

UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 7th July 2021 at 7.00pm

Held in the Main Hall, Ugborough Village Hall

Questions from the Public

1. A request had been received for a new bench under Bittaford viaduct, and details of land ownership were requested.
2. Dog mess had increased considerably around Ugborough, including in the school grounds. Signage was suggested and the Clerk would include an article in the Newsletter
3. Two bad accidents had recently taken place at the Ware junction, which Cllr Thomas would follow up.

DNP Member Cathy Pannell referred to the DNP Forum briefing report, and highlighted parliamentary delays in the Landscapes Review ('Glover Review'), no increase in funding, the very successful 'Dartmoor Otters', and the Heritage Festival from 11-25 July. Ranger Ella was currently focussing on the removal of skunk cabbage and other non-native invasive plants.

County Cllr Dan Thomas provided an update on Covid vaccinations locally. The Kitterford Cross junction had now been redesigned as a roundabout and was due to be approved, with work starting in the Autumn. Councillors queried whether the additional funds required for the roundabout had resulted in other junction improvements, such as the Sign of the Owl, being shelved. Cllr Thomas would investigate.

Cllr Thomas had met with Nick Colton and supported G-up's request for a 20mph speed limit in Ugborough and an extension of the 30mph restriction to include a section of road to the east of Davey's Cross. The suggestion of a 20mph speed limit in Bittaford would be against current DCC policy, with no policy change due until the Newton Abbot trial of 20mph was completed.

District Cllr Holway reported that the waste & recycling service was improving. Missed collections should be reported online the following day and, if no response, please report it to him. A consultation on grounds maintenance would promote a wildlife friendly service.

District Cllr Abbott reported fewer problems with the recycling & waste collections in North Filham, Filham and Lucerne Fields as the streets were more accessible. Full Council Meetings face to face had restarted, based in Tavistock to meet covid-secure requirements. Face to face Committee Meetings had also restarted, some at Follaton House.

Funding was available for environment projects, including a Climate Change and Biodiversity Locality Fund of £3k for each District Councillor until March 2022. Details were available at <https://southhams.gov.uk/article/3854/Community-Grants-Funding>.

A survey would be conducted to make electric cars and bikes available for short term hire.

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Fletcher (Chair), Beable, Cooper, Hart, Holway, Hosking, Johns, Nelson & Slater; SDHC Cllr Abbott, DCC Cllr Thomas & DNP C Pannell

21.078 To accept apologies for absence Cllr Smallridge

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

21.080 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd June 2021, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

21.081 Planning

Planning Correspondence

1. [Dartmoor Local Plan](#): Proposed Modifications for consultation (deadline 19 July). Cllr Hosking would provide feedback for the Parish Council response.

Planning Application recommendations

2. [2017/21/FUL](#) Erection of car port and increase to residential curtilage as built under application 0166/18/FUL at Venn Farm Ugborough **Support**
3. [1108/21/FUL](#) READVERTISEMENT (amended site location plan received) Increase use of agricultural barn and adjacent field from 28 days to 56 days per year (Max 14 Weddings per year) at Dunwell Farm Ugborough **Support**
4. No. 1047 Tree Preservation Order 2021 at Daveys Cross, David's Lane, Ivybridge **Support**
5. [2366/21/HHO](#) Householder application for refurbishment, alterations, replacement extension and roof and installation of ground source heat pump at Lower Well Cottage, Lower Well Farm Ugborough **Support**
6. [1833/21/CLE](#) Certificate of lawfulness for existing material commencement of building operations following planning consent 0557/18/FUL (new detached dwelling) at Land adjacent to Whiteoaks, Davids Lane, Filham **No comment**

Planning Application recommendations from the Meeting held on the 2.6.21 were ratified

7. [1885/21/FUL](#) Change of use from domestic garden to outside eating area at The Ship Inn, Ware Hill Ugborough **Support**
8. 21/0024 TPO: Works to trees at Moorhaven **Sycamore (4) Agree . Beech trees (2&3) Disagree**

Planning Decisions Noted

9. [0809/21/ARC](#) Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 Planning Permission 0722/19/FUL at Vacant Ground Adjacent to the former Old Coach House Public House, Wrangaton **Discharge of condition Approved**
10. [0955/21/HHO](#) READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans received) Householder application for provision of a garage/workshop at New Haye Farm Ugborough **Conditional Approval**
11. [2282/20/ARC](#) Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 4 and 8 of planning consent 0557/18/FUL at Land adjacent to Whiteoaks Davids Lane Filham **Discharge of condition Approved**
12. [1498/21/NMM](#) Non material minor amendment to planning consent 3703/18/OPA for variation to condition 36 (approved plans) and condition 57 (highway works) at Land at SX 651 560 Filham Ivybridge **Conditional Approval**

13. Developments, Ugborough West – A bin would be requested at Lucerne Fields playpark. Cllr Johns had repaired the bench.

