

UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 7.30pm

Held remotely on Zoom

DNP C Pannell reported: The visitor centres would reopen on Monday; Moor Otters would start at the end of May, with more, shorter trails; The message: 'Leave no trace, give nature space', especially with the lambs etc; The DNPA settlement was the same as last year, which represented a cut, and it was hard to plan for the future; The Glover Review was proposing a National Landscape Service, a single authority for all National Parks and AONBs, and C Pannell asked that we express our views on the proposals.

Cllr Beable asked if any progress had been made on improved car parking above the Redlake trading estate, and was advised that the DNP was discussing increased public parking with Wrangaton Golf Club. Ranger Ella Briens would be able to advise on parking provision.

County Cllr Hosking reported: A further reduction in covid cases, with under 100 last week. He would report on the ownership of Donkey Lane and was investigating complaints about the road condition at Earlscombe.

Cllr Abbott reported: Funding of £3000 per Ward Member would be available for Climate Change & Biodiversity projects. A working group has undertaken an analysis of Councillors attending external meetings, which would bring an improvement in the Council's understanding of external bodies and the benefits that might flow in two directions. SHDC may trial an Aires approach, used by motor home owners on the continent, on the basis that a motorhome was self-sufficient, and nothing would be placed outside. Cllr Abbott thanked the Clerk for insurance cover to undertake litter picking in the railway car park. He would investigate collection arrangements for dog waste bins, to see if they could be adapted for use as general litter bins.

Cllr Holway reported: Funding may be available for small regeneration schemes, possibly match funded. Fusion outdoor classes had resumed, with indoor facilities from the 12 April. £600k had been set aside to support local businesses. SHDC was working with DCC on Active Travel proposals. Air Quality Management areas were being identified, including the South of Ivybridge.

Cllr Holway hoped the loophole would be closed whereby holiday homes avoided any council tax or business rates by being registered as small businesses. Problems were being experienced over the changeover to the new waste and recycling collections. The elderly and disabled could request assisted collections.

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Fletcher (Chair), Beable, Cooper, Fairclough-Kay, Hart, Holway, Hosking & Nelson; SDHC Cllr Abbott, DNPA C Pannell, 6 public

21.037 To accept apologies for absence None

21.038 Declarations of interest were noted from Cllr Hart: Item 21.044.1 (Personal)

21.039 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd March 2021, as previously circulated, were confirmed and will be signed by the Chair

21.040 Planning

Planning Correspondence

- Affordable housing proposal** at Workhouse Meadow, providing rented and shared ownership housing. Councillors commented that the 2016 SHLAA recognized the constraints of access, landscape value and possible flooding. It was noted that the Parish Council had not 'encouraged' putting forward the site, but merely considered it as part of the Neighbourhood Planning and SHLAA process. Cllr Hosking considered the site may not fit in with the Joint Local Plan, although it could possibly be an exception site. More detailed plans were needed.
- Employment land proposal, Filham.** Cllr Hosking noted that the proposal did not comply with the Joint Local Plan, and it was located at the sensitive site entrance to Filham Park. Cllr Holway suggested

that employment land to the South of the A38 could fund highway improvements to join the A38 at Westover. A pre-application was being submitted.

Planning Application recommendations

3. [0593/21/FUL](#) Creation of new 3 bedroom dwelling house and alteration to the parking arrangements and erection of store to the side of previously approved dwelling 3532/20/FUL at Godwell House, Godwell Lane Ivybridge **Neutral**
4. [0095/21](#) Demolition of existing extension and erection of replacement extension at Cheston Farm Cottage, South Brent **Support**
5. [0470/21/ADV](#) Advertisement Consent for non-illuminated 'Coming Soon' sign advertising future development in Ivybridge (Retrospective) at Land at the SE verge at Daveys Cross Bittaford **Neutral**
6. [4193/20/TPO](#) T1 and G1 (x4) Oak - Reduction of low hanging branches up to 6m from ground level on the West side by 5m. To reduce shading and dominance of garden at Land to rear of Fernworthy House Godwell Lane Ivybridge **Delgated to the Clerk in consultation with Cllr Johns**
7. [0788/21/OPA](#) Outline application with all matters reserved for construction of 2 residential dwellings at Whiteoaks, Davids Lane, Filham **Support**
8. [0949/21/HHO](#) Householder application for creation of dormer in roof space and minor alterations to exterior of building (resubmission of 1600/21/HHO) at 5 Undertown, Ugborough **Neutral**
9. [0955/21/HHO](#) Householder application for provision of a garage/workshop at New Haye Farm, Ludbrook **Support**
10. 21/0017 TPO works at Kingsview, Moorhaven, Bittaford **Delgated to the Clerk in consultation with Cllr Johns**

Planning Decisions Noted

11. [0007/21](#) Alteration and rear extension at 6 Sunnydale, Bittaford **Grant conditionally**
12. [0018/21](#) Replacement roof to existing conservatory at 1 Moor Park, Moorhaven **Grant Conditionally**
13. [3347/20/VAR](#) Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) following grant of planning consent 3717/19/ARM at Land adjacent to Siding Cross Wrangaton **Granted**
14. [4081/20/FUL](#) Installation of new 11kv substation to serve residential development at Land at SX 6483 5632 off Rutt Lane Ivybridge **Granted**
15. [0038/21](#) Erection of first floor extension over existing balcony to the front, Ash Grove, Bittaford **Grant Conditionally**

