

UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 9th December 2010 at 7.30pm
Committee Room, Ugborough Village Hall

Questions from the Public

1. The applicant presented her proposals for the erection of detached dwelling at plot off Shute Lane, Wrangaton (Planning Application 0553/10), which would provide affordable housing for local people (Cllr D Wakeham declared a personal interest)
2. The applicant of planning application 0534/10 (Change of use from community hall and nursery school to use as a cafe/restaurant and functions at Clubhouse, Playing Field, Moorhaven) requested that the Parish Council reconsider its decision. The proposal had received considerable local support as it would benefit the local community, with no need to drive to reach the venue. Opening hours would be restricted to 10.30pm, unless by special application, and music would be restricted to 12 occasions per year.
3. Nominees for Councillor co-option made a brief presentation

District Cllr Fielden announced that he would be retiring in April after 12 years as District Councillor. The poorly attended Budget meeting with Parish Councillors discussed the possible merger with West Devon, which would result in a large administrative area.

District Cllr Lawrence advised that the SHDC budget depended on the Government grant, although a nil increase in the SHDC Council Tax was proposed. Income would be reduced as the concessionary bus fare grant was transferred to DCC and interest payments from its reserves from council house sales had declined. However, £¾ m savings had already been achieved and SHDC would receive a £125,000 bonus for not increasing its Council Tax.

County Cllr Mumford discussed the tight timescale to determine the budget, with cuts of £70-80m likely. Discretionary services were under severe pressure; the number of Directorates would reduce from seven to three; and 1000 jobs had already gone over the last year.

Cllr Mumford discussed the Community Workshop at Ivybridge, which debated the main issues of youth, the economy and transport. The Viridor incinerator application at New England Quarry would not be determined until mid 2011, with the South West Waste Partnership decision due in January.

Cllr Mumford was thanked for granting £500 Locality Funding to the Conduit renovation.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Holway (Chairman), Beable, Johns, Lloyd, Taylor, D Wakeham & L Wakeham; District Cllrs Fielden & Lawrence, County Cllr Mumford; 11 members of public

10.132 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Abraham, Daniels & Fox

10.133 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda were noted from Cllr Beable: Item 10.137 (Personal – relation); Cllr Taylor: Items 10.138.2,3,4,6 & 7(Personal – business) & 10.138.8 (Prejudicial – applicant); & Cllr D Wakeham: Item 10.138.1 (Personal).

10.134 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th November 2010, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

10.135 Finance

1. Cheques approved for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
1327	S Woodman – Nov pay		212.68
1328	S Woodman – Expenses: office 34.86, travel 46.40	0.32	81.26
1329	Cutting Crew	19.60	131.60
1330	Ugborough Village Hall		19.38
1331	The Information Commissioner		35.00
1332	Devon County Council Pension Fund		327.54
Receipt	Description	VAT	Gross
500004	DALC – subscription repaid		319.00

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 24.11.10	1168.36
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	999.96
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total	168.40
Plus: Santander Acc to 4.11.10	15278.34
Plus uncleared receipts	1.09
Total	15447.83

Earmarked Reserves

P.3 grant	973.57
Prize money for parish map	300.00
Conduit renovation	3700.00
Total	4973.57

Total uncommitted funds £10474.26

3. Resolved to grant South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau £200 (Chq 1333)

4. Resolved to maintain the following Burial charges:

Deed of Grant: Single	£150
Double	£200
Cremation (1/2 plot – single or double)	£100
Burial	£150
Cremation	£75
Headstone: Upright (not to exceed 2'6" including base)	£100
Flat (flush with the ground)	£50
Non parishioners – double fees	

10.136 Moorhaven Playing Field – Discussions were being held with Brian Beasley on the non native trees surrounding the playing field. Hillside residents had been consulted by Cllr Daniels, the majority requesting that, when the non-native trees needed replacing, native species should be planted growing to half the height of the current trees.

