

UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held remotely on Zoom

Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 7.30pm

Questions from the Public

1. A proposal was made to display battery-operated Christmas lights on the Ugborough Square trees. If successful, future decorations could be extended to Fore St, Lutterburn St and Seldons Close. The cost was estimated to be £50 per tree.
2. Questions were raised about bin collections, and Cllr Holway confirmed there were teething problems. Missing bin collections should be reported online.
3. The footpath gate from Leigh Lane onto the moor was not shutting properly, which the Clerk would report to the Ranger.

DNPA C Pannell had submitted a report detailing fundraising schemes, including Donate for Dartmoor, SeaMoor Lotto and shopping with easyfundraising.co.uk. Haytor Visitor Centre had won a TripAdvisor award; Christmas shopping would be available at Princetown Visitor Centre; 'Welcome to Dartmoor' walks were available on the website, aimed at introducing people to Dartmoor's history, heritage and habitats; electric vehicle charge station had been installed in Haytor car park; and the toilets at Shipley Bridge were due to reopen.

County Cllr Hosking detailed Covid statistics and encouraged the Parish to revive the volunteer support for the vulnerable and those shielding. SHDC had re-established its helpline 01803 861297. He restated the advice: Hands, face, space.

Bittaford to Ivybridge cycle route: Cllr Hosking still needed to contact the landowner, and the route would need considerable improvement and investment. Roadside parking along the B3213 considerably reduced the road width for a cycle route.

Preparatory work had started for the Hollowcombe roundabout, and the Ivybridge recycling centre would continue to operate during Lockdown.

DCC was currently considering its position with regard to EV charging points, possibly from street lights. Charging points were being offered in specific car parks, rather than to communities, and it was suggested that the Ivybridge station car park may be suitable.

Cllr Holway asked individuals or traders suffering hardship due to Covid to contact SHDC; tree planting covering 92ha at Sherford would support climate action; and a northerly Bittaford-Ivybridge cycle route may be a more realistic option.

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Fletcher (Chair), Beable, Cooper, Hart, Holway, Hosking, Nelson, Smallridge & Slater; SDHC Cllr Abbott, 1 public

20.141 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Fairclough-Kay & Johns; DNPA C Pannell

20.142 To note declarations of interest and consider granting dispensation requests None

20.143 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th October 2020, as previously circulated, were confirmed and will be signed by the Chair.

20.144 Planning

Planning Application recommendations

1. [0464/20](#) Replacement extension to include external pergola/screen walls at Windbells, 5 Highfield Terrace, Bittaford **Object. Proposal is a breach of Policy DMD4 as it would have an overbearing and dominant impact on the neighbouring property. Applicant has not complied with the previous breach of condition notice**
2. [0485/20](#) Single storey rear extension and decking at 16 Moorland Close, Bittaford **Support**

3. [3347/20/VAR](#) Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) following grant of planning consent 3717/19/ARM Land adjacent to Siding Cross, Wrangaton **Object. Two bed housing is needed in the area, suitable for young couples** *Cllr Holway abstained*

Resolved to ratify Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 7.10.2020

4. [2399/20/FUL](#) Change of use from agricultural to equestrian, erection of single storey barn and access track at Lot A Earlscombe Farm Ugborough **Inadequate plans, including location of footpath. Query excessive size of stable building & why proposed location is at the far end of the field, with a long access track** *Additional recommendation: Object, as adequate plans have still not been provided and there is no justification for the stable to be located at the far end of the field*
5. [2993/20/CLE](#) Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of The Cottage as a separate dwelling house in breach of condition 2 of planning consent 38/0396/01/F at The Cottage Barons Hill Farm Avonwick **No evidence to support or refute the claim**

Planning Decisions Noted

6. [0375/20](#) Installation of pipe work for ground source heat pump, land to be back filled and restored to grass at Wrangaton Manor, Wrangaton Road, Wrangaton **Conditional permission**
7. [3030/20/HRN](#) Hedgerow on Eastern side of A3121, Sign of the Owl West, ugborough **Agreement that hedgerow may be removed**
8. [2638/20/VAR](#) Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 3854/17/FUL, Development Site at Sx 6935 5891 Former Woodpecker Inn, South Brent **Conditional permission**

Planning Correspondence

9. DNPA: Settlement profile update 2020, consultation to 4.12.2020. [Settlement Profile](#) Response: Wrangaton should be included as a settlement
10. DNPA: [Dartmoor Local Plan 2018 – 2036](#) submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination
11. **Developments, Ugborough West** No report

20.145 Finance

1. Resolved to approve payments and receipts:

Payments	Description	Gross
BACS	S Woodman – October pay	580.84
BACS	S Woodman – Expenses: £67.33 office, £30.60 travel	97.93
BACS	DALC - training	18.00
BACS	SW Ambulance Service NHS Trust – Bittaford defibrillator	1200.00
BACS	Joan Fletcher – Ugborough Covid19 Support (from Coronavirus support Reserve)	14.39
BACS	Cutting Crew	194.40
BACS	Co op – reimburse double payment	300.00

Receipts

BGC	Coop: Pickford burial – Double payment	300.00
BGC	Santander – interest Aug-Oct 2020	4.23

2. The Financial Statement was approved

Earmarked Reserves

Lloyds Current Account to 19.10.2020	27955.31	P.3 grant	590.84
Less payments & unrepresented	2405.56	Open space sport & recreation	5850.00
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00	TAP: Community Education	366.00
Less Transfers not on Bank Statement	0.00	Dementia Awareness	150.00
Total	25549.75	Capital projects	2805.00
Plus: Santander Acc cash book	30,634.88	Community Highway equipment	197.90
Total Funds	56184.63	G-UP	520.00
		Post Office disabled access	500.00
		Coronavirus support	802.97
		Community Projects & Support	20,000.00
		Total	31,782.71

**Total uncommitted funds
£ 24401.92**

3. Cllr Nelson verified the bank statements and reconciliations

4. Budget review, [Appendix 20.145.4](#) – Noted. Progress on preschool premises had been delayed due to Covid and changes in committee membership.

