

UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 4th August 2021 at 7pm

Held in the Main Hall, Ugborough Village Hall

G-up presented its proposals for the burial ground It would sensitively manage approximately ½ acre of rough grassland for wildlife and biodiversity, including removal of unwanted species (e.g. bracken and brambles), marking important plants using stakes, mowing footpaths to facilitate access, planting appropriate plants and sowing seeds, a regular mowing regime to promote wildlife & biodiversity, and other management activities aimed at increasing the value of the area for wildlife and biodiversity. The Parish Council would regularly cut two paths, as marked out by G-UP and should consult G-UP before site management activities to minimise the impact on wildlife and biodiversity, such as tractor damage to sensitive plants.

Community Engagement & education events would be a significant element of the project, including the display of discrete interpretations boards.

Councillors queried the quoted 97% loss of wild flower meadows locally, and noted that the area to be managed was significantly larger than originally discussed. Although they supported the biodiversity management proposals, they were concerned about community engagement, which would be inappropriate in a burial ground where the bereaved visited family graves.

Questions from the Public

1. Public access to the school playing field was requested during the summer holiday, and the Clerk would ask DCC Cllr Thomas if an interim arrangement was possible until the license was agreed.
2. The Churchyard was overgrown and a hazard to visitors, which the Clerk would report to SHDC
3. Lane hedgerows were overgrown, although it was noted that hedge cutting was not permitted until the 1st September, except to improve visibility at junctions. The Clerk would ask DCC to improve visibility at the Ware Hill junction.
4. A dog bin was requested at Parsonage Lane, and quotes under Minute 21.096.10 were noted

DNP Member Cathy Pannell submitted a report detailing the '[Farming in Protected Landscapes](#)' programme, which opened on 1 July. Details were given on [staying safe](#) when visiting Dartmoor, the [Moor Otters Arts Trail](#) and [The Planet Earth Games](#).

County Cllr Dan Thomas submitted a report following up the proposed works at Sign of the Owl, which would be going ahead, although with no given timescale at this stage. Local residents had complained about the new development at Sidings Cross, Wrangaton, including the loss of parking, and the developer was considering alternative options

District Cllr Abbott submitted a report detailing the Community Ownership Fund to support the purchase and/or renovation costs of community assets and amenities. Up to 50% of total capital costs was available, matching other funds and resources raised by the applicant, with a maximum grant of £250,000 (larger grants may be available for sports clubs and sports facilities), and revenue grants of up to £50,000 to help with project development. An online [prospectus](#) was available.

The number of reported missed Waste and Recycling collections had reduced, and a robust plan was in place for the street cleansing service to meet the influx of visitors to the South Hams.

District Cllr Holway announced the Tour of Britain on the 6th September, which would pass along the A3121 through the Parish. Cllr Abbott had suggested that developers be asked to provide hedgehog holes through fences. The waste food collection was still suspended.

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Fletcher (Chair), Beable, Hart, Holway, Hosking & Smallridge; 4 public

21.093 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Cooper, Johns, Nelson & Slater; DNPA C Pannell, DCC Cllr Thomas & SHDC Cllr Abbott

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

21.095 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th July 2021, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

21.096 Planning

Planning Application recommendations

1. [0368/21](#) Installation of a small Velux conservation-style roof window in the bathroom of the property at Little Barn, Wrangaton **Support**
2. [2822/21/HHO](#) Householder application for demolition of existing garage/utility/office extension, new front extension for kitchen and utility and new side extension for garage and ensuite at West Cannamore Avonwick **Support**
3. [2751/21/HHO](#) Householder application for extension and alterations at Whetcombe Lodge, North Huish **Support**
4. [2929/21/HRN](#) Application for hedgerow removal notice to remove 466 metres of hedgerow to enable construction of roundabout at Fields to north east of Kitterford Cross, Ugborough **Support**

Planning Application recommendations from the Meeting held on the 7.7.21 were ratified

5. [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 Decisions

6. [2547/21/AGR](#) Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development for storage building at Splendour North Huish **Ag Determination details not required**
7. [0244/21](#) Construction of detached dwellinghouse, in accordance with permission granted under application reference 9/57/0072/92/3 at land at no. 10 Bittaford Terrace, Bittaford **Certificate issued**
8. 21/0024 Works to TPO trees at Moorhaven, Bittaford **Consent**

Planning Correspondence

9. DNPA: Due to a very high volume of work, as an interim measure, general enquiries would not be considered for householder/minor development/permitted development.

10. Developments, Ugborough West – request for a bin at Lucerne Fields playpark. The Clerk quoted prices from SHDC: Over £500 (excl VAT) to provide and install the bin plus £78pa for a fortnightly collection. The situation at Lucerne Fields would be monitored and the Clerk would ask SHDC planners to have regard to the need for developers to provide waste bins on new developments.

