

UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday May 8th 2024 at 7.30pm
Ugborough Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Fletcher (Chair), Beable, Cooper, Hart, Holway, Hosking, Johns, Nelson, Slater and Wells

Also present Cllrs Dan Thomas (DCC), Vic Abbott (SHDC) and Alison Dewynter (SHDC)

No members of the public were in attendance

Matters brought to Councillors' attention by the public since the last meeting:

Effect of the road closure at The Sign of the Owl Cross and particularly speeding traffic on Ware Hill – Cllr Fletcher has reported the matter to DCC and the police. Cllr Thomas to request additional clearer signage Light on the conduit – **Clerk to chase**

Report from County Councillor Dan Thomas

- Update on the Devolution Deal (see website) – Cllr Thomas outlined the reasons why he did not support the Deal
- Cllr Hart raised the matter of the damaged footpath in Bittaford Play Area due to water run-off from the road. Cllr Thomas is pursuing this matter with a DCC senior officer.

Report from South Hams District Councillors Vic Abbott and Alison Dewynter

- Update on the Freeport

MINUTES

2024 22 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr May

2024 23 Declarations of interest:

Cllrs Hosking and Slater declared a personal interest in the Ivybridge rugby club planning application [4260/23/FUL](#)

2024 24 In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1(2), it was agreed that agenda item 2024 36 would be taken with the public excluded for reasons of commercial and legal sensitivity.

2024 25 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th April 2024, as previously circulated, were agreed.

Matters arising:

1. Light on Conduit - **clerk to chase**
2. 30mph restriction on the approach to Ivybridge from Bittaford (B3213), David's Cross – this will be on the agenda for the June meeting. UPC could opt to pursue the matter (Any changes to the road signage here is against DCC policy) but it would have to go through a lengthy and expensive process and UPC would need to pick up the cost)
3. Road Warden Scheme – we have an expression of interest from someone to assist with the practical work but the parish needs someone to lead on the scheme
4. Visibility for motorists exiting Shute Lane and Green Lane onto the B3123 – following consultation with DCC there is little that can be done about this at present.
5. Excess wires at the base of telephone poles – the wire has been left in order to use for future work
6. Cleaning of path between Bittaford and Clay Factory - **Clerk to request cleaning from SHDC**

7. Drop-kerb on the pavement opposite Bittaford Village Hall – On DCC’s work schedule

2024 26 Planning

1. The following applications were considered:

a) [0173/24](#) Replacement of forecourt canopy and removal of canopy link at Carew Service Station, South Brent, TQ10 9ER

Support and a question whether consideration has been given to replacing the canopy between the shop and the pumps.

b) [1073/24/HHO](#) 16 Piper Way Filham PL21 0WP Householder application for erection of shed in the rear garden

Support

c) [3284/23/HHO](#) Cornerway, The Square, Ugborough, PL21 0NT Householder application for side wall repair and application of lime mortar (Retrospective)

Council object to the removal of the slates as it impacts the setting of a grade I listed building in a conservation area. Council support the use of the lime-based render but would like to see reclaimed slates re-instated on top of this to maintain the property in keeping with the village as per the neighbourhood plan. This would also add the benefit of extra waterproof protection.

d) [4260/23/FUL](#) Ivybridge Rugby Football Club Ugborough PL21 0LR Installation of floodlighting system to training pitch consisting of 4no LED floodlights fitted to 2no. new 15m columns

Support

e) (Application arrived after the publication of the agenda – to be ratified at the June meeting)

[0971/24/FUL](#) Venn Farm Ugborough PL21 0PE Provision of a replacement dwelling following Class Q approval (reference 3557/21/PDM)

Support

2. The following decisions made by SHDC and DNP were noted:

a) [0891/24/AGR](#) Agricultural Determination Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed general purpose agricultural building measuring 18.35mtrs (L) x 13.71mtrs (B) x 5.49mtrs height to ridge. J Smerdon & Co Combe Cross Farm. Ivybridge. PL21 0UP

Decision: Prior Approval Not Required

b) Moorhaven Church, 5 CHURCH LANE, IVYBRIDGE. PL21 0XW

Decision: Approved

c) 1014/24/NMM Valley View, Donkey Lane. Ugborough. PL21 0NE Non material minor amendment to planning consent 2659/22/HHO for the covered & screened area outside the rear door as approved to be enclosed as a boot room

Decision: Conditional Approval

2024 27 Ugborough West Update – see website

It was agreed that Council would request a meeting with the developers of the proposed Aldi – clerk to arrange.

Cllrs Abbott and Dewynter left the meeting at 9pm

2024 28 Finance and HR

1. The following payments were approved and receipts noted:

Detail	Gross	VAT	Net
HMRC	409.60		409.60
Scythe Cymru	52.00	8.67	43.33
Best at Print	78.00	13.00	65.00
DALC Sub	831.59	102.59	729.00
SW Ambulance Trust	4,560.00	760.00	3,800.00

2024 31 Climate Emergency and sustainable Ugborough

1. The motion to request SWW to carry out a precipitated water and foul water separation scheme in Ugborough at the earliest opportunity was agreed – clerk to action

2. Balsam Bashing update:

The Invasive Species Group has bought gloves and tools and arranged four balsam bashes, starting on Sunday May 12, but is still trying to make contact with the landowner of the Ludbrook valley fields.

2024 32 Asset Management

1. Bittaford Play Area Update

Work has been held up by the weather. Outstanding tasks include:

- repair to the closing mechanism on the gate
- removal of shelter and make-good of area
- repair of wall damaged by fallen tree
- investigation of water outlet pipe for the drain of the road

Cllr Hart and Clerk to meet with Contractor to agree a time-scale

2024 33 Communication Received

1. Concerns regarding Japanese Knot weed on the Ridge Road were noted – this has been recorded on the national register

2024 34 To receive reports on any meetings attended:

- Cllr Holway had attended the Sustainable South Hams Action Together day
- Cllr Beable had liaised with J Widdicombe (our lengthman) who continues to keep on top of roadside drains to prevent or reduce the impact of flooding and had informed road workers at The Sign of the Owl works about a drain there that had not been brought to their attention.

2024 35 Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 19th June. 7.30pm in Ugborough Village Hall

PART II

2024 36 School Field:

The draft lease between the Council and the school regarding the maintenance and use of the field was considered and various financial implications and respective responsibilities were discussed and agreed in principal pending further input from the school.

- **Clerk to request a site meeting for all councillors who are able to attend**

It was agreed to delegate finalisation of the lease to Cllrs Fletcher and Hosking

Meeting closed at 9.49pm