

UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 7.30pm

Held remotely on Zoom

Questions from the Public None

DNPA Member C Pannell reported that the visitor centres were reopening. DNPA had responded to the Government's 'Planning for the Future' White Paper, expressing concern that it may lead to a 'democratic deficit' and reinforcing the need for planning policies to cover local community needs and issues.

DNPA had launched a Coronavirus Community Support Grant for communities affected by Covid, and the new Dartmoor Young People for the Future group for young adults in or near Dartmoor had received funding to provide social media in order to discuss issues affecting their lives and their vision for the future.

Three large planning applications were being considered: The Buckfastleigh Care Village on the site of the former carpet mill (which had received permission); and Linhay & Yennadon Quarries (which were under consideration).

National Park Government funding had been awarded for one year only, with no increase.

County Cllr Hosking reported on the:

- Tier 2 Covid restrictions and the number of cases in the County. Funding was available for families facing hardship, with an application form at <https://southhams.gov.uk/help>. DCC was offering grants of £300-£700 to Parish Councils and volunteer bodies to help those obliged to self-isolate or quarantine, with details at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/covid-19-fund/>. The Government's Winter Economy Plan included funding of £500-£934 available to businesses not subject to Non-Domestic Rating who were suffering significant financial impact or had been closed.
- Complaints had been received about the width and character of the improved A3121. Cllr Hosking explained that the 6m width was sufficient for two HGVs to pass, but would discourage excess speed. The Safer Road Fund package was relatively inflexible, which had resulted in the loss of grass triangles at junctions and the use of 'rural' kerbstones. However, this loss of character should be balanced with the net improvements of the scheme.
- The westerbound slipway junction at Endsleigh would be provided with a second lane, and a consultation was being undertaken into the provision of a new east bound A38 exit road to a new roundabout at Lee Mill.
- PL21 Transition Town Ivybridge had produced a plan showing four possible cycle & walking routes between Bittaford and Ivybridge.

Cllr Holway reported that SHDC was following the DCC lead in relation to Covid and climate change, including the provision of covid grants. SHDC Locality funding was available.

Cllr Abbott reported that: A covid outbreak had affected the waste collection service, and uncollected waste should be taken in until the next scheduled collection; The Preston Model of cooperation between local businesses and consumers may be appropriate for the Parish; The work of Dementia Alliance had been hampered by covid; and SHDC meetings would be held on Microsoft Teams.

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Fletcher (Chair), Beable, Cooper, Fairclough-Kay, Hart, Holway, Hosking, Nelson, Smallridge & Slater; SDHC Cllr Abbott; DNPA C Pannell

20.152 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Johns & Smallridge

20.153 Declarations of interest were noted from Cllr Fairclough-Kay: Item 20.157.5 (Personal)

20.154 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th November 2020, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

20.155 Planning

Planning Application recommendations

1. [3651/20/FUL](#) Application for new driveway and 15 car park spaces at Cannamore House, Avonwick **Support**
2. [3542/20/FUL](#) Application for new agricultural access and track at Venn Farm Ugborough **Support**
3. [2399/20/FUL](#) READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plans Received) Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian use, erection of single storey barn for use as stables for horses and hay storage, new access track, and retention of storage shed and manure stockpile area on concrete base at Lot A Earlscombe Farm, Ugborough **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**
4. [3532/20/FUL](#) Application for construction of detached 4 bed dwelling and double garage as modification to planning application 0242/18/FUL at Godwell House, Godwell Lane, Ivybridge **Neutral**
5. [0526/20](#) Construction of garage at Maple Lodge, Bittaford **Neutral**
6. [3676/20/FUL](#) Change of use of land to residential curtilage/garden at The Beeches, Ermington Road, Ivybridge **Neutral**
7. [0464/20](#) Amendments to design of pergola/screen. 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**
8. [3653/20/HHO](#) Householder application for fence to enclose back garden (retrospective) at 1 Butterdon Walk, Ivybridge PL21 0HS **Neutral**

Planning Application recommendations from the Meeting held on the 4.11.2020 were ratified

9. [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**

Planning Decisions Noted

10. Case 024131 Alleged breach of 3703/18/OPA- Archaeology Conditions at Land At SX 651 560 Filham Ivybridge **No breach found**
11. [2638/20/VAR](#) Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 3854/17/FUL Address: Development Site at Sx 6935 5891 Former Woodpecker, Inn South Brent **Conditional approval**
12. [1663/20/CLE](#) Lawful development certificate for existing occupation of building as single dwellinghouse and associated use of amenity land for domestic purposes at Wadadli Lodge, Bittaford Ivybridge **Unlawful use of the land as domestic garden land. Lawful use of the building as a single residential dwellinghouse**
13. [2587/20/FUL](#) Change of use of land and siting of manege for personal equestrian use Address: Land at SX 658 554, Earlscombe, Ugborough **Conditional approval**
14. [3030/20/HRN](#) Application for hedgerow removal notice to remove 158m of hedgerow for road safety improvement at Hedgerow on Eastern side of A3121 Sign of the Owl West, Ugborough **Notification allowed**
15. [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**
16. **Developments, Ugborough West** SHDC Cllr David May had died, and the Parish Council would send a letter of condolence

