

All access for construction and to the completed properties would be via Underhill Close. The site was in the 'Green Wedge' and so any development would be against Policies S5 (Countryside protection) & S6 (Green wedge protection)

Cllr Longhurst explained this was an enquiry only at the moment and not a formal application. If one was submitted, there would be the chance to consider the detail and make representations to EDDC, who would be the decision makers. Any planning application would be considered at a meeting of the Parish Council in public and meetings were advertised on the notice boards.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Wilson asked about the protocol for posting notices on the telegraph poles.

The Clerk explained that it had been updated following discussion at the meeting in April and was posted on the Notice Boards. He agreed to send a copy to Mr Wilson.

Mr Wilson also pointed out that papers for this meeting had not been posted on the Village Website.

74 Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2011, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

75 Action Sheet

The Council reviewed the action sheet.

The works to the Youth Club would be finished by 18th July 2011. The works did not include a floor covering. The Clerk was asked to order a suitable covering from Market Carpets. Cllr Acca had previously declared a prejudicial interest and took no part in the discussion but did contribute information regarding the works.

Extension to parking at the Village Hall. A meeting had been held with the Chairman of the VHMC and a representative of the Tennis Club, when broad agreement had been reached regarding the extent and design of the works for car parking. Don Mildenhall added that the VHMC would like to create a footpath from the top of School Hill, alongside the tennis courts and up to the building. This would take children away from vehicles. They would also like to create a slope from the entrance to the Committee Room down to the car park to take out the steps. Cllr Acca was to discuss the works with Andy Love of Trinity Plant Hire in order for him to review his quote and Don was to arrange to have the scheme drawn up.

It had been suggested that the scheme should be the subject of public consultation when plans and costs were to hand. The Council supported this suggestion.

Youth Club major works. The Clerk presented a schedule for a future phase of improvement works including replacing the wall and ceiling in the entrance and circulation space, finish the re-fit of the kitchen, new floor covering for the main hall, refurbish the stage with possible new lighting and curtains, review the floor covering in the games room, re-stain the outside of the building. Cllr Mrs Beatty reported that representatives of LYPS supported these works. The Clerk was asked to take this forward.

Public toilets. The quotes for plumbing works in readiness for waterless urinals needed reviewing. The electrical test was due and decoration inside and out was also due. The Clerk was asked to put arrangements in hand in consultation with Cllr Acca.

Snow and Ice clearance. A revised proposal by DCC had been circulated, this included the offer to supply grit bins and provide 5 tons of salt free of charge with more at reduced cost if needed.

However, it was pointed out that this was still a DCC responsibility and that the Parish Council had nowhere to store salt. RESOLVED that the offer to fund three salt / grit bins at locations to be agreed, be accepted.

It was noted that the bin at the top of Wotton Lane needed to be moved into the Pound. Education in Lymstone. DCC Officers would be coming to the meeting on 5th September 2011 to explain education provision affecting Lymstone.

DALC Presentation. The Chairman of DALC had agreed that the presentation could be improved from now on.

Trees. Mr Tyrrell reported that the Tree Officer had not contacted him about The Rectory but they had met to discuss other matters and so The Rectory was brought up. The officer suggested that there was not a TPO until the damage was reported last year, but Mr Tyrrell had disputed this.

Cllr Atkins had spoken to the Officer. He felt that the present tenants were doing some work to help the trees and expected a further tree application in the future.

Station Hill. WPCSO Sarah had made contact with Network rail regarding the need for a 'STOP' sign and line at the bottom of Station Hill. Cllr Hughes later reported that DCC officers had also made a similar approach.

Polling Station. It was reported that the Polling Station had been in the Main Hall of the Village Hall this year, instead of in the Committee Room. This had given improved access. The Staff had been informed of the concern about the delay suffered by Mrs Tapscott and would be better prepared next time.

Diamond Jubilee Celebration It was AGREED that this should be added to the Action list.

76 Flower Beds in the Village

The Council considered the future of the flower beds as there were few volunteers to take on maintenance and watering would prove to be expensive. It was suggested that the use of shrubs rather than annuals would reduce the work and the need for water when they were established. It was also AGREED that a specification was needed to allow Mr Tyrrell to submit a price for watering. This could be used as a basis for budgeting and sponsorship.

Mr Tyrrell was thanked for the work he had carried out during this season.

77 Trees

Mr Tyrrell reported on various tree matters in the Parish.

The Rectory had already been discussed.

Candy's Field. The Oak tree was now clearly dead. He had spoken to some mothers who were very supportive of this being felled and used as a climbing frame. This would need further investigation. Cllr Atkins agreed to look into the insurance requirements for this.

The 'Jubilee' Oak should be saved if at all possible. It could be replanted in in Candy's Field to replace the dead oak but an after-care programme would be needed for at least five years.

The Avenue. The three new trees were clearly under great stress due to lack of care including watering and removal of the mud slurry that had been put around the base. The Clerk was asked to take this up with DCC.

Finally, he reminded the Council that consent for a Jubilee Beacon would be needed from the National Trust. The Clerk was asked to arrange this.

78 Grant applications

RESOLVED: that consideration of grant applications be deferred to 15th August 2011.

79 Business Items

Amenities: The new benches were now ready to go out. Cllr Acca would inspect the bus shelter by The Saddlers and arrange repairs

Environment: Barrage Bags. Cllr Eastley presented a sample barrage bag, which could be used to reduce water getting into buildings or to divert the flow. The Environment Agency had agreed to examine these to assess their usability.

Windfarm: Cllr Eastley made reference to the wind farm at Fullabrook, North Devon and the environmental problems this was causing for those living nearby. RESOLVED that this be considered at a future meeting.

Youth Club: Cllr Mrs Beatty reported that the Wii equipment was now in use and had resulted in a large increase in numbers attending. There was a request for more equipment for which funds were available. The Clerk was asked to pursue this quickly. The building would be open on Furry dance day to show people what was available.

80 Items raised by other Councillors

The traffic lights at The Saddlers were in need of repair. Cllr Garratt had reported this to DCC online.

Cllr Longhurst reported on a meeting with the Police and the Furry Dance Committee. The Police Events Manager reported that the Committee would need to put up road closure signs. There would be no parking on School Hill to allow access by the emergency services.

Burgmanns Hill would be coned to prevent parking as Avenue Field would be in use. Bigger and better signs would be displayed.

All the pubs and the sailing Club would have doormen.

Cllr Longhurst had met a resident of Feniton to discuss possible development by SLP. There were three applications for sites in their area. Hugo Swire MP would be holding an Open Meeting at 7.00pm on 28th July 2011 to hear the views of residents regarding the Courtlands application. He, the chairman and vice-chairman would be briefing him beforehand.

He also reported that the plinth outside the emergency exit to the main hall was now a serious trip hazard.

Cllr Atkins reported that the Sluice gate was in need of attention. Cllr Eastley agreed to contact the Environment Agency.

Chairman