

UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 7.30pm
In the Main Hall, Ugborough Village Hall

Questions from the Public

1. A community working group had been established, which aimed to work with the school to provide a community space. The Parish Council had set up a license with DCC for the community use of the school field in 2006, which continued until a few years ago, when the gates were locked. When the school became an Academy, and DCC granted Westcountry Schools Trust (WeST) a 125 year lease on the field, the license with UPC lapsed. The terms of the original transfer to DCC in 1974 would be investigated. UPC still held Public Liability insurance on the field.

The current problem of vandalism in the field would be resolved if a new license was agreed, including a community rota to clean up the field. The Forest School area could be fenced off to minimise vandalism and cameras installed. There was currently no community involvement in the school as WeST no longer had a Parent Governor.

Suggestions included registering the field as an Asset of Community Value, or as a community space with Sport England.

A meeting would be requested with the School, including DCC Cllr Thomas, Parish Councillors and representatives of the community working group.

2. Confirmation was requested on Parish Council funding towards the 20mph speed limit in Ugborough. If Ugborough was included in the trial, then no contribution would be required. A total of 71 Parishes had applied for 20mph signs, and Ugborough was considered a high priority.

3. The community litter pick had revealed loose paving setts in Ugborough, which the Clerk would report to DCC.

4. Complaints had been received from Beacon View residents on disturbance from contractors working overnight on the railway, which the Clerk would report to Network Rail.

DCC Cllr Thomas explained how Devon's local authorities were supporting local residents wanting to provide sanctuary to the Ukrainian refugees; the provision of Spring COVID-19 booster jabs; and the provision of supermarket vouchers worth £570k to families of 19,000 children in Devon to help them buy food over the Easter holiday.

Cllr Thomas had expressed disquiet to DCC on WeST governance: Four hubs covering 27 schools was less representative than previously, and the consultation period was inadequate. He had requested a meeting with the CEO and asked to be involved in negotiations over the community use of the school field.

SHDC Cllr Holway reported on the: Supplementary Emergency Planning Policy Consultation, which aimed to get developers to stop using fossil fuel heating and improving insulation sooner rather than later; a Step On scheme pilot, to pay a deposit of about £3,000 for anyone wanting to give up a rented social property and buy a part buy/part rent property; SHDC was joining with DCC & Plymouth CC to set up a Freeport for Plymouth and South Devon; and SHDC had granted £10,000 to the DEC for Ukraine.

Public concern had been expressed that the proposed development of an Aldi in Ivybridge would result in parking problems, and Cllr Holway asked for local feedback.

SHDC Cllr Abbott reported on arrangements to host Ukrainian refugees in the District. The Joint Local Plan Team had secured funding to develop an interactive mapping tool to explore how community infrastructure was being used by residents across Plymouth and South West Devon, which would improve understanding of how our areas work, especially as we come out of the pandemic, and was the first step towards more digital engagement in planning.

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Fletcher (Chair), Beable, Greaves, Hart, Holway, Hosking, Johns, May, Nelson & Slater: SHDC Cllr Abbott; DCC Cllr Thomas; 23 public

22.037 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Cooper & DNP C Pannell. It was noted that Cllr Cooper had not attended the last six meetings, which should result in automatic disqualification. The Clerk would ask Cllr Cooper if she wished to continue as Parish Councillor.

22.038 Declarations of interest were noted from Cllr Hosking (Item 22.041.2) & Cllr Fletcher: Item 22.041.11 (Personal)

22.039 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd March 2022 (amended), as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

22.040 Jon May was co-opted as Parish Councillor and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

22.041 Planning

Planning Application recommendations

1. 22/0010 TPOs at Bittaford Wood Caravan Park: Reduce oaks **No comment**
2. [0759/22/HHO](#) & [0760/22/LBC](#) Householder application & Listed Building Consent for alterations to convert workshop into greenhouse and reinstate conservatory at Lower Bowcombe Farm Ugborough **Support, subject to existing stonework being retained and not replaced**
3. [1042/22/PDM](#) & [0953/22/PDM](#) Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1No. dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q (a+b)) Yeo Farmhouse, Ermington Road, Ivybridge (For information) **Not enough information provided on the timing of the land purchase, nor the agricultural use of the buildings and land. Zone 3 flood zone.**
4. [0465/22/HHO](#) Householder application for first floor extension to the rear of property at Press House, Ware Hill, Ugborough **Neutral**
5. [0977/22/FUL](#) Replace existing wooden flagpole with recycled aluminium flagpole at The Flagpole, The Square, Ugborough **Support**