20.156 Finance

1. Resolved to approve payments and receipts:

Payments	Description	Gross
BACS	S Woodman – November pay	580.84
BACS	S Woodman – Expenses (net): £54.84 office, £34.20 travel, Christmas lights £134.28	251.11
BACS	J Widdicombe – Lengthsman £178.50, Drain rods £111.23	289.73

BACS	Joan Fletcher – Ugborough Covid19 Support (from Coronavirus support Reserve)	14.39
BACS	Cutting Crew	121.20
DD	Data protection renewal	35.00

Receipts

BGC	DCC Locality grant: Drain rods £92.69, Bittaford defibrillator £800.00	892.69
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2. Resolved to approve the Financial Statement**Earmarked Reserves**

Lloyds Current Account to 11.11.2020	25335.13	P.3 grant	590.84
Less payments & unrepresented	1292.27	Open space sport & recreation	5850.00
Plus uncleared receipts	892.69	TAP: Community Education	366.00
Less Transfers not on Bank Statement	0.00	Dementia Awareness	150.00
Total	24935.55	Capital projects	2805.00
Plus: Santander Acc cash book	30,634.88	Community Highway equipment	197.90
Total Funds	55570.43	G-UP	520.00
		Post Office disabled access	500.00
		Coronavirus support	788.58
		Community Projects & Support	20,000.00
		Total	31,768.32

**Total uncommitted funds
£ 23802.11**

3. Ugborough Support Group: Western Power Festive Fund application. The grant of £250 would be administered by the village hall, towards Christmas hampers for Ugborough residents spending Christmas on their own.

4. **Resolved to grant Citizens Advice South Hams £150 (BACS)**

5. **Resolved to grant Libraries Unlimited £100 (BACS)**

6. SHDC: The Parish Council Tax base 2021/22 was likely to be reduced by 2%. This could be redressed by increasing the precept by 2%

7. DCC Locality funding £850 (to be committed by 28.2.2021) and SHDC Locality Funding of about £900. Applications would be submitted for repairs to Bittaford playpark.

20.157 Correspondence received

1. Office for National Statistics: Census 2021 – additional information would be requested, but no presentation

2. Transition Town Totnes & Staverton Climate Action Group: Climate Fair, Totnes, Sept 2021 – details had been forwarded to G-Up

3. DALC training: Being a Good Councillors & Data Protection – No one would attend

4. DCC Annual Budget Meeting, Monday 14 December – Cllr Fletcher would attend

5. New Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) for South Hams and West Devon – The Clerk would submit responses from Stafford Williams, and point out that the Ivybridge Rugby Club lies within Ugborough Parish.

20.158 Asset Management

1. Burial ground – The commemorative trees had been planted, with the ceremony planned after Covid. The additional bench had been installed.

Resolved to spend up to £150 on the commemorative plaque

2. Ugborough playground – Kompan had quoted for a 4-person Daisy Way Springer to replace one Red Crazy Hen Springer. The total cost amounted to £11578.03 (£9648.36 excl VAT). The quote had been passed to SHDC and it was hoped that the work would be completed by the spring. Notice of the works was needed so that neighbours could be advised of any disruption, the tarmac surround could be cleaned and the playground tidied up. The community could undertake this work.

3. Bittaford playground inspection action report – the Infant Multi-Activity Unit needed replacing and would be cordoned off. Cllr Hart would ask Kompan for a quote to replace the Unit.

John Widdicombe would be asked to clean and level the play surfaces.

The Clerk would ask SHDC if they had a preferred supplier to undertake repair works.

Cllr Beable had replacement fence posts & bumper, which Cllrs Hart & Nelson would help install.

The possibility of entering a maintenance contract with Kompan would be considered when the existing contract with SHDC expired

4. Bench, Lucerne Fields – Barratt Homes had agreed to install a concrete base and would provide details of the bench at the other end of the playground

20.159 Highways & Rights of Way

1. Footpath 16 to Filham Park East – an alternative route with level access to Godwell Lane may be possible. Cllr Hart would ask the Parish Paths Liaison Officer to install a handrail, using £200 P3 funds plus SHDC Locality funding.

20.160 Travellers The new encampment on land adjacent to the Hollies is owned by DCC, and it was likely that enforcement action would be taken by SHDC.

20.161 Reports on Meetings attended

1. Clerk: Devon Communities COVID-19 Conversation

SHDC identified the various funds available for individuals and businesses. Although demand was less during the second lockdown, volunteers were suffering exhaustion.

Mental health and loneliness continued to be a problem and Devon Communities Together were providing support for the lonely, including weekly phone calls. GDPR hindered the ability of volunteers to identify the vulnerable.

After Covid: Prepare or amend the Community Emergency Plan and build on volunteer motivation.

2. Cllr Beable attended the IDALC AGM. Cllr Dredge was re-elected chair and Johnathan Parsons, the newly appointed Ivybridge Town Clerk, was introduced. Zoom meetings may continue as attendance was high. The future of pubs was discussed, including local examples of community involvement.

20.162 Correspondence available at the Meeting Noted

1. Clerks & Councils Direct, November 2020

Meeting ended 9.20pm

Date of next Meeting 6.1.21

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