

## Ugborough Parish Council

### July Newsletter

**The new flagpole is up, and in time for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations!** Well done Mike, Charles, Owen, Peter and Edd for your sterling efforts in removing the old pole, installing the new mast, and adapting it to its new role as a flagpole. A brass plaque will be displayed on the base of the flagpole to commemorate its replacement. The Jubilee is also marked by a new plaque on the conduit.

The old flagpole was made of very good cedar and, if anyone is interested in using it for craftwork, please contact Edd Johns on eddjohs02@icloud.com

**Questions from the public** at the start of the June Parish Council Meeting included

- An update on the 20 mph speed limit in Ugborough – 100 applications have now been received and only 3-4 Parishes will be selected each year. We have asked when the selection will be made.
- An explanation on the purpose of Parish Council reserves – which will be used for community projects, many of which take a considerable time to achieve.
- The Post Office is keen for a service in Wrangaton, and suitable locations included The Langfords or the business park.
- Development proposals were submitted for Workhouse Meadow, and the Parish Council repeated its previous feedback: The site was not included in the 2016 SHLAA due to constraints of access, landscape value and possible flooding. It could possibly be an exception site, although more detailed plans were needed.

**SHDC news:** There are 84 Ukrainian guests in the South Hams, in 36 placements; the Woodland Trust's Emergency Tree Fund & DCC has supported tree planting in the South Hams; 90% of the £150 Energy grants have been paid by SHDC, with payments to the remaining households in the very near future. A Discretionary grant scheme will soon be introduced to further help households in financial difficulty, and a Cosy Devon scheme will provide grants to help with the cost of improving heating and insulation.

**Planning applications** considered at the Meeting (with the Parish Council recommendation in **bold**):

1. [4254/20/FUL](#) READVERTISEMENT (revised plans) Proposed development of redundant nursery to provide 30 new dwellings for affordable and social rent, a new community hub building, conversion of existing barns to provide ancillary spaces and landscaping works providing communal areas and playgrounds at Springfield, Filham **Support**
2. [1646/22/HHO](#) Householder application for first floor extension to both house & garage at Valley View, Donkey Lane, Ugborough **Support**
3. [915/21/ARM](#) READVERTISEMENT Application for approval of reserved matters (appearance, scale, layout and landscaping) of Phase 2 (up to 106 dwellings) of outline approval 3703/18/OPA at Land At SX 651 560, Filham **Object. No improvement following previous objections: No biodiversity gain. More green space needed. Pressure on infrastructure. Traffic management plan missing. Object to tandem parking**
4. [1714/22/CLE](#) Certificate of Lawfulness for existing residential use & siting of a caravan adjacent to stables with use as garden/residential curtilage at Higher Witchcombe Farm, Ugborough **No comment**
5. [1715/22/CLE](#) Certificate of Lawfulness for existing residential use & siting of caravan adjacent to Sand School at Higher Witchcombe Farm, Ugborough **No comment**

**Bittaford** playpark nearly received a clean bill of health in its most recent inspections, although some surfaces are still causing concern. Footpath surfacing to and through the playpark should start very soon.

**The Parish Council Clerk** will be leaving from the 1<sup>st</sup> September to enjoy a well-earned retirement. We will be looking for a new Clerk – please see the advert in this Newsletter (with a tight deadline).

**Correspondence received** includes:

- Devon & Cornwall Firearms Licensing [Survey](#) 2022
- An A38 Corridor Access Review is being undertaken by the Dartmoor National Park, and the Parish Council has highlighted the lack of parking and access on to the moor and requested direct access onto the moor from Station car park. The aim is to identify what improvements could be made to help connect settlements along the corridor, help people access green space and provide more walking and cycling opportunities. A mapping tool will be available for people to input their ideas.
- SHDC is spearheading a new initiative for Landlord Rented Energy Efficient Homes. For more information, go to <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/RentalHousingStandards>
- DCC has launched a new [website](#) specifically for parents with young children aged under five, with a wide range of tips and advice from pregnancy right through to a child's fifth year, including encouragement to make the most of mealtimes and other time together to help develop children's pre-school literacy. The website also suggests games are a fun way to encourage children to practice talking, and provides examples to get parents and carers started.

**The next Meeting** will be held in the main hall at Ugborough Village Hall from 7pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. You are welcome to join the meeting and ask questions about local issues.

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