Planning Application recommendations from the Meeting held on the 2.3.21 were ratified

6. 0461/22/LBC Listed Building Consent for proposed roof slate replacement, with bat mitigation works to roof at Lower Bowcombe Farm, Ugborough No comment. **Neutral. Planning statement relates to the previous, withdrawn application, which included additional development** *Cllr Hosking abstained*
7. [0482/22/ARC](#) Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 11, 21, 28 and 33 of Planning Permission 3703/18/OPA at Land At Sx 651 560 Filham Ivybridge Devon **Object. Davids Lane is used by walkers, runners, the disabled and cyclists (as a temporary quiet-way for cycling between Ivybridge and Bittaford). Access to phase 2 of the scheme should use the main highway through phase 1**

Planning Decisions - Noted

8. [0788/21/OPA](#) Outline application with all matters reserved for construction of 2 residential dwellings At Whiteoaks, Davids Lane, Filham **Conditional approval**
9. [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 **Conditional approval**
10. [0105/22/TPO](#) G32: x3 Pine - fell due to level changes on development site at Saxon Gate (East) Rutt Lane Ivybridge **Refuse**
11. [3460/17/OPA](#) READVERTISEMENT (Revised Red Line Plan) Outline application with some matters reserved for 7 self-build/custom-build dwellings (five open market and 2 affordable self-build plots) at Lutterburn Farm Lutterburn Street Ugborough **Conditional approval**

12. Developments, Ugborough West Ivybridge Town Council were approaching SHDC about a boundary change. No plebiscite was needed, but co-operation was required between Ivybridge and Ugborough Parish Council

22.042 Finance

1. Resolved approve payments and receipts:

Payments	Description	Gross
BACS	S Woodman – March pay	644.90
BACS	S Woodman – Expenses (net): Travel £70.75, office £50.25	125.70
BACS	DCC Pension Fund	622.95
BACS	HMRC – PAYE & NI	533.22
BACS	Ugborough Village Hall – Hall hire	110.00
BACS	PortalPlanQuestLtd	145.00
BACS	Laurie Nelson	18.00
BACS	Joan Fletcher	16.17
BACS	George Beable	43.15

2. Resolved to approve the Financial Statement

Earmarked Reserves

Lloyds Current Account to 17.3.22	17,534.17	P.3 grant	1058.91
<i>Less uncleared payments</i>	2,344.57	Open space sport & recreation	7,850.00
<i>Plus uncleared receipts</i>	0.00	TAP: Commuinity Education	366.00
<i>Less Transfers not on Bank Statement</i>	0.00	Dementia Awareness	150.00
Total	15,189.60	Community Highway equipment	96.69
<i>Plus: Santander Acc cash book</i>	30,639.21	Community Lengthsman	256.25
Total Funds	45,828.81	Post office disabled access	377.58
Total uncommitted funds		Coronavirus support	413.77
£13,759.61		Burial ground	1,500.00
		Community Projects & Support	20,000.00
		Total	32,069.20

3. 2021-2 National Salary award: £8864.32 to 28.2.22, £9050.27 from 1.3.22 **Noted**

4. To review the Community Lengthsman expenditure 21/22: £2,383.40 (Budget £3100). Rate to increase to £ 22/hr wef April 2022. **Noted**

5. Resolved to grant up £25 for Bittaford Planting

22.043 Correspondence Received

- DCC: [Devon Wildlife Community of the Year Awards](#) Details had been passed to Gup.
- SHDC: Climate emergency planning [policy and guidance consultation](#) to 21 April 2022. Cllrs Fletcher & Hosking would respond, querying whether guidance would be effective.
- Devon Community Resilience Forum event, Monday 23rd May at Filleigh Village Hall – Cllr Holway was attending, and live streaming was available.
- Bittaford maintenance: Cllr Nelson would repair the downpipe and water butt to the bus stop. A replacement bench would be provided adjacent to the phone box. The glazed bus shelter would be cleaned.
- DCC: Wild About Devon initiative, event to demystify confusion around three key environmental topics: grass cutting, pesticides and tree planting. Zoom Friday 29th April, 12:00-1:30pm. Cllrs Beable, Fletcher, Hosking & May would attend, and Gup would be advised.

