

UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 9th September 2010 at 7.30pm

Committee Room, Ugborough Village Hall

Presentation by David Ford, General Manager, National Trust South & East Devon property group

It was intended to sell the NT owned Ugborough House and land, as shown in the Appendix, with the proceeds being used within Devon and Cornwall. Covenants would provide longterm protection against inappropriate development. In accordance with the terms of its charitable status, the National Trust must achieve the best value for the site and therefore could not gift land to the Parish Council. Councillors suggested that the land to the NE of the site could provide an amenity space for the community, and a valuation of the site would be requested, together with a site meeting for Councillors and the History Society.

Report from County Cllr Mumford Following the Comprehensive Spending Review on the 20 October, rapid activity would be required to prepare budgets by January 2011, which would include identifying which services were discretionary or statutory. The Education Budget was dependant on whether schools, such as Ivybridge Community College, become Academies – particularly as the remaining schools were likely to be the most challenging, expensive and scattered.

The removal of quangos, such as the Regional Development Agency, would leave a vacuum which DCC was seeking to fill through an Enterprise Agency covering Plymouth, Torbay and Devon.

Following its consultation on care homes, DCC was likely to become a commissioning agent rather than direct provider; the mobile library service was being rationalised to increase its usage; the introduction of part-night street lighting would reduce costs and the carbon footprint; no progress had been made on the Langage or Sherford sites; and safety works were being undertaken at the A38 Deep Lane junction.

It was requested that the lines at the junction with Parsonage Lane be painted further onto the A3121 to improve visibility and make road users aware of the junction. *Cllr Mumford left the Meeting*

Report from District Cllr Fielden – The SHDC Budget Meeting identified a shortfall of £3.3m-£4m over the next 4 years and reviews to services would take place over the next few months; parking charges would be increased next year by 10p for periods over ½ hour; and a new Chief Executive, Richard Sheard, had been appointed jointly with West Devon District Council. *Cllr Fielden left the Meeting*

Report from District Cllr Lawrence was read by Cllr Holway, in which he supported the new street cleaning arrangements

Police Report Three instances of criminal damage were reported in July: slashing the wrapping on 51 bales of silage; graffiti to vehicle; and badge ripped from vehicle. No crimes were reported in August

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Holway (Chairman), Abraham, Beable, Daniels, Fox, Johns, D Wakeham & L Wakeham; District Cllr Fielden, County Cllr Mumford; David Ford, National Trust

10.096 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Bremridge, Lloyd & Taylor; District Cllr Lawrence. Cllr Bremridge would provide written confirmation of his intention to resign

10.097 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda were noted from Cllr Abraham: Item 10.100 Personal (residence & employment); & Cllr Daniels: Item 10.100 Personal (residence) & Item 10.104.2 Prejudicial (adjoining owner)

10.098 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th August 2010, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

10.099 Finance

1. Cheques approved for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
1305	S Woodman – Aug pay		212.68
1306	S Woodman expenses: Office £52.65, Travel £42	2.90	94.65
1307	Ugborough Village Hall - hire		14.37
1308	IDALC - membership		8.00
1309	SHDC – Play area contribution	17.50	117.50
1310	Cutting Crew	19.60	131.60
1311	DCC Pension Fund		327.54
1312	DALC – Training	2.63	17.63

Receipt	Description	VAT	Gross
500222	Timbs memorial		100.00
500223	Cannon burial		150.00
500224	Davis memorial		200.00
500225	Timbs burial		75.00
BGC	Alliance & Leics - Interest		0.96

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 23.7.10	2216.27
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	2498.07
Plus uncleared receipts	525.00
Total	243.20
Plus: Alliance & Leicester Acc to 5.8.10	11275.49
Plus uncleared receipts	0.96
Total	11519.65

Earmarked Reserves

P.3 grant	973.57
Prize money for parish map	300.00
Total	1,273.57

Total uncommitted funds £10246.08

Finance Correspondence

3. Audit Commission – 2009/10 audit completed with no matters giving cause for concern. The Clerk and Chairman were thanked for preparing the accounts

4. Resolved to grant Young Carers Project £30 (Chq 1313)

10.100 Moorhaven Playing Field – Revised plans had been submitted to DNPA, in which the orientation of the proposed playing field had been amended to reduce gradients to a maximum of 1:3 and to protect surrounding trees. A response was awaited. Cllr Abraham was thanked for his involvement in preparing the plans.

