

## UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 7pm  
In the Main Hall, Ugborough Village Hall

### Charlotte Walliker: Preschool proposals

**Aim:** To improve the level of provision so that the Preschool could become 'Outstanding'; to improve capacity for activities; to provide economic resilience in relation to continuity and longevity; and to release the village hall for other users, including the primary school.

**Opportunities:** An enthusiastic committee with wide skills, including a project manager; increased demand for Breakfast and After School, which required lower supervision levels; post Covid community grants; £50k funding already raised, which was useful for match funding and to get a mortgage, if required.

**Concerns:** Primary School was already over capacity and tight on space; shift of the school to the academy model; if ownership changed, what liability for the preschool; if the rental of the site was too high; site constraints – steep slope with access onto the road corner; increased costs of materials etc; committee members may not want the responsibility of building a new premises.

**Request:** Verbal support from the Parish Council, as the proposed preschool building would be an asset to the village in that it would free up the village hall.

### Questions from the Public

1. No visible warning signage on the pedestrian refuge on the new B3213 crossing near the Green Lane junction, Wrangaton, which had been hit by a car.
2. Parked cars by the new pavement outside of Station cottages and the Sidings Cross development, Wrangaton had made the road a single carriageway over a considerable distance.

### DCC Cllr Dan Thomas

Devon County Council's new Strategic Plan had been published, which aimed to: Respond to the climate emergency; Be ambitious for children / young people; Support sustainable economic recovery; Tackle poverty and inequality; Improve health and wellbeing; and Help communities to be safe, connected and resilient. The document was available at [www.devon.gov.uk/strategic-plan](http://www.devon.gov.uk/strategic-plan). Cllr Fletcher would suggest to Charlotte Walliker that the Plan may be able to support the Preschool proposals

20mph zones could now be considered, and Ugborough was officially on the list for consideration as it met all the necessary criteria, with the exception of collision/casualty data. Cabinet had set aside £100k, which was not enough for the whole county, and the project could move significantly up the list if it was self-financed. Nick Colton estimated it would cost Ugborough £5-10k. A similar scheme for Bittaford may need to be connected to the cycle route.

Covid Boosters were now available for anyone who had covid in December, and Home Park Stadium offered drop-in sessions.

The Budget 22/23 would be a very challenging balancing act, and all Local Authorities were struggling to deliver services with the money received from central Government.

**SHDC Cllr Holway** advised that £1300 Locality funding, together with Climate Change & Diversity funding, was still available. The Greener Homes grant for owner occupiers would end in April. The Buy to Rent scheme had been modified to enable 1% increases in ownership, with the registered provider maintaining the homes for the first few years. Financial incentives were being offered to social tenants to move into buy/rent housing. A fund was available to reduce loneliness. SHDC had scored highly in relation to Climate Change and Biodiversity. Finally, DCC was thanked for extending the 30mph speed limit to the East of Davids Lane.

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Fletcher (Chair), Beable, Greaves, Hart, Holway, Johns, Nelson & Slater: SHDC Cllr Abbott, DCC Cllr Thomas, C Walliker

**22.012 Apologies for absence** None

**22.013 To note declarations of interest and consider granting dispensation requests** None

**22.014 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

### 22.015 Planning

#### Planning Application recommendations

- [4753/21/FUL](#) Change of use of farm house and converted barns to holiday accommodation. Conversion of redundant barns and construction of accommodation and events buildings at Fowlescombe Farm Ugborough **Support. The hedgerows along the North & South side of the entrance should be moved back to enlarge the B3196. Prefer to maintain a resident on the site.**
- [0130/22/VAR](#) Application for variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent [1650/21/VAR](#) at Development Site At Sx 6935 5891 South Brent **No comment**

#### Planning Decisions Noted

- [0665/21](#) Demolition of existing extension and erection of replacement extension and garage at Cheston Farm Cottage, South Brent **Conditional Permission**
- 4. Developments, Ugborough West** No report

### 22.016 Finance

#### 1. Resolved to approve payments and receipts:

Payments	Description	Gross
BACS	S Woodman – January pay	528.27
BACS	S Woodman – Expenses (net): Travel £76.50, office £60.25, Emergency planning equipment £66.66, Lengthsman equipment £32.93	259.84
BACS	J&MJ Widdicombe – Community Lengthsman	168.00
BACS	Fifty Threes Grounds Maintenance - Moles	30.00

