

UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 8th October 2014 at 7.30pm
Committee Room, Ugborough Village Hall

Presentation by the Ugborough Neighbourhood Working Group on the vision and approach of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, and the structure of the Working Group. Cllr Hosking had resigned from the Working Group and was thanked for his commitment, expertise and professionalism.

District Cllr Ward reported on:

- The preparation of Our Plan, which was assessing housing numbers and growth pattern as part of the development strategy. Neighbourhood Development Plan proposals may be incorporated in Our Plan, even after its completion.
- The appointment of Sophie Hosking as Executive Director
- Lobbying central government to provide better transport links, especially trains
- The possibility that SHDC would share services with Torridge DC
- Dementia Shared Reading, which would start in Modbury on the 9 October

District Cllr Holway reported that:

- SHDC had become the accounting body for the Dartmoor Local Enterprise Board and South Hams Local Action Group. The Clerk would submit a letter of support for the Bittaford Community Hall grant application.
- TAP funding applications must be submitted by the 31st December, and Cllr Hutcheon would invite Dr Gwynne to the November Parish Council Meeting to discuss defibrillators.
- Refurnish had relocated to Wrangaton Business Park

County Cllr Hosking reported on the higher profile the south west was receiving in infrastructure provision, with improvements planned for the A303 & A30, and the Dawlish railway line, with a possible second rail route planned through North Devon.

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Beable (Chair), Daniels, Fletcher, Holway, Hosking, Hutcheon, Johns & Widdicombe; SHDC Cllr Ward; 5 members of public

14.110 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Laurie & Smallridge

14.111 Declarations of interest were noted from Cllr Fletcher: Item 14.1117 (Personal)

14.112 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 10th September 2014, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

14.113 Planning

Planning Applications

1. Construction of public recycling centre at Lane east of Ermington Road, Ivybridge Ref DCC/3707/2014 DCC **Support**
2. Extension to dwelling and erection of garage at Gate Lodge, Moorhaven Village, Bittaford Ref 0547/14 Mr M Hansen **No objection**

Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 10th September 2014 were ratified

3. Erection of agricultural storage building with associated retaining wall, erection of bank on boundary and widening of vehicular access at land at Leigh Cross, Bittaford Ref 0491/14 Mr D Price **No objection**

Planning Decisions Noted

4. Extension to provide accommodation for elderly relative at North East Barn, West Peekes Farm, Bittaford Ref 0462/14 **Withdrawn**
5. Infill of former Bowcombe Slate Quarry and restoration to pasture at Magnolia Barn, Bowcombe Quarry, Quarry Farm, Ludbrook, Ivybridge Ref 57/0456/14/CM **Refuse**

Planning Correspondence

6. SHDC: Enforcement investigations at West Cutwellwalls Farm, Avonwick – The new owner intended to use the site for its lawful agricultural use, with the mobile home being used as a rest room
7. DNPA: Pre application planning advice charges consultation to 21.10.14 – Noted

14.114 Finance**1. Cheques approved for payment:**

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
1649	S Woodman – September pay		393.70
1650	S Woodman – Expenses: office £52.72, travel £58.50	2.50	111.22
1651	HMRC - PAYE		283.80
1652	IDALC - subscription		4.00
1653	Cutting Crew	22.40	134.40
Receipts			
BGC	SHDC – 2 nd Precept		7000.00

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Lloyds Current Account to 22.8.14	18456.13
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	2412.67
Plus uncleared receipts	7110.00
Total	23153.46
Plus: Santander Acc to 17.4.14	10.39
Total	23163.85

Earmarked Reserves

P.3 grant	930.27
Prize money for parish map	300.00
Playground	3000.00
TAP: e-seniors	1500.00
Going the Extra Mile	750.00
Total	6480.27

Total uncommitted funds £16,683.58

Finance Correspondence

3. SHDC: Council Tax Support Grant allocation to reduce by 10% from £836 in 2014/15 to £752 in 2015/16

4. Resolved to purchase a noticeboard for Wrangaton bus shelter from Jansen Display Ltd at a cost of £109.95

14.115 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Resolved:

1. To approve the Vision in principle: ‘Ugborough sits between moor and sea with a distinct and historic natural environment and has a strong, balanced community. Our aim is to maintain its character, support the local community while responding to evolving needs and aspirations of all.’

2. That the Working Group should proceed on the basis of a Thematic Approach to the Neighbourhood Development Plan

3. That proposals on the Terms of Reference and leadership would be considered at the November meeting.

Monthly progress updates were requested.

14.116 Correspondence received

1. Bittaford Environmental improvements – Complaints had been received about the vegetation growing by the railway line and on the viaduct; and the maintenance of the bus shelter, phone box and pavement in the village centre. Network Rail had removed some vegetation along the railway line and would be removing vegetation from the viaduct in the current financial year. The Clerk would ask Network Rail to maintain its land to an appropriate standard, and highlight the hazard of vegetation falling from the viaduct onto the road below.

2. DCLG: Consultation on Travellers to 23.11.14 (available at www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-and-travellers-proposed-changes-to-planning-policy-and-guidance) – to be completed by Cllr Hutcheon

3. DCC: Proposed bridleway through Filham Park – details to follow

4. DCC: Proposed direction of travel for Devon’s libraries – Noted

5. Potential flooding at Lutterburn St – Complaints were received that the walls/banks were collapsing and more controlled drainage would result in less flooding, damage and erosion. The Clerk would ask the owners to repair the walls and banks; and DCC Cllr Hosking would press for drainage works to be included in the Highways programme.

14.117 Resolved to grant the easement over Donkey Lane to CWJ & HM Hart for a consideration of £3000, the sum to be held in reserves for capital projects Registration of the lane with the Land Registry would be discussed at the November meeting.

14.118 Bittaford Playground grass cutting: Resolved to accept the Cutting Crew tender of £25+VAT per cut, based on fortnightly cuts through the growing season (max 18 cuts)

14.119 Ugborough Website – The webmaster had failed to respond to requests to reinstate the website, and the Clerk would discuss the possibility of using the ugborough.com website

14.120 Reports on Meetings attended

1. Highways maintenance meeting: Cllr Beable, the Clerk & Nick Colton, DCC Highways – Plans showing drainage arrangements had been provided, and Nick Colton had confirmed that DCC would continue maintenance of main roads and any gulleys with lids. The Clerk would request confirmation of work to be undertaken by the Lengthsman, with a view to using the TAP grant to complete the remaining maintenance.

2. Devon Highways Parish & Town Council Conference 2014, attended by the Clerk
 - More regular funding for highway management had been introduced, together with a reduction in the highway network and an emphasis on local/voluntary input. Funding from 2009/10 to 2016/17 would reduce by 60% in real terms, with a £783m current maintenance backlog. A Tough Choices consultation would run until the 5th December.
 - The priority for maintenance would be the main (A&B) roads. Unclassified roads represented 50% of the network and 2/3 needed work.
 - Community Working was encouraged, with free Chapter 8 training provided.
 - Community & Neighbourhood Speedwatch was available where the speed limit was below 40mph, with maps & equipment being provided.
3. Ivybridge Development Meeting, attended by Cllrs Beable & Holway – Ugborough would receive an allocation of funding from the development to the east of Ivybridge. The Clerk would request that land and funding be retained for highway improvements to reduce traffic congestion through Wrangaton.
4. SHDC Development Strategy Meeting was attended by Cllr Beable. A Neighbourhood Development Plan was needed to attract funding from development.

14.121 Correspondence available at the Meeting None

Meeting ended 10.20pm

Date of next Meeting 11.11.14