

Ugborough Parish Council News from our April Meeting.

1 member of the public attended the meeting. Cllr Vic Abbott (DCC and SHDC) was present

Questions from the public:

- Concern was raised regarding the condition of the equipment in Ugborough Play Area. This play area is the responsibility of SHDC and **Cllr Abbott will raise the matter with the relevant department.**
- The tree in Ugborough Square is due to be replaced in the next few weeks

Reports from Devon County Council (DCC) and South Hams District Council (SHDC) Councillors:

Cllr Dan Thomas (DCC) had sent his apologies and we are pleased to note his support for recent efforts to review the speed restriction areas in Filham.

Cllr Alison DeWynter (SHDC) had sent her apologies – her report is available on the [website](#)
Summary:

- Fusion Lifestyle, the operator of SHDC Leisure Centres, has announced that it has gone into administration.
- [Crisis and Resilience Fund](#) – Support for Low-Income Households with heating oil costs

Cllr Vic Abbott (SHDC and DCC)

- detailed action taken by SHDC to secure the leisure facilities
- re-iterated that DCC would not be closing libraries but likely relying more on volunteers to staff them
- updated Council on efforts being made to alter the speed restriction area in Filham – this is a long and complicated process.

Planning

1. We discussed the following applications:

a) 0476/26/FUL and 0116/26/VAR Conversion of agricultural building to create a 9 bedroom hotel and variation of conditions to a previous application, Development Site At Sx 694 551 (Fowlescombe Farm), Ugborough.

We support these applications and welcome the extra employment being generated but we have expressed concern regarding the safety implications of vehicular access through the centre of the building and, in the light of the continuing congestion on the B3196 and the additional traffic that would be created, have posed the question whether the applicant could make any contribution towards widening the road at the remaining pinch points.

b) [0754/26/ADV](#) Advertisement Consent for non-illuminated, medium-sized billboard sign at Sx 687 582, South Brent

We objected to this application on the grounds that the sign is too large, the lettering too small to be visually effective and the sign is not within or near the geographical area of the development it is advertising at Newton Ferrers.

2. We had received seven notifications of decisions made by SHDC and Dartmoor National Park Authority – details of these are in the minutes on our website.

3. Appeal: Land at Duyvenbode Lodge, Ugborough

We agreed to comment on the appeal portal and re-iterate the concerns that we have had for several years regarding the development of the site and the impact the use of the buildings is having on the local community. UPC first brought the situation to the attention of SHDC in October 2021 and this would be included in the representation.

4. Lutterburn Farm Development – The application is being considered by The SHDC Development Management Committee on 16th April. Cllr Hosking will attend the site meeting with SHDC on 13th April.

Finance

1. We are pleased to grant fund £50 towards the flood lighting of the Church over the Christmas period from 1st December to Candlemas 2025.
2. We had received a query regarding the council tax increase – our clerk had replied with the detail of the budgeting process and the conversion of the 13% increase quoted on the Council Tax communication to the monetary sum of £4.58 per annum increase for the band D Council Tax payer (less for Bands A – C)

Highways, Parish Paths and Transport

1. We have received a request for street lighting to be installed at the junction between Lutterburn Street and Undertown. There are various options and potential significant costs to the council and so we have requested a site meeting with DCC before progressing this.
2. We continue to be concerned at the overgrowth and possible instability of the hedge on Ugborough Road, Bittaford and will be pursuing this matter further with DCC.
3. **Speed camera** update – The VAS camera is back up in Bittaford following maintenance done on the charging system. The batteries are being recharged for the Filham camera.

Assets and Maintenance

We have now received 3 quotes for replacement equipment and the repair of the path at Bittaford Play Area and look forward to progressing this project. We would like to have it completed in time for the school summer holidays but we are conscious that the grant funding process might delay this. Watch this space!

Date of next meetings: Wednesday 13th May 2026 in Ugborough Village Hall
7.00pm Annual Parish Assembly Meeting
7.30pm Annual Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 8.54pm