

UGBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 7.30pm
Ugborough Village Hall

MINUTES

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

Also present Cllr Dan Thomas (DCC) and SHDC Cllr Vic Abbott (SHDC)

Seven members of the public were in attendance

Questions from the public:

1. Concern was expressed by all the members of the public present regarding the noise nuisance of nearby barking dogs and the possibility that the dogs are distressed. One individual and the parish council have reported this matter to SHDC Environmental Health Services with no satisfactory outcome. **Cllr Abbott will liaise with Cllr Dewynter who is already pursuing the matter to consider further action.**
2. The hedge slippage on Fore Street – **clerk to contact landowner**
3. School Playing Field open to the public– a resident thanked the Council for achieving this in co-operation with the school
4. Richard Hosking introduced himself as the conservative candidate for the 2025 DCC local elections
5. Light on the conduit – **DCC Cllr Thomas will pursue**
6. The speed sign at Bittaford is not working – **Cllr Beable to investigate**
7. There is still water leaking onto the road at Fore Street – **clerk to report to SWW again.**

Report from DCC Councillor Dan Thomas

Matters from County Hall

A motion to ask the Chancellor to reconsider the level at which Winter Fuel Payments to pensioners are made was passed by all Councillors but one at County Hall last week. I take the view that while the payment should not be universal, the criterion (of being in receipt of pension credits) is problematic, as some 800,000 pensioners should be claiming the credits but are not doing so.

The Combined County Authority Deal is no longer necessarily guaranteed in its current iteration, as the new Government is asking Local Authorities to consider working across wider geographic areas. Tudor Evans, Leader of Plymouth City Council, has expressed fresh interest in a deal involving Plymouth, Devon, Cornwall and Torbay, uniting around 1.82 million residents and 74,500 businesses.

Report from SHDC Councillors Vic Abbott and Alison Dewynter (Apologies for absence)

For full report see the [website](#)

Summary:

- Polling station consultation
- Gambling consultation
- South Hams Festival
- Funding for cricket clubs
- Citizen's Advice South Hams are appealing for new board members

- Grants for charities and organisations that help to make transport accessible for disabled people
- Funding opportunity to support drop-in hubs that offer mental health support to young people aged 11-25
- Grants for projects that improve understanding of dementia
- Hidden homelessness survey
- Help shape adult education in the district

2024 76 Apologies for absence received from Cllr Jon May

2024 77 There were no declarations of pecuniary interest (Cllr Nelson declared a personal interest in planning application 0339/24)

2024 78 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th August 2024, as previously circulated, were agreed.

Matters arising:

1. Light on Conduit - Cllr Thomas to pursue
2. Biographies and photos for website – reminder to Councillors
3. Wrangaton Bus Shelter – The new shelter has been installed
4. Accessible access to the Post Office – in hand
5. Hedge slippage on Fore St – clerk to contact landowner
6. Water Leak on Fore Street – clerk to report to SWW again
7. 20mph update – it is hoped this will be completed before Christmas
8. Community Speedwatch – alternative locations have been agreed and training is being arranged

2024 79 Planning

1. The following applications were considered:

a) [1992/24/FUL](#) Brackenhill Glamping Ltd Ugborough PL21 0HQ Application for a single storey 41.25 square meter glamping lodge with 16.5 square meter decking area

Support

b) [1324/24/FUL](#) Turtley Corn Mill, South Brent, TQ10 9ES Alterations & extension into existing canopy area & side extension

Support

c) [0339/24](#) Mr Adrian Brown Single-storey side extension with a pitched roof, inclusive of a wrap around extension to the rear of the property with a flat roof Grove Villa, Bittaford, Ivybridge, Devon, PL21 0EA

Support

d) [0337/24](#) Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed development Stationing of three caravans (Turners Britannia Parks Ltd) Bittaford Wood Caravan Park , Bittaford, Ivybridge, PL21

UPC make the following comments:

1. The site licence gives consent for 55 homes and this cannot be exceeded
2. The licence stipulates that no mobile home or combustible structure should be within 3 metres of the boundary. This would be a breach of the 1960 Act.
3. The view of the parish council is that a mobile home is more in the nature of a residential site than a touring caravan site.
4. Previous application was refused with reference to Highways access.