21.082 Finance

1. Resolved to approve payments and receipts:

Payments	Description	Gross
BACS	Wray Valley Ltd – Website domain renewal (paid 27.6.21)	60.00
BACS	S Woodman – June pay	571.27
BACS	S Woodman – Expenses (net): £65.25 office, £30.60 travel	95.85
BACS	DCC Pension Fund	577.86
BACS	HMRC - PAYE	338.60
BACS	Cutting Crew – Cemetery & Playpark	164.40
BACS	J Widdicombe – Lengthsman	168.00
BACS	Fifty Threes Grounds Maintenance – mole control	115.00
BACS	L Nelson – Bittaford planting	20.00
BACS	Rhinoplay (SW) Ltd – Bittaford playpark (incl £2805 Capital Projects Reserve)	16617.60

Receipts

BGC	DCC – P3	690.00
BGC	SHDC – S106 grant, Bittaford playpark	3001.64
Deposit	GA Williams – Cemetery Plot J7a (Sally P Williams)	265.00
BGC	Allwood – Sally Williams memorial	140.00

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

Lloyds Current Account to 17.6.2021	32403.43	P.3 grant	590.84
Less uncleared payments	18728.58	Open space sport & recreation	5850.00
Plus uncleared receipts	3831.64	TAP: Community Education	366.00
Less Transfers not on Bank Statement	0.00	Dementia Awareness	150.00
Total	17506.49	Capital projects	0.00
Plus: Santander Acc cash book	30,636.41	Community Highway equipment	197.90
Total Funds	48142.90	G-UP	520.00
		Post Office disabled access	500.00
		Coronavirus support	678.77
		Community Projects & Support	20,000.00
		Total	28853.51

Total uncommitted funds
£ 19289.39

21.083 Correspondence received

1. Devon Community Resilience Forum 9 July 9.45am-5pm – Cllrs Fletcher & Holway would be attending the Climate Change session.
2. DCC: Community use of school playing field. **Resolved to confirm the suggested amendment ‘to have the use of the Land all day at the weekends and holiday periods provided the School does not require the Land for its own use. The playing field would therefore not be available after school hours during the week (term time)...after its community use at the weekend and use during holidays that the Parish Council will carry out a litter pick and address any vandalism caused during the use by the community.’** Fees to be reviewed. The Parish Council would respond that it would reserve the option to terminate the agreement if maintenance proved too great a burden. A rota was needed for litter picking, with parents supervising.
3. Devon Communities: Devon's second Local Councillor Climate Emergency Support Network, 19th July - Cllr Fletcher would attend.

21.084 Asset Management

1. Burial ground
 - i. Requested use of Burial Ground for the Ugborough Open Gardens and any future events, including the provision of mown pathways. G-up would be invited to attend the August Meeting to discuss the usage and maintenance of the burial ground. The Clerk was concerned that plastic stakes had been left in the ground, together with a large dumpy bag.
 - ii. **Spoil heap removal: Resolved to appoint Ivor Talbot to remove the spoil heap at a charge of £38.00 per hour, with no travel expenses.** Using a wheeled swing shovel, he would roll back the turf at the lower end of the burial ground and spread the spoil using a mechanical bucket, then reinstate the turf. The work would take 5-6 hours and would be undertaken when the ground was drier, probably at the end of August. Adrian would be asked to cut the long grass beforehand. Parish Councillors volunteered to litter pick the spoil. Ivor would pile up the timber and greenery surrounding the spoil heap to be burnt once it had dried out. Cllr Beable would instruct Ivor Talbot to carry out the work.
 - iii. Shed repairs – Shawn had stained the shed and repaired the roof. The Parish Council would reimburse the cost of buying preservative for the benches on the Church Lawn
 - iv. Donated bench – the Clerk reported that no repairs had been undertaken and the bench was an eyesore. She would contact the donor for a firm commitment on when the work would be completed. In future, the Parish Council should specify the bench to be donated on its land to avoid future maintenance liabilities.
2. Bittaford playground. Rhinoplay would be asked to remove the security fencing and carry out the seesaw repairs. The picnic bench should be delivered in August.
3. Flagpole, Ugborough Square: renovation – no progress
4. Lucerne Fields bench repairs – completed by Cllr Johns
5. Parish Map. Cllr Fletcher and the Clerk would source additional maps incorporating some photos.

21.085 Highways & Rights of Way

1. Highway Street Furniture audit and application for funding – Councillors would submit details to the Clerk to apply for the funding
2. IDALC: Proposal to request speed limit on unclassified country roads be reduced from 60 to 40mph. Councillors considered 50mph a more realistic speed limit, with a lower designation where appropriate
- 3. P3: Resolved to purchase goggles & ear defenders at a cost of up to £30**
4. Cheston Bridge – DCC had confirmed that the drainage may be improved as part of the National Cycle Route.

21.086 Resolved to adopt the [LGA Model Code of Conduct](#)

21.087 The [Financial Regulations and Standing Orders](#) were confirmed. Resolved to amend Standing Order 3a: Meetings shall not take place in premises which at the time of the meeting are used for the supply of alcohol, unless no other premises are available free of charge or at a reasonable cost. Subject to Government regulations, the Meeting place may be held at electronic, digital or virtual locations, such as internet locations, web addresses or conference call telephone numbers.

21.088 Parish Councillor vacancy: Co-option – to be considered at the August Meeting

21.089 Vandalism & Police response Cllr Fletcher itemised recent vandalism in the Parish. Cllrs Beable and Holway would attend the Totnes Neighbourhood Police Team remote meeting on the 15th July

21.090 Travellers – No progress

21.091 Reports on Meetings attended:

- i. Cllr Fletcher attended ‘Wild about Devon’, which was setting up a wildlife and biodiversity forum. She would advise G-up.
- ii. Cllr Nelson attended the Dartmoor Local Plan consultation, whose focus was outside the Parish.

21.092 Correspondence available at the Meeting None

Meeting ended 8.35pm

Date of next Meeting 4th August 2021

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