

UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 7.30pm

In the Main Hall, Ugborough Village Hall

Questions from the Public

- Complaints were repeated about the uncut hedging and uncleared drainage down Church Hill from Toby Cross, causing a flood risk to properties. The Community Lengthsman would be instructed to clear the drains and DCC Highways asked to plough the hedges.
- Flooding had also occurred on the lane from Ugborough Garage to Shilston, and the Community Lengthsman would be asked to clear the buddle holes

DNPA C Pannell reported that the byelaw consultation had received 3500 responses. The 70th Birthday celebrations would include an exhibition in the Princetown Visitor Centre. DNPA promoted its peatland project at COP26. No additional funding was available for the Park and the future of the authority was still not known.

County Cllr Dan Thomas report:

- An increase in vaccinations of the younger age groups.
- To support a 20mph speed limit in Ugborough, the proposal should be included in the School Transport Plan.
- A DCC resolution to support Devon Residents into homes of their own highlighted the £10m lost to Devon where second homes attracted the small business exemption.
- Flooding at the new roundabout at Modbury Cross would be alleviated. Cllr Thomas would advise when work at Kitterford Cross would start.
- The lane surface to Earlscombe Farm had deteriorated and Cllr Thomas asked for an official request for repairs from the Parish Council
- CCTV was to be installed at Gara Bridge and, if that was unsuccessful, the road layout would be altered
- DCC had confirmed funding for the B3196, although confirmation of the S106 contribution from Fowlescombe was awaited pending the determination of the planning application

District Cllr Abbott report:

- He had received a complaint about the use of oasis in burial grounds, and Councillors considered that the complainant should lobby florists.
- SHDC was likely to increase its Council Tax to the maximum permitted by statute in order to meet losses sustained during the pandemic.
- SHDC had declared a Housing Crisis. In 2020, planning permissions were in place for 7,643 new homes in the South Hams, of which 7,116 had yet to be built. He would establish why so few homes had been started.
- If second homes in the District were charged Council Tax, an additional £3.5million would be generated, of which the District Council would get its share (8%) which could be pumped back into tackling the housing problem. This would require a change to Section 66 (2B) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.
- Garden Waste collections had been suspended until Spring 2022
- Under the District's Climate & Biodiversity Emergency declaration, each Councillor could distribute £3000, and Cllr Abbott was supporting an SDCE (South Devon Community Energy) educational initiative and a PL:21 study into an Ivybridge/ Bittaford off road cycle route.

District Cllr Holway discussed the need for new homes to move away from fossil fuel heating. He was providing funding towards the cycleway feasibility study.

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Fletcher (Chair), Greaves, Hart, Holway, Johns, Hosking, Nelson & Smallridge; SHDC Cllr Abbott, DNP C Panell, DCC Cllr D Thomas & 2 public

21.129 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Beable, Cooper & Slater

21.130 Declarations of interest were noted from Cllr Smallridge: Item 21.132.8 (Pecuniary)

21.131 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th October 2021, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

21.132 Planning

Planning Application recommendations

- [436/21/FUL](#) Conversion of barns into a holiday accommodation and a small bakery, replacement of roofing slate to Farmhouse and associated ecology mitigation measures at Lower Bowcombe Farm, Ugborough **Withdrawn**
- [3437/21/LBC](#) Listed building consent for conversion of barns into a holiday accommodation and a small bakery, replacement of roofing slate to Farmhouse and associated ecology mitigation measures at Lower Bowcombe Farm, Ugborough **Withdrawn**
- [3774/21/FUL](#) Provision of an agricultural livestock building and a manure store at East Cannamore Farm, Avonwick **Support**
- [0404/21/FUL](#) READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans received and amended description) Provision of agricultural workers dwelling at Higher Coarsewell, Ugborough **Support**
- [2031/21/FUL](#) Proposed Barn at Earlscombe Farm Bittaford **Neutral. Barn should be moved to the NW corner. Prefer pitched roof. Surrounding hedges should be kept above roof level to provide screening**
- [0566/21](#) Erection of single storey extension to the side at Cherry Trees, 51 Moorfields, Moorhaven **Support**

Planning Application recommendations from the Meeting held on the 6.10.21 were ratified

- [3507/21/FUL](#) Change of use of land from storage to lorry parking in association with Ivybridge Waste Transfer Station at Land at SX 633555 Ermington Road, Ivybridge **Neutral. A Travel Plan was needed to ensure unnecessary trips through residential areas to reach destinations were avoided.**

Planning Decisions Noted

- [3561/21/AGR](#) Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed new road for agricultural or forestry use at Ludbrook House, Ludbrook **Prior approval not required**

9. Developments, Ugborough West A further complaint had been received about the lack of grit bins at Lucerne Fields and neither the developer nor management company had accepted responsibility. Cllr Abbott had advised DCC Cllr Croad of the problem.

