

UPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Upham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd January, 2017 in Upham Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Ashe (Chairman), Cllr Dukes, Cllr LeMay and Cllr Flaherty.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Ruffell, Mrs Anne Collins (Clerk) and 2 parishioners.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Dunford, County Councillor Humby and District Councillor Thacker.
2. **The Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 28th November, 2018 and Monday 19th December, 2016 were agreed and signed.**
3. **Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct.** Cllr Flaherty declared an Interest in item 9.2.1 as she lives near to the property being discussed.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1 Highways Report – Cllr Flaherty/Cllr Dukes. Cllr Dukes reported that a Meeting has been held with Doug Jones to look into traffic calming up through the village and measures to reduce the speed on the main road in the hope that we can achieve a 30 mph speed limit. The SDNP have recommendations in place and it was suggested that we consult with Ben Hamilton-Baillie. Cllr Dukes is trying to find out the most cost effective way of holding this consultation. It was agreed that the Highways Group from OVOV should also get involved. The Clerk has reported a large pot hole in Upham Street to HCC. Cllr Flaherty said that the gritter does not travel along Queens Street, Shoe Lane or the Woodcote area. The Clerk will ask if these roads could be included in the gritting route as they do get icy. Clerk also reported that the drains and gullies in Upham Street are due to be jetted in January by HCC.
 - 4.2 Community Defibrillator has been ordered. Clerk put in the order just before Christmas.
 - 4.3 Section 106 funds for Upham. Clerk read out the response from Tim Slaney. It does explain that the SDNP has not yet adopted CIL, but the Section 106 money should have been collected. It appears that Upham has been caught in the middle and Councillors agreed that DC Thacker be asked to take up our case with SDNP and ask that some funds are given to Upham for the Section 106.
 - 4.4 Update from ADD Group – Cllr Ashe/Cllr LeMay. Cllr Ashe said that the Meeting held in December in Hedge End was well attended and the Committee agreed to see all the evidence before making a decision on the sites to be used. However, this was not what was reported in the press and a further Statement was requested. EBC did produce a further Statement. There are proposals for 250 homes at Pembers Hill Farm and this will be discussed at a Meeting at Stoke Park Junior School on Wednesday 25th January. Cllr Ashe will speak on behalf of UPC.
 - 4.5 Progress of Upham Emergency Plan – Cllr Flaherty reported that 90 response have been received. A Draft Plan will be drawn up shortly. A parishioner present asked about insurance cover if a resident is helping with a task during an emergency. Clerk will check with the Parish Council Insurance Company and also contact the Emergency Planning Officer at HCC.
 - 4.6 Report on Southern Parishes Meeting (23.1.17). Cllr Ashe and the Clerk attended the Meeting. The main items discussed included preparing a Constitution for the Group so that we had more power when representing the Group and CC Humby spoke to the Group about fly-tipping, recycling centres and updates on the Botley By-pass. The draft for the Constitution will be circulated to Councillors and discussed at our February Meeting so that the views of UPC can be taken to the next Southern Parishes Meeting in March.
 - 4.7 Village noticeboards. One noticeboard has been erected outside of Upham Recreation Ground and the one along

the Winchester Road will be put up as soon as Mike comes back from holiday. He will be getting 4 keys cut. Cllr Ashe was concerned that the steel at the back of the noticeboard was not painted so it could rust. Clerk will ask Mike to paint the steel.

- 4.8 Meeting with Tree Surgeon – Cllr LeMay said that although she had arranged a Meeting it had to be cancelled as the Tree Surgeon was ill. She hopes to arrange a further Meeting shortly.
 - 4.9 BT telephone kiosk has now been removed along the Winchester Road.
 - 4.10 Dumping of rubbish at Meadow View – Clerk reported that a new Senior Enforcement Officer has now taken up this case and will make a visit this week. Once he has assessed the situation he will inform the Clerk of his findings and what action can be taken.
 - 4.11 WDAPC AGM 6.12.16 Report. Cllr Ashe and the Clerk attended the Meeting. The main item was the Election of Officers for the 2017 year. The Eastleigh Borough Council plans were also discussed.
 - 4.12 Explanation of Revised Legal Agreement for Section 106 Agreement for Torbay Farm development. Clerk read out the explanation of why the Agreement needed to be revised. It was because there was a change of housing provider for the affordable homes. The Agreement needed to comply with their legal requirements. Councillors were happy to now sign the Agreement. Clerk will inform WCC Legal Team.
- 5. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman.** There were 2 members of the Public present. One parishioner wanted to ask about fly-tipping in Hatchley Lane – which appears to be dumped after 3.00 a.m., poaching across his fields during the evenings – which the Police are aware of, and motorbikes racing down Popes Lane and Hatchley Lane. Councillors agreed that these problems are all out of our control and really a Police matter. However it was felt that residents should keep vigilant and report anything that is unusual or suspicious in their area.
- 6. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety:**
- 6.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report. It was reported that there has been a break-in in Mortimers Lane and bikes have been stolen in Upham. A resident also had some gates angle-grided off and stolen in Upham. Clerk will put a note in the Report asking residents to watch out for any abnormal behaviour or suspicious characters around the village.
- 7. City and County Reports:**
- 7.1 HCC – CC R Humby. There was no Report available.
 - 7.2 WCC – DC L Ruffell and DC A Thacker. The District Councillors’ report was given by DC Ruffell. He started the Report by saying that there have been some changes at WCC. Simon Eden has resigned and a new Chief Executive has been appointed – Laura Taylor. Stephen Godfrey the Leader of WCC has also resigned and Caroline Horrill is now Leader. DC Ruffell then explained how 2 prosecutions have taken place to catch fly-tipping offenders. The result is that these offenders have had to pay thousands of pounds for their offences. Councillors were pleased that WCC are taking these criminals to court. It is hoped that this will send out a clear message to people who might think about fly-tipping. DC Ruffell also said about the Mayor of Winchester Awards nominations and the Air Quality in Winchester.
 - 7.3 SDNP – DC A Thacker. There was no Report available.
- 8. Correspondence:**
- 8.1 Home-Start Meon Valley. Letter asking for a donation. Councillors agreed that a £100 donation would be given this year. Cllr Ashe made the proposal and Cllr LeMay seconded. All Councillors present were in agreement. Clerk will send a cheque.
 - 8.2 Donation received towards Defibrillator Fund. Clerk has received a further £30 donation towards the Defibrillator.
 - 8.3 EBC Statement clarifying decision made at full Council Meeting on 15th December, 2016. Due to the mis-quoting