22.044 Asset Management

- Bittaford play park: The inspection report revealed loose bolts on the seesaw, which Cllr Nelson had tightened. Cllr Hart had met DNP Ranger Ella Briens and Access Project Officer Tim Russell about the footpath improvements, and a contribution of about £2k would be requested from the Parish Council. The access path to the playpark would also be improved, with a new wheelchair-accessible gate and a disabled-friendly bench. Kompan had submitted an excessive quote for the replacement climbing frame. The replacement fenceposts had been delayed due to covid.
- Flag pole replacement – the planning application had been submitted, and Cllr Johns would remove the existing flag pole.
- Proposal for a Parish Noticeboard in Ugborough West – deferred pending the outcome of the proposed boundary change. The Clerk would ask SHDC how long the procedure would take.

4. Wrangaton phone box – a note would be displayed on the door requesting that it should not be closed shut.

22.045 Highways & Rights of Way

1. DCC Informal consultation: proposed diversion of a section of Bridleway No.6 Ugborough through Filham Park **Support**

22.046 Platinum Jubilee arrangements included a beacon and BBQ at Hillhead on the Thursday. A support group would be meeting to arrange a street party in Ugborough. Parish Council public liability insurance cover would extend to its volunteers. A streamlined road closure procedure was available.

Resolved to provide a commemorative plaque for the conduit up to the value of £300

22.047 Westcountry Schools Trust (WeST)

1. Preschool proposals – The school had confirmed it would not accommodate the preschool building
 2. School field & vandalism – A meeting with the school would be arranged, including DCC Cllr Thomas, Parish Councillors and representatives from the community working group
 3. Governance consultation – concern was expressed at the loss of community involvement, as the Governing Bodies had been replaced with advisory Hubs. The community had previously been advised that there would be no change to arrangements. The school would be advised of these concerns and the inadequate consultation.

22.048 Preschool: An alternative site had been proposed at The Brook, between Ugborough and Bittaford, and a pre planning consultation would be undertaken. Concern was expressed that the site was not within a community, resulting in traffic generation. Cllr Greaves would suggest that a full option appraisal be undertaken, including the possibility of extending the first floor of Ugborough Village Hall. The Parish Council would prefer a site closer to Ugborough or Bittaford.

22.049 Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting

1. The Clerk would forward complaints about storm water systems to SHDC, DCC, Environment Agency and SWW. It was noted that surface water was separated from foul water on new developments.
 2. The disintegrating pole on Ugborough Beacon was not Scheduled, although the DNP Archaeologist would try to salvage and possibly replace it. However, the landowner's consent would be required and Cllr Beable would try to contact him.

22.050 Draft Emergency Plan – Cllr Hart would update the contacts as an interim measure until a revised plan could be drafted.

22.051 [Draft Climate Emergency Declaration and Plan](#) would be amended in line with the SHDC consultation (Minute 22.043.2) & Councillor feedback, and presented at the May meeting.

DCC would be developing a strategy on EV charging points over the next few months and Cllr Hart would work with DCC & SHDC over the provision. To be discussed at the May Meeting.

22.052 Travellers No progress

22.053 Reports on Meetings attended

1. Cllr Holway: G-Up – No report
 2. Cllr Hart & DNP Ranger Ella Briens had discussed the possibility of a community orchard in the land below Bittaford playpark
 3. Cllrs Beable & Holway had attended the Councillor Advocate Meeting, which had discussed controlling drug lines in rural areas, including the 'From Harm to Health' strategy.

22.054 Correspondence available at the Meeting None

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Meeting ended 10.15pm

Date next Meeting 4.5.22