UPC object to the addition of 3 homes due to the location of one on the boundary of the site. The Council has no objection to the addition of 2 homes (B and C on the plan)

2. The following decision made by DNP was noted:

a) 0287/24 Replacement of windows with double glazed units Horse And Groom.
Grant Conditionally

2024 80 Ugborough West Update

1. DCC had replied that in April 2025 when they are aware of the new budget they might be able to consider the installation of a shelter at Filham. It was agreed to pursue funding with Bloor again in the light of further development to the west of the estate that falls within Ivybridge Town Council boundary – **Cllr Abbott to pursue.**

2. It was noted that Plymouth City Bus has cut the 28 service to Ivybridge – **Cllr Wells is pursuing this**

2024 81 Finance and HR

1. The following payments were approved:

	Gross	VAT	Net
Clerk salary	562.10		562.10
DCC Pensions	203.75		203.75
Clerk expenses	63.48		63.48
Cutting Crew 1582	158.40	26.40	132.00
Cutting Crew 1583	72.00	12.00	60.00
PKF Littlejohn	252.00	42.00	210.00
OTM	54.00	9.00	45.00
Amazon Dog Sign	36.78	6.13	30.65
NBB Recycled Furniture (Ugborough Square Bench)	612.00	102.00	510.00
Modbury Parish Council (Stationery)	9.25		9.25
J Friend (Bittaford Play Area Drainage survey)	293.62	48.94	244.68

2. The reconciliation was noted and it was agreed to transfer £200 from the general reserves into the Bittaford and Ugborough Planters reserve.

TRANSACTIONS	
Lloyds Current Account (31 July)	£20,538.68
Less uncleared payments	2,317.38
Plus uncleared receipts	
Less Transfers not on Bank Statement	£0.00
Total	£18,221.30
CCLA Savings (End July)	£52,636.00
Total Funds	£70,857.30

RESERVES	
P.3 grant	891.98
Open Space / Sport and Recreation	16102.37
Bittaford Play Area	5000
TAP: Community Education	366
Dementia Awareness	150
Community Highway equipment	97
Community Lengthsman	0
Post office disabled access	112
Burial ground	4650
Climate Emergency Reserve	4881.06
Community Projects & Support*	7446
20 mph project	10000
Bittaford and Ugborough Planters	-18.68
Election	1627.56
Invasive species project	90.39
Total	51395.68

Total uncommitted funds	£19,461.62
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3. The external audit report was received and the “except for” matters noted. The clerk explained that the asset register had now been updated and that the payments sections on the AGAR would now be consistent with the regulations going forward.

2024 82 Highways and Public Footpaths update

Speed Limit on the B3213 approaching David’s Lane

It was agreed that UPC would request that the 30mph speed restriction be extended to the street light boundaries. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Dan Thomas for this matter to be taken to the HATOC committee and to discuss the merits of a petition to support the application.

2024 83 Asset Management

1. Bittaford Play Area

a) Tree survey in Bittaford Play Area - No quotes yet received. It was agreed to delegate to the clerk to source a supplier as soon as possible

b) The monthly inspection report was received and it was agreed to accept the quotation of £6428 + VAT from Outdoor Play to remedy the bulk of the issues raised in the inspection using monies agreed previously and allocated in the reserves.

2024 84 School Field update

The opening of the field for public use has been very well received and MPC thank everyone involved in making this happen.

2024 85 Communication received:

1. Rebecca Smith (Member of Parliament) had replied to our invitation to attend one of our meetings – she hopes to join us during Parliament Recess
2. We had received a suggestion that the golf club in Wrangaton be used as a Community Hub. Unfortunately this is privately owned and not something the Council can be involved with. **Clerk to chase the current status of the community hub / commercial space on the Sidings Cross development.**
3. Planning Application 2363/24/FUL (Aldi) - Response by PL:21 Transition Initiative was received

2024 86 To receive reports on any meetings attended

1. Cllr Beable had attended a police update webinar
2. The clerk had attended a training session on the proposed changes to the National Planning Framework.

2024 87 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th October, 7.30pm in Ugborough Village Hall.