

UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 7.30pm

Held remotely on Zoom

Questions from the Public

- Letters of support were received for planning application [4254/20/FUL](#) (Item 21.015.4)
- A complaint was received about asbestos sheeting dumped in the layby on the north side of the B3213 between Bittaford & Ivybridge. SHDC was responsible for clearing the asbestos, which needed specialist contractors. The Clerk would ask for the waste bin to be reinstated.
- The commercial waste sack would be reinstated for collection outside the burial ground now that the funerals had been completed.
- A car parked legally at Owley Moor Gate had been smeared with horse manure, which the Clerk would report to C Pannell
- The cycle lane on the north side between Bittaford & Ivybridge needed sweeping, and Cllr Hosking would ask Nick Colton to carry out the work.
- The hedgerow opposite the entrance to Bittaford Wood needed trimming and the rubbish removing, and Nick Colton had been instructed.

County Cllr Hosking reported on:

- The progress of Coronavirus Vaccinations and efforts to combat virus variants spreading. The 690 cases of Coronavirus confirmed in Devon in the week to 28th January represented a significant decline from the second peak, with a total 17,993 cases confirmed. Sadly, there were 49 deaths confirmed in the County in the same week. Immunity took at least a fortnight to establish following vaccination, and Cllr Hosking reinforced that 'Hands, face and even more space' was still essential to contain the spread in the next few weeks. Please stay at home unless your journey is essential.
- The Devon County Council Active Travel Report was presented to the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee last week and Cllr Hosking highlighted the lack of financial assistance for the proposed traffic free route between Bittaford and Ivybridge. Following his suggestion, the Scrutiny Committee work programme would include a policy for Active Travel for larger villages and small towns, which would assist the County in lobbying Central Government for funding.
- Nick Colton would be sending notices to landowners requesting that they trim overgrown hedges opposite Sumner Road, Bittaford.
- The Choose and Collect lifeline library service in Ivybridge had restarted, bit.ly/Jan21-Lockdown-Update, email ivybridge.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk
- The Budget proposed by the Cabinet of Devon County Council this year was £578.5 million, an increase of 6.6%, which would require the maximum permitted increase of 4.99% in our Council Tax precept. The Budget would be considered at the Full Council meeting on 18th February 2021.

Cllr Hosking responded to questions:

- He would establish if DCC was responsible for maintaining the Donkey Lane footpath
- Following a request from the Community Lengthsman, Cllr Hosking would ask DCC to investigate whether water from Cheston Bridge should run across the field.
- He had provided contact details for all covid grants available, and suggested any queries should be addressed to him.

Cllr Holway reported: Help for covid volunteers was available from SHDC and he could provide contact details; Small businesses and small traders unable to claim help should contact him; He warned of recent internet scams; Election staff were being recruited; and the proposed Ivybridge Aldi would be considered next week.

Cllr Abbott reported on recruitment for the census and the SHDC budget

DNPA Member C Pannell had submitted a report detailing:

- Nominations were sought for this year's Park Protector Awards for those who have gone above and beyond in the last year to adapt, innovate and deliver important work in our National Parks, including 'Volunteer of the Year'. Nominations via the website, <https://www.cnp.org.uk/park-protector-award>

- Through the Green Recovery Challenge Fund, the Generation Green Project aimed to inspire a connection with nature among teenagers not able to spend time in the environment.
- Dartmoor National Park was supporting [Planet Earth Games](#) in February, with a range of sustainable, virtual and free challenges, suitable for all ages and abilities. The emphasis was on competing at home, keeping covid safe.
- The public Examination of Dartmoor’s final Local Plan was due to begin in March.
- National Parks Fortnight would take place from 27 March – 11 April, and celebrations would depend on covid restrictions.

MINUTES

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

21.012 Apologies for absence were accepted from DNPA C Pannell

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

21.014 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th January 2021, as previously circulated, were confirmed as amended and would be signed by the Chairman

21.015 Planning

Planning Application recommendations

1. [4150/20/HHO](#) Householder application for single storey rear extension at Willow Cottage 12 Lutterburn Street, Ugborough **Support**
2. [0007/21](#) Alteration and rear extension at 6 Sunnysdale, Bittaford **Support**
3. [3896/20/PAU](#) Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to B8 storage use at East Cannamore, Avonwick **No comments to make**
4. [4254/20/FUL](#) Proposed development of redundant nursery to provide 30 new dwellings for affordable and social rent, a new community hub building, conversion of existing barns to provide ancillary spaces and landscaping works providing communal areas and playgrounds at Springfield, Filham **Support in principle, but would strongly prefer two storey (rather than three storey) buildings.**
5. [0018/21](#) Replacement roof to existing conservatory at I Moor Park, Moorhaven **Support**
6. [4081/20/FUL](#) Installation of new 11kv substation to serve residential development at Land at SX 6483 5632, off Rutt Lane, Ivybridge **Neutral**