21.133 Finance

1. Resolved to approve payments and receipts:

Payments	Description	Gross
BACS	S Woodman – October pay	528.27
BACS	S Woodman – Expenses (net): Travel & meal £78.25, office £69.23, Hi Vis clothing (Community Lengthsman) £68.28	237.77
BACS	J Fletcher – Tarmac (P3)	79.95
BACS	V Abbott – Teak oil, Lucerne Fields bench	9.99
BACS	J&MJ Widdicombe – Community Lengthsman	231.00
BACS	Cutting Crew	97.20
BACS	L Nelson – Bittaford planting	24.97

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

Lloyds Current Account to 15.10.21	27,510.52	P.3 grant	1168.91
Less uncleared payments	1,209.15	Open space sport & recreation	7,850.00
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00	TAP: Commuinity Education	366.00
Less Transfers not on Bank Statement	0.00	Dementia Awareness	150.00
Total	26,301.37	Community Highway equipment	129.62
Plus: Santander Acc cash book	30,637.69	Community Lengthsman	1,238.75
Total Funds	56,939.06	Post office disabled access	500.00
		G-UP	520.00
		Coronavirus support	633.77
		Burial ground	1500.00
		Community Projects & Support	20,000.00
		Total	34057.05

Total uncommitted funds
£ 22,882.01

3. Cllr Nelson verified the bank statements and reconciliations

4. Resolved to grant Ugborough PCC £50, Bittaford Methodist Church £25 & Bittaford Community Hall £25 towards Christmas decorations. Cllr Johns would arrange the Ugborough Church Christmas tree, probably on the 4th December. The Clerk would arrange batteries for the Ugborough Square tree decorations.

21.134 Correspondence Received

1. [Queen's platinum jubilee 2022](#) – celebrations could include tree planting, beacon burning and a Jubilee lunch, and support would be requested in the Newsletter.
2. Parish Councillor Training: Cllr Nelson would undertake the Councillor Short Course £20 and Cllr Greaves would undertake Part 2 Being a Good Councillor £18 (incl VAT)
3. DCC: [Green Innovation Fund](#) – No expression of interest to be submitted
4. South Devon AONB Community Representatives election – Delegated to Cllr Holway

21.135 Resolved to appoint Cllr Greaves as Ugborough & Bittaford Preschool Lead Councillor The Clerk would ask the preschool for its financial plan and provide Cllr Greaves with contact details.

21.136 Community Project Proposals:

Preschool	Provision of open space	Climate Emergency (Reserve)
Flagpole renovation	Conduit roof repairs	Tidy up settlements
Vehicle activated speed sign	Former public toilets	Bittaford Play area: Non slip
Footpath leaflets	Electric Vehicle charging points	Surfaces & new equipment

Cllrs Fletcher & Nelson would estimate costings for the proposals.

21.137 Asset Management

1. Burial ground – the spoil heap had been removed and the area grass seeded. Cllr Fletcher would ask Adrian to cut roadside hedges. Mowing would be monitored under the new management regime. The Clerk would check the deeds in relation to ownership of the hedges.
2. Bittaford playground – the SHDC Localities Officer had identified rust on the multiplay unit, and the Clerk would ask Martin Paul to restore it. Youths had left rubbish from drug taking, and Cllr Holway asked that future problems should be referred to SHDC's Antisocial Behaviour Officer. The remaining surface tiles had been flipped and, once a fallen tree had been removed the picnic bench would be erected. Cllrs Hart, Nelson & Johns would undertake the work.
3. Flagpole, Ugborough Square renovation – no progress

21.138 Highways & Rights of Way

1. Resolved to purchase the Vehicle activated speed sign from Messagemaker at a cost of £3075+VAT. Locality grants had been confirmed from SHDC £200 & DCC £600. In addition, the Clerk had submitted a £1500 Vision Zero South West 'Call For Ideas'

2. Ch.8 training – would be requested for Cllrs Hart, Johns & Nelson. Confirmation would be requested from Cllr Beable & the Community Lengthsman. DCC had offered funding towards the training but was not providing courses. The Clerk would request that DCC organise training courses.
3. Footpath 16 Public Footpath Diversion Order – request that disabled access be provided
4. DCC Highways: Parish & Town Council Conferences, Wed 24 & Thurs 25 November – Cllrs Fletcher, Hart & Hosking may attend.
5. Waste bin, junction of Ugborough Rd and the B3213, Bittaford – the Clerk would ask SHDC to relocate the bin to the new bus shelter, Wrangaton.
6. Notice of an application to register easements or other rights, Donkey Lane – the Clerk would contact solicitors Howard & Over.

21.139 Travellers Cllr Holway advised that there was no alternative site, and the Clerk would ask SHDC what plans they had to acquire alternative sites and progress on the new traveller legislation.

21.140 Reports on Meetings attended

1. Cllr Holway: No G-Up meeting had been held.
2. IDALC Clerk's Workshop: Discussions included budget setting, internal auditors, purchase procedure by Councillors & reclaiming VAT, Vehicle Activated Speed Signs and the provision of EV charging points. The Clerk would contact the Ugborough, Bittaford & Wrangaton garages about providing charging points.
3. Cllrs Fletcher, Holway & Hosking attended the meeting on school academizing proposals, which would provide benefits to the school and may impact the preschool building plans and negotiations on the shared use of the school field.
4. Cllrs Holway & Smallridge attended the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance Meeting.

21.141 Correspondence available at the Meeting None

Meeting ended 10.25pm

Date of next Meeting 1.12.21

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