

to defend an appeal if planning permission had been refused.

Cllr Ingham agreed that he and Cllr Atkins would take this up with Senior Planning Officers at EDDC. It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to the Chairman of the DM Committee so that the District Councillors would be able to follow this up. The Clerk was requested to include an article in the Lympstone Herald.

282 Planning Decisions

13/2655/FUL – Amended plans Dormer window to front elevation and side glazing to first floor. Keslakes Quay Lane. - APPROVED

13/2660/FUL Construction of detached dwelling, Land to South of Meadowgate, Church Road – Withdrawn.

3/2806/TRE T3 Birch - Fell. Fircones, Church Path Terrace – APPROVED

13/1499/FUL External alterations including construction of dormer window and conversion of former pound house to create 1 unit of holiday accommodation. Lower Coombe Farm, Tedstone Lane. APPROVED.

Notification of exempt tree works at Highcliffe House, Lympstone to fell two trees at the entrance and replant.

283 Other Planning Matters

Cllr Longhurst had attended a meeting with Exmouth Town Councillors to discuss development at Goodmore's (Upper Lovering) Farm. All were opposed to the siting of a new school in this area, and that there was little justification for this school at all. The idea of a cricket and football facility was supported as this would be next to the proposed community centre.

The Town Clerk of Exmouth was to write a Brief based on these discussions.

Cllr Longhurst had also met representatives of the Exmouth Residents and Traders Association. They had discussed ideas for the future of Summer Lane if the Dinan Way extension was built. There was a common thought that Sumer Lane should be closed to all traffic and designated as a Bridle Way and Cycle Track. The East Devon Way ran up Summer Lane and then through A La Ronde, across Hulham Road and into the 'Poets' Estate.

It was also agreed that this should be re-routed to run up Hulham Road to the Common. This idea was also put forward at the meeting with Marley Hayes Residents some time ago. Cllr Longhurst had also accepted a request from Newton Poppleford and Harpford PC to speak about the process for a Neighbourhood Plan.

EDDC were now consulting on the EDDC Villages Development Plan. Cllr Longhurst confirmed that the Plan corresponded with the Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED that the plan as far as it relates to Lympstone be supported.

284 Neighbourhood Plan

Basic Conditions Statement. EDDC requested that this was updated to cover compliance with various national and local policies. Helen Dimond, Planning Consultant and member of the NP Working group has updated this statement and it has been submitted to EDDC. A copy will be circulated to members. The NP had been advertised by EDDC and the consultation will run until 12th March 2014.

285 Report by the Police

Cllr Carter precised the Police report. There had been a break-in to a vehicle and equipment

had been stolen. The police were investigating. Some parking problem areas had been reported to EDDC but apparently not followed up.
The Neighbourhood Team was concentrating on the theft of metals for their scrap value.

286 Report by the District Councillors

Cllr Ingham supported the idea of a Bridle Path /Cycle Track running up Summer Lane and Hulham Road. The most recent cost for the Dinan Way extension was £8m whereas development of Goodmore's Farm would only realise £3.5m and so DCC would have to look at all options, including, as mentioned earlier in the meeting, widening of Summer Lane. He referred to the EA strategy of not protecting land at Topsham Flats from flooding and felt that in view of the extensive flooding in Somerset, this policy might be reviewed. Flood water was seeping onto the road in this area this evening.

It was AGREED that this should be included on a future agenda.

287 Chairman's report

The Chairman had attended an NHS meeting dealing with stroke patient services. Local beds were to be closed and focussed in Exeter. This was another move similar to the proposed changes at Budleigh hospital where clinical treatments had been moved to Exmouth. He thanked Cllr Hughes for his clear comment that consultation on these changes had been minimal and meaningless.

Together with the Clerk, he had hosted a meeting of the Otter to Exe Parishes. Parishes Together funding had been discussed together with flooding, budget preparation and the length of meetings.

With Don Mildenhall, he had met representatives of the EA to discuss the problems with the flood defence wall at the car park. They claimed that the wall was reinforced concrete and the brick skin was merely decorative.

The meeting had talked about flooding, including sewage flooding, in Chapel Road. The DCC Flood Resilience Team could bring all three agencies together. He felt that more building in the village would add to the problems.

288 Cycle Trail Action Group

Mrs Carter submitted a progress report on the work that the group had carried out since the last meeting. 132 letters had been written and the petition had 220 signatures. These would be taken to the DCC Cabinet meeting on 12th February 2014.

Mrs Carter had attended the Devon Access Forum when the proposal for DCC to find a new route for the cycle track off Lypstone roads was unanimously supported.

A new accident report form had been prepared and was available in the Post Office. It was AGREED that this could be put on the website.

DCC claimed that they had no money for cycle track works but there was £16m in their books for work in Teignbridge. Clearwater plc. had also reminded DCC that there was an underspending of £1.25m that could be used for this work.

289 Prohibitions and Restrictions of Waiting

The Council gave further consideration to the proposals of the Working Group and to the suggestion that specific provision for disabled parking should be included.

RESOLVED: 1 that the proposals be supported and sent to DCC for detailed investigation.

2 that DCC be asked to investigate the provision of a disabled parking place in Chapel Road and under the railway bridge.

3 that DCC be asked to investigate limited parking of say, 30 minutes, in Chapel Road to facilitate shopping.

4 that DCC be requested to consider traffic calming on School Hill in association with any restriction on waiting.