Planning Decisions noted

7. [2703/20/ARC](#) Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 5 and 6 of planning consent 0999/20/HHO at 2 Garfield Davids Lane Filham **Conditional confirmation**
8. [3651/20/FUL](#) Application for new driveway and 15 car park spaces at Cannamore House Avonwick Devon **Conditional permission**
9. [3676/20/FUL](#) Change of use of land to residential curtilage/garden at The Beeches Ermington Road Ivybridge **Conditional permission**

10. Developments, Ugborough West

21.016 Finance

1. Resolved to approve payments and receipts:

Payments	Description	Gross
BACS	IDALC - Training	36.00
BACS	S Woodman – January pay	580.84
BACS	S Woodman – Expenses (net): £60.37 office, £48.60 travel	109.30
BACS	J Widdicombe – Lengthsman	858.00
BACS	Joan Fletcher – Ugborough Covid19 Support (from Coronavirus support Reserve)	14.39

Receipts

BGC	Funeral Services Ltd – Stone burial	300.00
Chq	Camp - Roperidge	2.50

2. Resolved to approve the Financial Statement

Earmarked reserves

Lloyds Current Account to 18.1.2021	22615.74	P.3 grant	590.84
Less payments & unrepresented	1597.53	Open space sport & recreation	5850.00
Plus uncleared receipts	300.00	TAP: Community Education	366.00
Less Transfers not on Bank Statement	0.00	Dementia Awareness	150.00
Total	21318.21	Capital projects	2805.00
Plus: Santander Acc cash book	30,635.65	Community Highway equipment	197.90
Total Funds	51953.86	G-UP	520.00
		Post Office disabled access	500.00
		Coronavirus support	722.21
		Community Projects & Support	20,000.00
		Total	31701.95

Total uncommitted funds
£ 20251.91

3. Cllr Nelson verified the bank statements and reconciliations

4. Resolved to waive the burial fees in respect of Vernon Tuck, in recognition to his long service to the community

5. Resolved to pay Devon Wildlife Management £184 in respect of Invoices DWM5956&7 (BACS)

21.017 Annual Parish Meeting – Provisionally, the meeting would be arranged for the 25th or 27th May and Gup would be invited to make a presentation

21.018 Correspondence received

1. DCC: Interim [Devon Carbon Plan](#) consultation. The Parish Council would respond that the Plan needed to address influencing government policy in the following areas before it was too late, if the objectives were to be achieved:

- The issue of the costs to individual of achieving the objectives, eg retro fitting heating systems.
- Planning policy so there was pressure on new developments to comply with the objectives.

21.019 Gup environmental proposals Councillors supported proposals to plant wild flowers along the planting strip in Donkey Lane play park and in the rough grassed area of the burial ground. They suggested alternative locations at the entrance verge to Seldons Close, the grassy bank adjacent to Park Cottages and at Ware junction.

21.020 Asset Management

1. Burial ground – No report

2. Bittaford playground

Resolved to accept the Option 1 quote from Rhinoplay, at a cost of £14,344

The contract included the removal of the up-and-over unit and standalone slide, and partial removal of the wooden swings. Rhinoplay had not quoted for the removal of the safety surface tiles, but they may be useful to farmers or allotment holders.

Grants of £2000 had been received from DCC Locality Fund and £500 SHDC Locality Funding from Cllrs Abbott & Pringle, and S106 funding of £3000 would be provided. The Parish Council would make up the shortfall of £9000 from its Capital Projects and Community Projects Reserves, plus a contingency of £1000.

Cllr Hart was thanked for arranging the quotations.

The Clerk would ask SHDC what progress had been made in the renovation of the Donkey Lane playpark.

3. Bench, Lucerne Fields – the builders had kindly laid the slab, and the Clerk would order the bench for delivery to Cllr Johns. Cllr Fairclough-Kay would help Cllr Johns install the bench.

21.021 Highways & Rights of Way

1. P3 annual return – would request the basic £480 (£30/mile @ 16 miles footpaths in the Parish) plus an additional £245 for Donkey Lane to be tidied up twice a year.

2. Bittaford Active Travel Route – the Parish Council would respond that, while it supported the principle of a traffic free route from Ivybridge to South Brent via Bittaford, incorporating the footpath through Bittaford playpark into that route would not be feasible nor acceptable.

3. Kitterford Cross roundabout – Councillors were unable to identify the landowner adjacent to Kitterford Cross. Cllr Hosking would establish the outcome if the owner could not be identified.

4. Grit bin request, Davids Lane – Nick Colton had no recollection of regular issues there, especially as it was adjacent to the primary gritting route. He suggested the Snow Warden place bags at the location as part of the Snow Plan. Snow Warden Cllr Johns was thanked for the gritting during the last cold snap.

21.022 Travellers DCC had confirmed ownership of the land. The next step was for SHDC to take enforcement action, which Cllr Holway would investigate.

21.023 Reports on Meetings attended None

21.024 Correspondence available at the Meeting Noted

1. Clerks & Councils Direct, Jan 2021

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Meeting ended 9.50pm

Date of next Meeting 3.3.2021