21.097 Finance

1. Resolved to approve payments and receipts:

Payments	Description	Gross
BACS	S Woodman – July pay	528.27
BACS	S Woodman – Expenses (net): £50.25 office, £45.90 travel, 43.02 Parish Map)	147.77
BACS	Ugborough Village Hall – hire (from Coronavirus reserve)	45.00
BACS	J&MJ Widdicombe	231.00
BACS	Cutting Crew – Cemetery & Playpark	194.40
BACS	Sustainable Furniture (UK) Ltd – picnic table	492.00

Receipts

BGC	Interest	0.76
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2. Resolved to approve the Financial Statement

Earmarked Reserves

Lloyds Current Account to 19.7.2021	16836.49	P.3 grant	590.84
Less uncleared payments	1658.44	Open space sport & recreation	5850.00
Plus uncleared receipts	690.00	TAP: Community Education	366.00
Less Transfers not on Bank Statement	0.00	Dementia Awareness	150.00
Total	15868.05	Community Highway equipment	197.90
Plus: Santander Acc cash book	30637.17	G-UP	520.00
Total Funds	46505.22	Post Office disabled access	500.00
		Coronavirus support	633.77
		Community Projects & Support	20,000.00
Total uncommitted funds		Total	28808.51
£ 17696.71			

3. Cllr Fletcher verified the bank statements and reconciliations

4. The [Statement of Internal Control](#) was reviewed, with no amendments

21.098 Correspondence received

1. Gup: Request to install noticeboard in Ugborough bus shelter. It was agreed that a noticeboard could be installed on the side wall.
2. SHDC consultation: [Better lives for all](#) Cllr Fletcher would respond, highlighting that many of the objectives were unachievable and the National Park was overlooked in the consultation. Details would be included in the Newsletter.
3. SHDC consultation: [Enhancing Biodiversity on Council green spaces](#) Cllr Fletcher would respond, highlighting that any measures should not look untidy or impinge on safety, including road safety.
4. SHDC survey: [Community Led Electric Car and Bike Club](#) Cllr Beable had responded.
5. Peninsula Transport [consultation](#) on its [vision and goals for the South West transport network](#) Cllr Fletcher would respond and details would be included in the Newsletter.
6. DCC: [National bus strategy & consultation](#) Cllr Fletcher would respond that the bus network needed to extend into rural areas
7. DCC: [Reconnect Rebuild Recover Community Fund](#) £1k-£3k. Details would be sent to community groups.
8. DALC training (webinar): Being a Good Councillor Part 1, 15 Sept 1-2pm £18 would be offered to the co-opted Councillor; Cllr Fletcher would attend Chairing Local Council Meetings, 13 Sept 11am-1pm £36

21.099 Asset Management

1. Burial ground

- i. Gup proposals. Councillors supported the biodiversity proposals but considered that Community Engagement may conflict with the burial ground as a place for peace and contemplation.

Resolved: G-up be advised that access to the Burial Ground is by permission of the Parish Council and that the land may be needed for other purposes.

- **The Parish Council will arrange for grass paths to be cut, as requested**
 - **Permission must be obtained before maintenance groups (not exceeding 5 persons) visit the site.**
 - **Community Engagement visits should be severely restricted, with prior permission being obtained from the Parish Council.**
 - **No vehicles shall park on the site**
 - **The Parish Council shall control grass and hedge cuts**
 - **The Parish Council representative on G-up would be Cllr Holway, although any permissions must be obtained from the Clerk or Chairman.**
- ii. Spoil heap removal. Cllr Fletcher would arrange for the grass to be cut and G-up would be advised, following which Cllr Beable would arrange for the contractor to clear the heap. Four Councillors and the Clerk offered to clear the litter.

2. Bittaford playground – Cllr Hart reported that bolts were missing from the seesaw bearing and the security fencing had still not been removed. Outstanding items on the Inspection Report included the condition of surface areas and insecure fence posts, which would be discussed at the September meeting.

3. Flagpole, Ugborough Square – no report

4. Parish Map – new maps were distributed for display in the bus shelters and pubs.

5. Bittaford bus shelter – cleaning would be deferred until after the winter.

21.100 Highways & Rights of Way

1. Sir Gary Streeter MP: Request for information on Parish Council plans to boost the number of EV charging points & availability of funding. The Clerk would ask the pubs if they had plans or would be interested in providing charging points.

2. Highway Street Furniture Audit. No application, as the Highway Officer had advised that match funding would be required

21.101 Resolved to co-opt Michael Greaves as Parish Councillor

21.102 Travellers The Clerk would ask SHDC about Enforcement.

21.103 Reports on Meetings attended

- i. Cllrs Fletcher & Holway attended the Devon Community Resilience Forum, including a presentation on the effect of climate change on flooding to the south of the moor.
- ii. Cllr Fletcher attended the Climate Emergency Support Network, which discussed the Environmental Land Management Scheme.

21.104 Correspondence available at the Meeting

1. Clerks & Councils Direct, July 2021

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Meeting ended 10pm

Date of next Meeting 1.9.21