to twice a year. SHDC was contracted to undertake the work and was currently negotiating with DCC.

The 2011/2 Council Tax bills had been prepared, and the Council Tax on a Band D property in Ugborough would be £1496.45, of which £151.72 would be paid to SHDC and the Parish Council. Neither DCC nor SHDC had increased their Council Tax. Savings of £100,000 would be achieved in SHDC through a 50% reduction in senior officers.

**District Cllr Lawrence** Concessionary bus passes could now be used on the 91 Service at 9.22am from Ugborough (previously no concessions were available before 9.30am). The £1000 funding for the conduit repairs had been paid and Cllrs Fielden and Lawrence were thanked for their help.

**The Police Report** Four crimes had been reported in February, including theft and damage to motor vehicles and theft of 3 tonnes of gravel. Metal thefts were on the increase, including galvanised farm gates, lead flashings and catalytic convertors from parked cars. A further 'Street Surgery' would be held in the summer, and Councillors noted that inadequate notice had been given of the previous street surgery.

Complaints had been received that garages in Seldons Close had been obstructed and the police had written to all the residents asking for consideration. The Clerk would ask Tor Homes if more parking spaces could be provided.

**County Cllr Mumford** The DCC budget had been reduced by £56m and restructuring DCC into 'People' and 'Place' services would result in a substantial reduction in high level management by September

### UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Holway (Chairman), Abraham, Beable, Johns, Lloyd, D Wakeham, L Wakeham & Widdicombe; District Cllrs Fielden & Lawrence, County Cllr Mumford; 3 members of public

**11.019 Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Daniels

**11.020 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda** were accepted from Cllr Abraham: Items 11.024.6-8&11 Personal (residence & employment)

**11.021 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

#### 11.022 Finance

##### 1. Cheques approved for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
1342	S Woodman – Feb pay		212.68
1343	S Woodman – Expenses: office 28.84, travel 54.40		83.24
1344	Ugborough Village Hall – Hall hire		17.50
1345	DCC - Pension		327.54
Receipt	Description	VAT	Gross
BGC	Transfer from Santander		500.00

Cllr Holway confirmed that the Parish Council would pay the hall hire for the Quiz competition

##### 2. The Financial Statement was received:

Lloyds Current Account to 24.1.11	634.59
<i>Less</i> payments & unrepresented cheques	554.26
<i>Plus</i> uncleared receipts	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>230.33</b>
<i>Plus:</i> Santander Acc to 4.2.11	13581.97
<i>Plus</i> uncleared receipts	0.00
<i>Less</i> uncleared payments	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>13312.30</b>

##### Earmarked Reserves

P.3 grant	973.57
Prize money for parish map	300.00
Conduit renovation	3200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4473.57</b>

**Total uncommitted funds      £8838.73**

##### 3. Resolved to pay Moore Rural Trades £1080 for the Burial Ground hedgebank replacement (*Chq 1346*)

**11.023 Ugborough community space** – Informal discussions had taken place with the National Trust and an area of 1/2 – 1 acre adjacent to the A3121 had been identified, including the stream. The proposal would be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

### 11.024 Planning Applications

1. General purpose barn for dry storage and machinery(16m x 5m) at land adjacent 3 Leigh Close, Ivybridge Ref 0016/11 Mrs S Roberts **No objection**
2. Resubmission of listed building consent application 57/1299/10/LB for amendments to approval 57/1417/05/LB and alterations to studio at Dairy Loft at Ware Farm, Ware Hill, Ugborough Ref 57/0375/11/LB Ms C Rogers **No objection**

3. Agricultural building at Mammoth Trees, Wrangaton Road, South Brent Ref 0077/11 Mrs S Nicholson **No objection**

4. Appeal refusal of outline planning permission: Erection of detached dwelling, land off Shute Lane, Wrangaton Ref 0553/10 **Ugborough Parish Council supports the planning application and disagrees with the DNPA reasons for refusal on the following grounds:**