The Clerk reported that the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge aimed to protect the longterm future of open spaces for recreation purposes through legal safeguards. These safeguards were already provided through the S106 Agreement at Moorhaven.

10.101 Conduit Renovation – A quotation of £4700 had been received from RGL Construction to undertake the work, and technical experts would be consulted on the breathable paints to be used. Discussion had been held with Gerald Arnold, who may be able to provide information on the ownership of the conduit and access to grant funding, and a decision on executing the works would be deferred to the October Meeting, when the outcome of these discussions was known.

10.102 Formation of Housing Trusts – Cllr Holway's proposal for the formation of a Community Land Trust to provide affordable housing received support, in principle, with a number of Councillors offering to become Trustees. The Community Council of Devon's 2010 Rural Communities Conference on the 20.10.10 would be discussing Local Village Trusts and Community Land Trusts and the Clerk would reserve a place at a cost of £30. The Clerk would include details in the Newsletter and ask for interest in becoming a Trustee.

10.103 Parish Plan implementation – No response had been received to the article in the Newsletter and the formation of an implementation group would be deferred until January 2011

10.104 Planning Applications

1. Householder application for conversion of redundant outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation to Filham House at Filham House, Filham Ref 57/1915/10/F Mr & Mrs L Gough **No objection**
2. General purpose barn for dry storage and machinery (15m x 10m) at Field adjacent 3 Leigh Close, Bittaford Ref 0418/10 Mrs S Roberts **Object to the excessive size and siting of the barn, which would adversely affect the amenity of the adjacent housing. Suggest resiting the barn. Cllr Daniels left the meeting during the resolution**
3. Alterations and extensions to Cheston Farmhouse, Wrangaton Ref 0344/10 Statement of Significance - Noted

Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 12th August 2010 were ratified

4. Erection of external storeroom to side elevation of existing building for the purpose of housing water treatment equipment at Ivybridge Cadet Centre, Filham Ref 57/1751/10/F Wessex Reserve Forces & Cadets Association **Support**

Planning Decisions – Noted

5. Agricultural Determination for solar panels to existing barn at Fowlescombe Farm, Ugborough Ref 57/1346/10/AG **Prior approval not required**
6. Alteration of stable and construction of hardstanding to provide storage facility for bin cleaning company at Land at SX 648 555, Filham Ref 57/0614/10/F **Conditional permission**
7. Retrospective application for levelling of site, erection of two stables, erection of storage barn and change of use of land for equestrian purposes at Land at SX6908 5830 Cutwell Combe, Avonwick **Conditional Permission**
8. Householder application for erection of garage and workshop/garden store and relocation of oil tank at Elm Barn, Ludbrook Ref 57/1385/10/F **Conditional permission**
9. Works to trees subject to TPO 27/12/4/136 at Moorhaven Woodland **Conditional consent**
10. Amendments to listed building consent 57/1417/05/LB for conversion of loft space into ancillary guest from (or

office), installation of new staircase from boot room to loft and installation of new patent glazing in roof. Proposed amendments include relocation of new staircase, construction of new downstairs toilet and shower room, installation of new kitchen area upstairs with boiler at Ware Farm, Ware Hill, Ugborough Ref 57/1299/10/LB