4 that EDDC be requested to provide two disable parking spaces on the Underhill car park.

290 Healthwatch Devon

The Council was requested to consider joining Healthwatch Devon which was involved in lobbying for improved health services.

RESOLVED that an item be included in the Lymestone Herald seeking nominations.

291 EDDC Parliamentary Outreach event

The Parish Council was invited to send one representative to a Parliamentary outreach Event from 6.00 – 9.00pm on Thursday 13th March 2014. Cllr Atkins reported that he would be attending and would report back.

292 Garages in Glebe Close

Cllr Mrs Rogers had informed the Chairman that meetings with EDDC and DCC were pending and asked for this to be deferred. This was AGREED.

293 Parishes Together Fund

As the National Trust was not prepared to support works in Avenue Field, Cllr Acca proposed that the new footpath from the School to Candy's Field be the subject of a bid for funds to surface the path in tarmac. Exmouth TC would support this to the sum of £428 and the bulk of the remainder could be funded from the Parish Council's share of this fund.

Prices for the work were being sought.

RESOLVED That the Clerk be authorised to make an application to the Parishes Together fund for surfacing this path.

294 Budleigh Salterton Hospital NHS WEB.

Budleigh Salterton Town Council have proposed using funds from the Parishes Together scheme to purchase a new vehicle to be donated to the NHS to provide transport to the WEB at Budleigh Salterton hospital. They understand that there are sufficient funds left over from last year to do this. If not they will be looking for contributions from the current year or next year if the scheme is carried forward.

RESOLVED that the proposal to use unclaimed funds to purchase a vehicle to be donated to the NHS to transport patients to and from the health WEB at Budleigh Salterton hospital be fully supported.

295 Bicton Common

The Parish Council raised no objections to the proposal for fencing at Bicton Common although Cllr Atkins reported that the RSPB had carried out some fencing and had put barbed wire on the public side rather than on the grazing side.

296 Lymestone Common – unlawful fencing

The Council received the following reply from Natural England with regard to unlawful fencing on Lymestone Common: "The illegal fencing on Lymestone Common was removed by the land owner sometime during October/November and also some of the illegal works around the Common adjacent Squabmoor House. We are currently working with the Common owner on other issues around the area so all future works are carried out in accordance with SSSI legislation and Agri- Environment scheme conditions on the area" The Council supported Natural England in their work.

297 Payments for approval

RESOLVED: that the following payments be approved:

1962	Optima Graphics Herald printing	247.00
1963	EDF Energy lights in Candy's Field	23.00
1964	Coastal fencing - repairs to gate at Candy's Field	78.00
1965	Gardencare (Marsh green) contract works	435.60
1966	Mrs C Edworthy - wages for January 2014	195.61
1967	A J Le Riche salary & expenses for January 2014	637.67
1968	HMRC Tax / NI January 2014	127.52
1969	Cllr Eastley refreshments for Otter to Exe parishes meeting	29.94
	Total payments	1,774.34

298 Financial Summary

The Council received and noted the financial summary.

The Clerk reported that cheque no 001914 had been checked and found that the words had been for £420.00 but the numbers had been for £420.20. He agreed to rectify this.

Current Account		
Opening balance at 1st April 2013		25,731.63
Receipts		54,865.38
Total receipts		80,597.01
Transfer from dep ac		
Total paid in to current ac		80,597.01
less, Payments		39,148.44
Net balance		41,448.57
Receipts not on statement:		-529.30
Unpresented cheques		2,323.05
Queried cheque 001914 20p over		-0.20
Balance per Bank Statement 23rd December 2013		43,242.12
Deposit Account		
Balance at 1st April 2013		159.81
Interest to 2nd January 2014		0.10
Transfer to current ac		0.00
Total		159.91

299 Budget report

The Council received and noted a budget monitoring report for January 2014.

300 Budget and the precept for 2014/15.

The Council received the updated budget which included items raised at the last meeting. A copy of the approved budget is included in the minute book.

RESOLVED 1 that the revised budget be approved.

2 that a precept of £35,750 be issued to EDDC.

301 Clerk's Employment package

The Council received and noted the Clerk's current employment package.

302 Internal controls

The Council received and approved the current system of Internal controls.

303 Risk Management

The Council considered the current risk management schedule which included two minor additions proposed by the Clerk.

The Clerk was asked to check the current level of Public Liability insurance as it was thought this had increased to £10m.

RESOLVED: that the risk management schedule be approved.

304 Matters raised by Councillors

Cllr Mrs Scott reported that the hedge alongside the path adjoining Meadowgate had been removed and a fence had been erected. Cllrs Atkins and Longhurst undertook to report this to the Planning dept.

Cllr Longhurst reported that he had trialled 5 flood bags. These contained a small amount of water-absorbing granules which absorbed a tremendous amount of water. They had been successful in keeping his workshop dry as this was below the level of the adjoining property

305 County Councillors Report

Cllr Hughes had been informed that the ditch at the top of Wotton Lane was in need of attention and asked to be informed of any other areas.

DCC needed to reduce its budget by £110m over the next four years. All services were under review and it was thought that some would become community activities such as the youth Club in Lympstone and some would be put out to the private sector.

The leader of DCC had spent a day with Devon MP's to give them a clear message that there was no scope for any further reductions in public spending and there was a need to invest in infrastructure across the area.

The Parish Lengthsman service had been cut until April due to more urgent works.

The meeting finished at 9.45pm.

Chairman