- **The rural nature of the site should be questioned as it lies adjacent to an electricity substation, backs onto a major railway line and faces a commercial garage. The proposed development would therefore not be ‘detrimental to the character and appearance of this part of the Dartmoor National Park’.**
- **The site lies within an established 30mph built up area, with 10 bungalows lying along Shute Road, and a Post office and bus stop within 100m of the site. The development would therefore not ‘impact on the rural character of the area’ and would constitute infill rather than ‘sporadic’ development.**
- **The proposed development would be an ‘affordable house’ for a local family – with three generation already living in cramped circumstances next door. The aim is not to develop an ‘open market dwelling’ for sale.**
- **The ‘important hedgerow’ constitutes a small stretch of hedgerow opposite the entrance to a commercial garage and along a lane in which there are numerous breaks in the hedgerow and a variety of boundaries.**
- **The applicant is already sharing a bungalow adjacent to the site, and there will therefore be no additional road users on the public highway.**
- **The access is already provided onto Shute Lane, and visibility could be improved without adverse visual effect on the locality.**
- **Dartmoor National Park Authority reached a decision on the application, contrary to the advice of both the Parish Council and the South Hams District Council Ward Member.**

### Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011 were ratified

5. Works to trees in a Conservation Area: T1 – Leylandii Cyprus – reduce height by on third and remove lower branches which overhang the road at Hill House, Ugborough Ref 57/0263/11/TCA **No objection**

### Planning Decisions – Noted

6. Change of use to B1 office use, The Jays Day Care Nursery, Moorhaven Ref 0530/10 **Conditional permission**
7. Change of use from community hall and nursery school to use as a cafe/restaurant and functions at Clubhouse, Playing Field, Moorhaven Ref 0534/10 **Refuse**
8. Extension to existing cottage to provide a double garage and bedroom accommodation over at Lakeview Cottage, Moorhaven Ref 0610/10 **Withdrawn**
9. Householder application for proposed granny flat accommodation and boot room/farm office at Windy Ridge, Ivybridge Ref 57/2915/10/F **Conditional permission**
10. Retrospective householder application for erection of first floor extension to east elevation with formation of staircase enclosure to north elevation and widening of driveway by 1m with block pavers at Spring Cottage, Filham Ref 57/0088/10/F **Conditional permission**

### Planning Correspondence

11. Jonathan Mathys: Mixed use options at Moorhaven Clubhouse - Noted

### 11.025 Correspondence received

1. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority: Objections to the Police Reform & Social Responsibility Bill – the Clerk would submit comments that the proposals would be expensive and undemocratic
2. SHDC: Changes to Housing Benefit – the Clerk would include details in the Newsletter
3. DALC: Training & events calendar 2011 – would be considered after the election
4. DCC Leaflets: Social Care for Adults, Care Direct, and Personal Budgets – details would be included in the Newsletter
5. **DCC Winter Maintenance Community Self Help Schemes: Resolved to appoint Cllr Johns as Snow Warden**
6. Sustainable Communities Act: Proposals invited from Parish Councils & community groups – the Clerk would submit proposals to:
  - Take the planning function away from the Dartmoor National Park Authority, which was unrepresentative and unresponsive to the needs of local businesses and communities, and therefore not fit to be a planning authority, and transfer the responsibility to the District Council
  - Amend the Concessionary Bus Pass so that it was available at all times, including to under 18 year olds, and introduce a charge of £1 per trip

7. Community-led solar park projects - Noted

8. SWH: Road Closure for resurfacing works – California Cross to Kitterford Cross, 22-25 March, and Avon Inn to 30mph sign, 19-21 March

**11.026 Reports on Meetings attended** Cllr Holway attended a meeting on Community Land Trusts, which may be the way forward for villages

**11.027 Correspondence available at the Meeting** – Noted

1. SHDC: Do you or your partner have a carer who stays overnight in your home?
2. SHDC: Important changes to Housing Benefit
3. DCC: Care Direct
4. DCC & NHS: Social Care for Adults
5. DNPA: Delivering for Dartmoor 2011

*Meeting ended 9.45pm*

*Date of next Meetings:*

- *Annual Ugborough Parish Meeting 6.4.11*
- *Ugborough Parish Council Meeting 14.4.11*