Withdrawn

10.105 Correspondence received

1. SHDC: South Hams Local Development Framework – The Development Policies Development Plan Document had been adopted
2. SHDC: Parish Cleansing Services Partnership Agreement – From the 31.10.10, a new arrangement would be introduced in which parish teams of 2 sweepers would work together on a time allocated basis in each parish. Two mechanical road sweepers would work in unison with the parish teams. In order to improve communication with Parish Councils, a Partnership Agreement was signed by the Chairman.
3. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority: Police Authority Liaison Meetings had been replaced, on a trial 12 month basis, with 3 conferences and a series of ‘Face to Face Engagements’. Cllr Holway attended the Face to Face Engagement scheduled at Modbury, but no policeman was present. The Clerk would complain to the Police Authority
4. DALC AGM 25.9.10 Exeter £5 (£15 incl lunch) – No one would attend
5. DCC: Mobile Library Service – New routes from Jan 2011. The Clerk would request that the planned service stop in both parts of Bittaford
6. Dartmoor Access Forum: Membership recruitment - Noted
7. Emergency Planning Events: Cllrs Holway and Taylor would attend the Environment Agency ‘Emergency Planning Support Session’ at South Brent 23.9.10 6-8pm; and Cllr Holway would attend the DCC ‘Extreme Events’ Conference at the Met Office on the 28.10.10
8. Ugborough Primary School – Proposed federation with Stowford would not proceed
9. Highway Closure: Rowan Cottage, Ugborough 25-29 October - Noted
10. Highway Closure: C152 Hillhead Cross to The Square, Ugborough 25-29 October - Noted
11. Bittaford Playground: DCC Highways objected to Parish Council proposals to cover the drainage pipe openings with heavy duty weldmesh as it could potentially impede the flow of water if debris was to collect on the mesh and would restrict access for maintenance purposes.
12. SHDC: Housing Surgery – Cllr Holway requested a 9.30am session on Wednesday 29 September
13. South Hams Carer’s forum, The Watermark, Ivybridge 4.10.10 - Noted
14. DNPA Development Management and Site Specific Issues Consultation – views requested on local issues such as housing, public & open space, employment and local planning issues. The Clerk would respond that, although lying within the National Park boundary, Bittaford and Wrangaton were not moorland villages and should not be constrained by planning policies restricting new residential development to ‘affordable housing’ only.
15. South Hams Local Development Framework: Site Allocations DPDs – Examination Public Hearings would be held in late autumn 2010
16. Devon Renaissance: Shaping the future of the Dartmoor Way – it was hoped to extend the route to include the southern moor, incorporating South Brent, Ivybridge and Plymouth; improve publicity and signage; and increase consumer uptake of local products and accommodation. Local businesses and potential users were invited to complete a survey and the Clerk would provide details to local businesses and in the Newsletter
17. DCC: Tough Choices - Public meeting on public spending cuts, 6.30pm Kingsbridge 12.10.10 & Ivybridge 2.11.10. Details would be included in the Newsletter.

10.106 Reports on Meetings attended

1. Cllr Holway attended the Empowering Communities Event, in which it was noted that Parishes only united when facing important issues. Challenges for local communities would arise as a result of climate change.
2. Cllr Beable attended the IDALC, in which it was announced that a leaflet would be issued on gypsies; consideration was being given to an affordable housing plot in Newton Ferrers, which would be made available provided the landowner was able to retain one plot; and the possibility of objections to the Environmental License for the proposed incinerator was discussed.

10.107 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. SHDC Agenda & Minutes, Magazine, Development Policies DPD (Adopted)
2. SLCC: The Clerk, July 2010
3. South Hams CVS: Voluntary Vine, July-Sept 2010
4. Senior Council for Devon: Everyone’s Tomorrow, July 2010
5. No Need for Nuclear
6. Tor Homes: Open Door, Summer 2010
7. DALC: Newsletter Jul/Aug 2010, Minutes of AGM 26.9.09, Annual Report 2009-2010
8. The Playing Field, Summer 2010
9. Clerks & Councils Direct, Summer 2010
10. Trade publications

Meeting ended 10.10pm

Date of next Meeting 14.10.10

Appendix: Property to be sold by the National Trust

