

Ugborough Parish Council News from our June Meeting.

No members of the public attended the meeting.

Questions from the Public and Matters Arising

1. A member of the public has reported that the hedge bordering the Church Yard in Ugborough is overgrown. Our clerk will confirm whether this is the responsibility of South Hams District Council who look after the grave yard and, if so, request that they do some maintenance on it.
2. Cllr May is communicating with DCC regarding the recent cutting of the verge and wildflowers on the B3213 from Bittaford to Filham during "No Mow May."
3. We would like to thank the School Playing Field Committee for providing and installing two new goals in the School Field public play area.
4. Our clerk is currently seeking permission from the management company for the Lucerne Fields Estate for us to purchase and install a new bench on one of the grass areas.
5. We are pleased to see that the hedge on Ugborough Road, Bittaford has been cut
6. The date for the autumn defibrillator training is being changed – new date to be confirmed

Reports from Devon County Council and South Hams District Council Councillors

Cllrs Dan Thomas (DCC), Alison DeWynter (SHDC) and Vic Abbott (DCC and SHDC) had sent their apologies. The report from Cllr Thomas is available on our website.

Planning

We considered 3 planning applications:

a) Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of building as C3 dwelling, Newbrook, Ugborough

Our response to SHDC: Council is unable to provide evidence to support or refute the claim but believe the property has been lived in for a period of time. Council request that SHDC check all building regulations have been complied with.

b) Trees (TPO): 5 Moor Park, Moorhaven.

We supported the application to carry out works to tree(s) at 5 Moor Park, Moorhaven, protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

c) Application for modification of Section 106 Agreement. Lutterburn Farm, Lutterburn Street, Ugborough.

Our response to SHDC: Object. Council support compliance with the original condition regarding the provision of affordable housing and proposes that the developer adjusts the asking price of the properties to reflect the affordable housing market in this area. Council also request that improvement is made to the advertising of the affordable plots.

Finance

We are happy to fund up to £100 for the planting around the Ugborough War Memorial from the Community Projects and Support reserve.

As advised by our internal auditor we now have a grant funding policy which can be found on our website. If anyone wishes to apply for grant funding from us please use the application form on the website or email our clerk and request a word version of the form.

Assets and Maintenance

The grant application submitted for S106 funding towards the refurbishment of Bittaford Play Area is progressing through the system. Meantime we have decided to proceed with the hedge and footpath maintenance work. As soon as we know the dates the work will take place we will post on social media – we hope there will be as little disruption as possible.

We still hope to have the play equipment installed in time for the school summer holidays but do need to wait for confirmation of the grant.

Date of next meetings:

1. Wednesday 8th July, 7.30pm in Ugborough Village Hall
2. Wednesday 19th August, 7.30pm in Ugborough Village Hall