

UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 11th April 2012 at 7.30pm
Committee Room, Ugborough Village Hall

Questions from the Public

1. The planning applicant presented his proposals for the Pathfinder residential caravan for a temporary period of 10 years at Higher Witchcombe Farm, Ugborough Ref 57/0498/12/CU. SHDC recommended refusal.

Police Report Seven crimes of note in the Parish in March included spray paint damage to cars, burglary of a dwelling through a forced patio window, and production of class B drug (cannabis). Residents were advised against leaving valuables on display in cars, including Satellite navigation systems and mobile phones. Bikes should be properly secured, and property security marked using the free service www.immobilise.com.

District Cllr Ward

- A Super Cluster Meeting would be held at Rattery Village Hall 7pm 10 May. The Clerk requested greater notice of events.
- Details on the Devolved Services and Assets Project had been issued and would be discussed at the Super Cluster Meeting
- Small local public bodies, with annual income/expenditure below £10,000, would be exempt from audit fees.
- Plymouth University was holding a conference on Dementia Friendly Communities at Plymouth Methodist Hall on the 26 April & 3 May.

County Cllr Mumford

- Urged parishioners to continue requesting faster Broadband at www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk
- Nick Colton, DCC Highways had submitted a bid for the pedestrian island at Wrangaton. £2.5m had been spent on highway improvements in the Ivybridge Area over the year.
- DCC Locality funding for the Parish to support Localism in 2012/3 would be £1/elector, plus 10p/elector from SHDC. This amounted to about £2000.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Beable (Chairman), Abraham, Daniels, Hosking, Hutcheon, Johns, L Wakeham & M Widdicombe; District Cllr Ward & County Cllr Mumford; 6 members of public

12.034 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Holway & Lloyd

12.035 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda were received from Cllr Widdicombe: Item 12.041.3 Personal; Cllr Abraham: Items 12.038.1 & 12.041.5 Personal (residence & employment) and Cllr Daniels: Items 12.038.1 & 12.041.5 Personal (residence)

12.036 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th March 2012, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

12.037 Finance

1. Cheques approved for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
1430	S Woodman – March pay		539.44
1431	S Woodman – Expenses: office £42.90, travel/refreshments £77.18	2.24	120.08
1432	SHDC – Uncontested election expenses		154.22
1433	DPFA - Subscription		36.50
1434	DALC - Subscription	48.35	377.35
Receipt	Description	VAT	Gross
500016	Martin & Sons – Mayor memorial		200.00
BGC	HMRC – VAT reclaim		856.30
BGC	PROW Grant – P3		490.00

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 23.3.12	6156.29
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	1648.06
Plus uncleared receipts	490.00
Total	4998.23
Plus: Santander Acc to 30.1.12	9593.94
Less uncleared payments	0.00
Total	14592.17

Earmarked Reserves

P.3 grant	963.57
Prize money for parish map	300.00
Total	1263.57

Total uncommitted funds £13328.60

Finance Correspondence

3. Resolved to increase in the Clerk's salary to Spinal Column Point 25 (£5815.95 pa) from April 2012

12.038 Play provision

1. **Moorhaven playing field** – Moorhaven Management's agreement to a joint grant application was still awaited, and the Clerk was advised to submit the request through Leslie Abraham.

2. Bittaford & Ugborough play areas

Payment of the Sutcliffe Play invoice for £6844.80 invoice had been suspended until remedial works to the paintwork had been completed.

Resolved to purchase two flat-packed round picnic benches from Tuckers at £225 each (Chq1435 £450)

Simon Daniels would quote for the cost of erecting the benches, laying a concrete base for the Bittaford bench, and providing metal fixings. Cllr Johns and Hutcheon offered to erect the Ugborough bench.

A Playground Maintenance Reserve would be included in the next Budget, with suggested annual contributions of £2000.

Cllrs Abraham and Daniels were thanked for their hard work in renovating the Bittaford play area.

3. **Bittaford footpath diversion** Written agreement for the diversion along the track had been received from one of the landowners, with confirmation awaited from the other two landowners.

12.039 **Neighbourhood Development Plan** The next Working Group Meeting would be held from 7.30pm on 23 April at Cllr Hosking's.