in the media about the Meeting a Statement was asked for by UPC quoting a more accurate account of the Meeting. Clerk read out a Statement from EBC stating that no decisions have been made on the Options B and C yet for the EBC plans.

- 8.4 Footpaths priority cutting for 2017. Recommendation by Footpaths Officer. Clerk read out the recommendations which have been sent to HCC for consideration. Clerk will also apply for Parish Lengthsman Funding for 2017 as this has worked well with Steve Comley cutting some of the footpaths in Upham. Paul Swanwick has checked the footpaths and reports any defects. At the moment they all appear clear.
- 8.5 E-mail from resident regarding 2 issues in Sciviers Lane. A resident is concerned about the cars parking at the end of Sciviers Lane near to the junction as vehicles cannot get off the main road. Councillors agreed that this is a problem and will only get worse when the Torbay Farm development is occupied. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the business owner informing him of the problem and also write to HCC Highways to see if they can make any suggestions. The owner of the business will also be asked to stop parking on the grass area opposite his business as the area is getting churned up.
- 8.6 WCC Parish Connect – January, 2017. Forwarded via e-mail. This was noted.
- 8.7 OVOV Joint Meeting with PC. The Group have suggested coming to our next Meeting on 27th February. Councillors agreed that this would be a good idea, provided there is not a long Agenda of items to cover.

9. Planning:

9.1 PENDING:

- 9.1.1 (SDNP/16/05828/HOUS). Woodcote Farmhouse, Woodcote Farm Lane, Upham. Demolition of existing flat roofed two storey side addition and construction of new two storey side addition on similar footprint with pitched roof.
- 9.1.2 (SDNP/16/05423/PRE). Meadow View, Winchester Road, Upham. Erection of 6 no. dwellings and offices with associated access, car parking and landscaping.
- 9.1.3 (SDNP/16/06042/LIS). West Hall, Upham Street, Upham. Alterations to fireplace surrounds in Siting Room, Reception Hall and Drawing Room.
- 9.1.4 (16/02940/FUL). Land adjacent to The Big Muddy Farm, Alma Lane, Upham. Proposed Hay Barn.
- 9.1.5 (SDNP/16/05147/ADV). The Alma Inn, Alma Lane, Upham. Erection of replacement illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building. Amended plans have been sent.
- 9.1.6 (SDNP/16/05827/FUL). Victoria Villa, Winchester Road, Upham. Construction of 2 x 3 bed dwellings with associated car parking and access from Upham Street.

9.2 NEW:

As Cllr Flaherty make a Declaration of Interest she left the room at this point.

- 9.2.1 (SDNP/16/05758/FUL). Freshfields, Upham Street, Upham. Demolition of existing detached dwelling and erection of new detached dwelling. Clerk circulated 3 letters of objection which had been received. Councillors agreed that an Objection would be made to this application as it would have a harmful effect on the street scene, it is visible from the footpath, the building is too prominent in a conservation area, it has an adverse effect on Upton Cottage as the proposed dwelling is higher, and the materials proposed are not in keeping with other properties in Upham, especially the metal roof. Although Parish Councillors agree that a replacement dwelling might be necessary in this instance, they would like to see a dwelling that is in keeping with the surrounding properties in height, size and scale and materials used as suggested in the Upham Village Design Statement.

Cllr Flaherty was asked to come back into the room.

9.3 DECISIONS:

9.3.1 (SDNP/16/05617/FUL). 1 Elm Crescent, Upham. Erection of 1 no. dwelling. **Refused.**

10. Recreation and Amenities:

10.1 Pavilion Sub Committee – Next Meeting on 7th February, 2017.

10.2 Play Area Inspection for 2017. Councillors agreed to ask WCC to carry out the Inspection if Cllr Ashe was not able to find an alternative contact.

11. Upham Primary School: There was no Report available.

12. The Village Hall: There was no Report available. Clerk asked whose responsibility it was for the ditch outside of the Hall boundary as it needs digging out as drains and gullies are getting blocked from Mortimers Lane/Winchester Road which is causing flooding on the road. Clerk will ask the Hall Chairman and HCC for advice.

13. Parish Magazine Report: Clerk will submit.

14. Finance:

14.1 Financial reports for December, 2016 and January, 2017 (circulated).

14.2 Predicted Budget for 2017-18. Cllr Armstrong was not able to attend the Meeting but will prepare a Predicted Budget for the February Meeting.

15. Items for Future Consideration at next Meeting:

15.1 Councillors agreed to include the Joint OVOV/PCC Meeting and agree the Constitution for the Southern Parishes Group.

16. Dates of Future Meetings: Monday 27th February, 2017; Monday 27th March, 2017, Monday 24th April, 2017; Monday 15th May, 2017; Monday 26th June, 2017; Monday 24th July, 2017; No August Meeting; Monday 25th September, 2017; Monday 23rd October, 2017; Monday 27th November, 2017; No December Meeting.

17. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.45 p.m.