#### Receipts

BGC	Camp - Roperidge	2.50
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#### 2. Resolved to approve the Financial Statement

#### Earmarked Reserves

Lloyds Current Account to 17.1.22	19,880.98	P.3 grant	1058.91
Less uncleared payments	986.11	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,894.87</b>	Community Highway equipment	96.69
Plus: Santander Acc cash book	30,638.45	Community Lengthsman	596.25
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>49,533.32</b>	Post office disabled access	500.00
		G-UP	520.00
		Coronavirus support	523.77
<b>Total uncommitted funds</b>		Burial ground	1,500.00
<b>£ 16,371.70</b>		Community Projects & Support	20,000.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>33,161.62</b>

3. Cllr Nelson verified the bank statements and reconciliations

#### 4. Resolved to amend the Financial Regulations, Appendix 22.016.4

21.017 The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on the 2.3.22 at 7pm, before the Parish Council Meeting. The speaker would be Ella Peters, Four Rivers Dementia Alliance

### 22.018 Correspondence Received

- SW Devon: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – The Beacon would be lit on the 2 June, with a street party in Ugborough on the 5 June. Sustainable Saturdays held £400 grant funding, which could be made available for the celebrations and the Parish Council would offer support. Details would be included in the Newsletter.
- Cllr Greave's attendance at DALC Training: Being a Good Councillor Part 3, 16.2.22 £18 was confirmed.

### **22.019 Asset Management**

1. Bittaford play park. DNP Ranger Ella Briens quoted £4350+VAT to surface the footpath and improve the track down to the play park, for which the Parish Council would contribute 50%.  
Cllr Hart was obtaining quotes for a replacement climbing frame.
2. Flag pole maintenance – As no volunteers had come forward, the Clerk would obtain quotes for the work
3. National Park Forum 17.2.22 – Cllr Nelson would attend
4. Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Cllr & Mr Fletcher would be nominated

### **22.020 Highways & Rights of Way**

1. Community led schemes for EV charging points. Cllr Hart had investigated on-street residential charging point schemes, including the Energy Saving Trust Report and numerous commercial schemes. The Parish Council was eligible to run a scheme but, as it would be a major undertaking, it would be preferable to work directly with DCC & SHDC. The possibility of charging points from street lights was discussed.
2. Cllr Hart had drafted walking leaflets and would obtain 3 quotes.

**22.021 Draft Emergency Plan** – to be reviewed by Cllrs Hart & Slater

**22.022 Climate Emergency Plan** – to be prepared by Cllrs Fletcher & Hart, to link in with the SHDC & DCC Plans.

**22.023 Parish Councillor vacancy** would be advertised in the Newsletter

**22.024 Travellers** The Clerk would advise DNP of unauthorised development off Ugborough Road.

### **22.025 Reports on Meetings attended**

1. Cllr Holway: G-Up had asked what help they could provide in the burial ground and proposed a living sedum roof on the bus shelter. It was promoting natural corridors through gardens in Ugborough. In response, Councillors suggested G-UP concentrate on roadside verges and the Bittaford play park. The SHDC-owned former toilets may be suitable for a green roof. Cllr Holway would provide G-Up's bank details to transfer the G-Up Reserve.
2. Cllrs Beable & Fletcher attended the DNP Local Plan Meeting: Parish Council comments on planning applications could refer to the Local Plan; Measures to ensure local occupancy of housing; Restricting enlargement of small cottages by only allowing 30% permitted development once in the period since 1996; All developments of over two houses would contribute a sum to bio diversity measures, such as wildflower meadows, native trees and bird boxes, at a rate for each 20 sq m of the properties; Farm barns could be developed, especially to enable the succession of the next farming generation. DNP were insisting on Climate change requirements ahead of national policy.

### **22.026 Correspondence available at the Meeting**

1. Clerks & Councils Direct, January 2022

*Meeting ended 9.30pm*

*Date of next Meeting 2.3.22, after the Annual Parish Meeting (8pm)*

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### **Appendix 22.016.4**

#### **Financial Regulations**

6.17. Any Debit Card issued for use will be specifically restricted to the Clerk and will also be restricted to a single transaction maximum value of £750 unless authorised by council or finance committee in writing before any order is placed.