10.137 Councillor Cooption – Resolved to coopt Matt Widcombe

10.138 Planning Applications

1. Erection of detached dwelling at plot off Shute Lane, Wrangaton Ref 0553/10 Mr & Mrs Hard & Cluney
Support
2. Restoration and repairs to a Grade II Listed Barn at East Peeke Farm, Wrangaton Ref 0558/10 Mr I Vincent
Support
3. Partial change of use from estate storage buildings to equestrian storage at Lower Yard, Moorhaven Ref 0560/10 Mr J Mathys **No objection**
4. Erection of log shed at Lower Yard, Moorhaven Ref 0561/10 Mr J Mathys **No objection**
5. Minor alterations and refurbishment of existing house and outbuildings at Wrangaton House, Wrangaton Ref 0576/10 Mr Q Travis **No objection**

Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 11th November 2010 were ratified, subject to amendment

6. 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 Mr J Mathys **Objection withdrawn**
7. Change of use to B1 Office use at The Jays Day Care Nursery, Moorhaven Ref 0530/10 Mr J Mathys **Object. Unacceptable traffic generation along Bittaford Hill; and inappropriate land use within a residential area**
8. Erection of affordable dwelling for local person at Land adj The Old Toll House, Bittaford (amended plans) Ref 0252/10 Mr R Taylor **No objection**

Planning Decisions – Noted

9. Erection of wooden hanging business sign at Mammoth Trees, Wrangaton Road, South Brent Ref 0496/10
Conditional consent
10. New access track (53m x 3m) at Mammoth Trees, Wrangaton Road, South Brent Ref 0500/10 **Approve**
11. Works to trees in a Conservation Area at 6 Lutterburn Street, Ugborough Ref 57/2062/10/TCA **Consent**
12. Works to trees subject to TPO No. 10 at Lower Lords Wood, Bittaford Ref 57/2271/10/TW **Conditional Consent**
13. Extension to three existing cottages and change of use of former gas works land to domestic cartilage at Lakeview Cottage, Sundial Cottage and Kingfisher Cottage, Moorhaven Ref 0249/10 **Conditional consent**

Planning Correspondence

14. Alleged unauthorised installation of septic tank at Land at SX648 555, Filham – Enforcement investigation

10.139 Correspondence received

1. DCC: Temporary prohibition of through traffic A3121 Ludbrook 3 Dec – 4 Feb – Noted

2. SHDC: The Clubhouse, Playing Fields Moorhaven Licensing Hearing cancelled – the Clerk would investigate whether a new license application had been submitted
3. SHDC: Village Housing Initiative – to enable small scale developments of affordable housing in rural communities on sites which might not otherwise be allocated for housing. The housing would be allocated to local people and up to two market dwellings may be developed on any one site.
4. DNPA: Consultation on the governance arrangements for National Park Authorities in England – More representative governance would be requested, with a greater emphasis on elected representatives and no Government appointments. District Councillors should be represented on the DNPA, and Parish clusters should be directly represented.
5. DNPA: Parish planning survey 2010 – The Clerk would respond
6. SHDC: Budget meeting with Town & Parish Councils & precepting authorities 13.1.11 – No one would attend
7. SHDC: Ivybridge & surrounding area Parish Cluster Meeting agenda items & nominee chairman – No response
8. Dept of Transport: Snow Code – Details would be included in the Newsletter. SHDC had confirmed that farmers may use red diesel in their vehicles if engaged in snow clearance
9. South West Conference of Local Councils Associations: Democracy Pack – Election on 5.5.11
10. Big Lottery: Reaching communities programme – details would be passed to the Pre School
11. The Prince of Wales' Award 2011- Noted

10.140 Reports on Meetings attended

1. Cllrs Holway and Abraham had attended the Dartmoor National Park Authority Forum, in which they had supported the Moorhaven Playing field proposals on the grounds of health promotion and queried the Tree Officer's protection of the surrounding non-native species
2. Cllr Holway and the Clerk attended the Community Workshop, in which Parish Councils were advised to increase their precepts to accommodate higher spending on local services
3. Cllr Beable attended a tour of alternative energy systems by the South Hams Coastal Renewal Energy Group, including wood boilers, turbines, solar panels, ground pumps and photovoltaic cells. Grant funding from the Greater Dartmoor LEAF was available for community buildings. Further tours were planned, and Cllr Beable could provide details.

10.141 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. South Hams, Winter 2010
2. DCC: Travelling in Winter 2010/11
3. The Clerk, Nov 2010
4. DALC Newsletter Nov
5. South Hams Society – Bulletin, Oct 2010 /Dec 2010
6. Rural Housing Alliance – Affordable Rural Housing: A practical guide for parish councils
7. Trade publications

Meeting ended 9.55pm

Date of next Meeting 13th January 2010