No response was received to the Parish Newsletter submission. The General Regulations to designate Neighbourhood Areas came into force on the 6 April, which requires the submission of a plan showing the Plan Area, together with its justification. The LAX electoral area would be requested first, with the possibility of a Wrangaton/Bittaford Neighbourhood Development Plan later.

SHDC Forward Planning had confirmed that funding was available for the Plan preparation. Surgery workshops would be held over 3 weeks in May, including sessions on Saturdays, evenings and weekdays.

SHDC had issued an Infrastructure Planning Information Leaflet, which excluded Ugborough. Councillors considered that, should the Neighbourhood Development Plan proceed, then Ugborough may be included in the Infrastructure Planning.

12.040 **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: Resolved to purchase of a commemorative slate plaque for the Conduit up to the value of £80+VAT**

12.041 Planning Applications

1. Minor alterations and refurbishment of existing house and outbuildings at Wrangaton House, Wrangaton (omission of solar panels & altered stairway details) Ref 0110/12 Mr Q Travis **No objection**
2. Change of use of land to site Pathfinder residential caravan for a temporary period of 10 years at Higher Witchcombe Farm, Ugborough Ref 57/0498/12/CU Mr R Daw **Support on the condition that the consent is personal to the applicant's grandson and the caravan is removed after the temporary period of 10 years. The proposal would reduce travel to work & replace an existing caravan ancillary to the bungalow.**
3. Installation and operation of solar farm at Luson Farm, Ermington Ref 21/0690/12/F Lightsource Renewable Energy Ltd **No objection, provided it satisfies a visual impact assessment**
4. Replacement stables, haybarn and tackroom building at North Parsons Park, 22 Fore Street, Ugborough Ref 57/0730/12/F Mr & Mrs FR Douglas **No objection**
5. Subterranean extension to dwellinghouse at Lakeview Cottage, Moorhaven **Concern that this is yet another incidence of the applicant flouting planning law. Request DNPA look into the application of any sanctions.**
6. Listed Building Consent for amendments (altered window and door openings and altered internal layout) to 57/1852/09/LB for barn conversion at Hayloft, Haye Farm, Ludbrook Ref 57/0703/12/LB **No objection to the rooflights and internal layout. Object to the amended openings.**

Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 14th March were ratified

7. Construction of a ménage at Cantrell Stables, Bittaford Ref 0142/12 Mrs N Walke **No objection**

Planning Decisions – Noted

8. Retrospective creation of track from Lakeview Cottage to Lower Yard for agricultural and equestrian use only at Lakeview Cottage, Moorhaven Ref 0045/12 **Conditional permission**

12.042 Correspondence received

1. NHS Ambulance Service: Community Public Access Defibrillators £1275 + cabinet £250-£550 – No purchase
2. DNPA: Future structure of Dartmoor National Park Authority – DNPA income had been reduced by over 35%, and 1 in 4 full-time equivalent staff places would be lost over the next 2 years. The number of planning officers in Development Management and Forward Planning would be reduced, together with the reorganization of key posts.

3. Government consultation: Changes to National Park governance – Councillors supported the proposals to: include some directly elected members; remove the need for the Secretary of State to appoint parish members; and relax the political balance requirement in the appointment of local authority members. Concern was expressed that,

if a maximum 8 years length of service restriction were introduced, valuable experience would be lost, and that any such change should be introduced on a staggered basis. The logic was questioned of enabling parishes to choose non-councillors for members of 'subsequently specified National Parks'.

4. SWH: Road closure A379 Fancy Cross to Little Orcheston 10-11 May - Noted

5. CCD: Devon Oil Collective – details would be included in the Newsletter.

12.043 Reports on Meetings attended

1. Cllr Beable met with Merryl Docker, Cllr Holway and a member of the Milestone Society to discuss the reinstatement of the Hookmoor Cross cross. The base of the cross may have been found, and the matter would be referred to DCC Archaeology Dept.

2. The Clerk held a very successful Clerks Workshop at Ugborough, with lunch at the Ship Inn.

12.044 Correspondence available at the Meeting - Noted

1. Dartmoor Hill Farm Project Update

2. Village Green, Spring 2012

Meeting ended 9.32pm

Dates of next Meetings:

- *Annual Parish Council Meeting 7pm Wednesday 9 May*
- *Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm 9 May*
- *Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm Monday 14 May Moorhaven Clubhouse*