5. Christmas decorations:

Resolved to grant Ugborough PCC £50, Bittaford Methodist Church £25 & Bittaford Community Hall £25

Resolved to spend up to £300 towards tree decorations in Ugborough & Bittaford

6. South Devon AONB 60th Anniversary: Details would be included in the Newsletter

Resolved to donate £25 to South Devon AONB

7. Community Lengthsman drain rods would cost about £120 and the Clerk would complete the DCC Locality application form. The rods would become a Parish Council asset.

8. Resolved to grant £89.62 for Bittaford community bulb planting

20.146 Correspondence received

1. Remembrance Service arrangements were not known under the new Lockdown restrictions.

Cllr Fletcher had prepared a risk assessment and distancing signs in case the church lawn was used.

2. Dartmoor's Disappearing Phone Boxes" touring photographic [exhibition](#) from 2nd November, including Bittaford & Wrangaton phone boxes - Noted

3. SHDC: Street naming, Ivybridge – the developer proposed Hazel Lane, Elm Park, Maple Grove, Hawthorn Way & Spindle Avenue

4. Modbury Neighbourhood [Plan](#) consultation to 16.11.2020 – Thanks would be expressed for the opportunity to comment

5. Highway Code [consultation](#): Local Council bans on pavement parking would be supported, including the power for Councils to fine offenders

20.147 Asset Management

1. Burial ground – a location had been identified for the commemorative trees, which would be planted once the rough grass had been cut

2. Ugborough playground – Cllr Hart reported that a meeting had been arranged with the supplier. In addition to the original specification, a painted roadway would be included; bark would be extended rather than wet pour; and Daisy equipment for 4 children would replace one of the springers. The net cost was £9500. Rob Sekula was happy with the revised scheme and had confirmed funding.

3. Bittaford playground [Playpark inspection](#) – It was noted that the Category A Defects had already been rectified. Cllrs Hart and Nelson would inspect the Category B Defects and report to the December Meeting.

4. Bench, Lucerne Fields. The Sustainable Swedish Redwood Garden Bench would cost about £400, and the developer would be asked to install it.

5. Wrangaton bus shelter renovation. Rotten fascia boards would be replaced and stained.

20.148 Highways & Rights of Way

1. Footpath 16 to Filham Park East formed an important route into the town, although it was noted that Godwell Lane would not be traffic free. Access to the footpath involved a steep bank, and a ramp was proposed but ownership of the land was not known. The developer intended to take no further action and Cllr Hosking would check planning obligations had been met. Richard Jackson was proposing an alternative route, and details were awaited.

Resolved to offer £200 P3 funding towards a handrail

2. DCC: Erme-Plym Trail at Ivybridge Football Ground. Ownership of the ground was to be transferred to Ivybridge Town Council, and it was requested that, before the transfer, SHDC fence off the path or provide Ivybridge Town Council with funds to undertake the work. The trail should not be re-routed along the road.

3. The DCC online petition B3196 Pinch Points had been completed, with 44 responses, which took the total number of signatories to over 300. As a result, DCC would be undertaking a study next financial year looking at the feasibility of improving the route. This would provide an important insight into its current

usage, as well as indicating the extent of other constraints such as land ownership and environmental impacts.

20.149 Travellers Cllr Hosking was awaiting confirmation from the DCC Solicitor on ownership of the verge.

20.150 Reports on Meetings attended

1. Clerk: IDALC Clerk's Workshop. Two Parish Councils had received £10k business relief for their reading rooms under the Covid provisions. It was noted that Bittaford & Ugborough village halls had also received £10k business relief.

20.151 Correspondence available at the Meeting None

Meeting ended 9.55pm

Date of next Meeting 2.12.2020

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Appendix 20.145.4

Budget Review: Oct 2020			
	7 Months Actual	Full year forecast	Budget
EXPENDITURE			
Clerks Salary & Pension	6,816	11,555	10705
Office	496	850	820
Cllrs Expenses	0	0	102
Chair's Expenses	0	0	102
Training	0	40	170
Subscriptions	434	744	978
Audit	375	375	383
Hire of Halls	10	17	200
Grants	918	1,574	3000
Maintenance General	1,589	2,724	914
Cemetery & verge maintenance	560	960	1066
Agency Inc. P3	174	298	103
Community Lengthsman	1,515	2,597	1530
Insurance	744	744	701
Election expenses	1,529	1,529	1530
Public toilets	0	0	2300
Other Expenses	0	0	532
Non Revenue Expenses	1,984	3,401	4000
	17,144	27,408	31,136
INCOME			
Precept	25,475	25475	25475
Council Tax Support Grant	248	248	248
Burial	1,605	2,451	4814
Interest	65	111	143
Agency Inc. P3	0	0	0
Grants	2,365	3,000	560
Other receipts	298	300	0
	30,056	31,585	31240
Surplus/shortfall	12,912	4,177	104