16. Developments, Ugborough West No report

21.041 Finance

1. Resolved to approve payments and receipts:

Payments	Description	Gross
BACS	S Woodman – March pay	596.07
BACS	S Woodman – Expenses (net): £51.12 office, £30.60 travel; £176.10 Brunel Engraving; £314.42 Litter picking equipment	607.59
BACS	HMRC - PAYE	257.40
BACS	DCC Pension Fund	567.24
BACS	Joan Fletcher – Ugborough Covid19 Support (from Coronavirus support Reserve)	14.39
BACS	J Widdicombe – Lengthsman	504.00

Receipts

BGC	Coop – Shingleton burial	300.00
BGC	SHDC Locality grant – Litter pickers project	317.22

2. Resolved to approve the Financial Statement**Earmarked Reserves**

Lloyds Current Account to 19.3.2021	23056.59	P.3 grant	590.84
Less uncleared payments	2546.69	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	20509.90	Capital projects	2805.00
Plus: Santander Acc cash book	30,635.65	Community Highway equipment	197.90
Total Funds	51,145.55	G-UP	520.00
		Post Office disabled access	500.00
		Coronavirus support	693.43
		Community Projects & Support	20,000.00
		Total	31,673.17

Total uncommitted funds**£ 19,472.38**

3. Review of Community Lengthsman: 2020/21 Expenditure £3,255.50 & Budget £1530;

2021/2 Budget £3100, expenditure to date £504, with a further £111.14 outstanding

4. Coronavirus Support Reserve £693.43. Funding may still be used for holding Parish Council meetings in the main hall and for covid protection measures eg sanitizers. Outstanding grant funding should be returned to DCC.

21.042 Correspondence received

1. Operation London Bridge Protocol – Guidance would be awaited from DALC. The Clerk would buy a book of condolence.

2. Draft Resource and Waste Strategy for Devon and Torbay [consultation](#) – no comment

3. G-Up: Local hedgerow management – G-Up considered hedges were cut too low and too often.

Details were awaited on the Environmental Land Management schemes, which may include financial payments for maintaining hedges. Cllr Beable noted that hedgerow wood left to grow for 2 years could no longer be easily trimmed. Details would be included in the Newsletter

4. NALC Star Council Awards 2021, entry deadline 25th May. Categories: Clerk of the Year, Young Councillor of the Year, Councillor of the Year, Council of the Year – No entry, although the work of the Clerk was recognised

5. G-Up: Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill – It was confirmed that the Parish Council was interested in local issues, rather than political lobbying. No response

6. DALC: Legislation enabling remote meetings would not be extended beyond the 6 May 2021. A legal judgement on the definition of ‘place’ was expected on the 12 April. From June, Parish Council meetings could be held in the main hall, providing a risk assessment was undertaken. The public could join remotely, and Cllr Fairclough-Kay offered to provide equipment to transmit the meeting.

Resolved to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm on the 5th May, before the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

7. A safe space to play, Ugborough – request for 20mph speed limits and a safe play area. It was noted that the Council already had a license for the school playing field to be made available to the public outside school hours, and the Clerk would ask the school to reinstate the license.

Cllr Hosking would submit the petition requesting a 20mph speed limit to DCC. A decision on introducing a 20mph limit would be made after the trial in Newton Abbot had been completed, in about 12 months.

8. Cllr Hart reported that the Donkey Lane Play Park improvements had now been completed, and he was thanked for weeding and pressure washing the play park. SHDC had been asked to cut back the hedging and to provide more bark.

21.043 Asset Management

1. Burial ground – the commemorative plaque had been received, and a ceremony would be arranged when covid restrictions were lifted

2. Bittaford playground – most of the redundant equipment had been removed, and the new play equipment would be installed after the Easter holidays. A second picnic bench would be sourced, and a replacement surface considered.

3. Flagpole, Ugborough Square – the Clerk would obtain a quote to redecorate using a cherry-picker

4. Phone box, Wrangaton – No repairs would be undertaken
5. Lucerne Fields bench – Cllr Abbott would treat the bench when conditions allowed. Cllr Fletcher would erect the plaque and secure the bench fixings.

21.044 Highways & Rights of Way

1. Donkey Lane maintenance – Pot holes needed filling and the vegetation cleared. The Community Lengthsman would be asked to clear the vegetation. The pot holes would then be identified as a safety defect on the 'Report a problem' website, following which DCC would undertake an assessment and take any action required.
2. Litter picking arrangements & [Risk Assessment](#). Cllrs Beable, Holway & Nelson held the litter picking equipment, and disposable gloves would be ordered. The Risk Assessment should include a disclaimer that no insurance cover would be provided where litterpicking was undertaken on roads with a speed limit over 40mph.
3. FP16 Lucerne Fields – the proposed alternative footpath lay across private land and no action would be taken until development proposals were received.
4. Cheston Bridge drain – the outlet from the drain was found using dye and would remain clear provided the gully pots received regular maintenance.

21.045 Travellers – a recent traveller had now left

21.046 Reports on Meetings attended

1. Parish Council Climate Emergency Network was attended by Cllrs Hart & Holway. Cllr Hart considered that the various climate groups needed to get together. If campaigners were allowed to join, the Network would become political.
2. DALC: Decision making from the 7 May was attended by Cllr Fletcher & the Clerk
3. IDALC Parish Clerks Workshop was attended by the Clerk, and started with a presentation by the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance, whose aim was to encourage engagement with the community to overcome isolation and loneliness, including the support of carers. Litter picking was discussed, and it was noted that DCC would not pay for Ch.8 training for litter picking volunteers. SHDC would litter pick along dangerous roads. The next Workshop would be held in Ugborough in October.

21.047 Correspondence available at the Meeting Noted

1. Clerks & Councils Direct, March 2021

Meeting ended 10.30pm

Date of next Meeting 5.5.21

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