

# UPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## The Minutes of Upham Parish Council held on Monday 23rd February, 2015 in Upham Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr Judd (Chairperson), Cllr Beloe, Cllr Ashe, Cllr Harris and Cllr Green.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs A Collins (Clerk), and 5 parishioners.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from County/District Councillor Humby, District Councillor Ruffell who had to attend another Meeting, Cllr Dunford, and Tim Garlick (NHW).
2. **The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 were signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.**
3. **Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct.** Cllr Ashe declared an Interest in Item 9.2.2 as he had previously been employed by Upham Brewery. Cllr Judd also declared an Interest in this item.
4. **Matters Arising:**
  - 4.1 Arrange Meeting with Parish Plan Team and agree Community Assets. Clerk asked for dates which Councillors were able to meet with the Parish Plan Team. It was felt that a Tuesday evening might be best, but Clerk will circulate dates and see when most are able to attend. Gwyn reported that OVOV tried to register the Post Office and Shop in Lower Upham as a village asset, but because there were not enough members registered under their Constitution they asked if the Parish Council could register the village assets, including the Shop. Parish Councillors agreed that the Community Assets shown in the Parish Plan Consultation should be registered. The main Assets were the Shop and Post Office, the 3 Public Houses, the Recreation Ground and the Church. All these Assets had rated high. Other Assets were also shown, but these will be considered at a later date. Councillors agreed that the Shop would be the first application to be put in, and then the Recreation Ground, Church and the 3 Public Houses.
  - 4.2 Highways Meeting with CC Humby, Cllr Ashe and Highways Group. Clerk has asked CC Humby for dates which he is available, but no date has been agreed yet. CC Humby has been busy, but a date will be arranged as soon as possible.
  - 4.3 Meeting with land owner re mud on the road. A Meeting has not been arranged yet. Clerk will write to Malcolm LeMay to invite him to a Meeting and also suggest that perhaps some signage is needed at the Recreation Ground footpaths for horse riders as there is more use by riders on these paths.
  - 4.4 Planting around bus stop and shop area. Clerk read out an e-mail stating that the parishioner no longer wished to move the project forward.
  - 4.5 New road layout sign removal – CC Humby to report. No response has been received.
  - 4.6 Torbay Farm planning application – School catchment area update. No further update.
  - 4.7 Update on Broadband – CC Humby informed the Clerk that he is attending a Member Briefing on Broadband on 25<sup>th</sup> March so he will be able to update Councillors after this Meeting.
  - 4.8 Community Defibrillator for Upham – update on Grant, donations and fund raising. Clerk reported that a County Councillor Grant of £500 has been received and a personal donation of £100. Cllr Harris and Cllr Green are organising a Fun Run to try and raise some funds. A Grant may also be applied for from BW Rotary Club.

4.9 Footpaths Maps have been ordered. HCC will be printing these shortly.

4.10 Update on Avian Flu at local chicken farm in Upham. During the past month a case of Avian Flu was reported at a chicken Farm in Big Path, Upham. The Emergency Planning Team, Defra and the Animal Health Teams were all involved. The area was closed along with footpaths in Upham, but everywhere is now open.

**5. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman.** Members of the public were present to voice their concerns about a Planning Application in Eastleigh Borough Council area for dog kennels for up to 30 dogs at Newdeeps Farm, Winchester Road. This will be discussed under Item 9.2.3 below.

**6. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety:**

6.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report. There was nothing to report.

**7. Correspondence:**

7.1 Electoral Review of Winchester – Draft Recommendations. Councillors agreed that a response should be made again, but this time to the Local Government Boundary Commission. WCC has recommended that Upham be placed in a Ward with Durley and Bishops Waltham. Councillors agreed that they still believe that the smaller parishes should continue to stay in one Ward and not be put in with a larger parish just to make the numbers work. Larger and smaller parishes do not have the same problems or issues to deal with most of the time.

7.2 Connecting communities on Streetlife. This was noted.

7.3 E-mail from HALC. Clerk read out the letter which outlines the value of the HALC membership and what services are provided for its members.

7.4 A letter was received from HARAH outlining the work that they do to provide affordable homes.

7.5 An e-mail was read out about potential dangerous trees in the White Hill area. Clerk has already asked the Tree Officer to visit and give his expert opinion.

7.6 Highways Maintenance Newsletter 2015 – January. This was forwarded via e-mail to Councillors.

7.7 HCC Workshop for the future of Economy, Transport and Environment Services on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. in Winchester. Any Councillor who wishes to attend will inform the Clerk so that their name can be put forward.

**8. City and County Reports:**

8.1 HCC - CC R. Humby. No Report was available.

8.2 WCC – DC R Humby and DC L Ruffell. No Reports were available.

**9. Planning:**

9.1 PENDING:

9.1.1 (SDNP/14/03794/FUL). Lower Preshaw Farm, Preshaw, Upham. Demolition of portal-framed

agricultural barn and link between timber-framed barn and flint stable and erection of replacement link, conversion of timber barn and flint stable to form 1 no. four bedroom dwelling, conversion of office building to form 1 no. one bedroom dwelling with landscaping and associated works.

9.1.2 (SDNP/14/04806/FUL). Meadow View, Winchester Road, Upham. Demolition of existing bungalow and redevelopment comprising of 2 no. three bedroom and 1 no. four bedroom dwellings.

9.1.3 (SDNP/14/05376/FUL). Herdsman Cottage, Woodcote Farm Lane, Upham. Replacement dwelling, including landscaping, parking and other associated works.

## 9.2 NEW:

9.2.1 (14/02394/FUL). Woodley Farm, Alma Lane, Upham. (RESUBMISSION) Siting of a mobile home (RETROSPECTIVE). Councillors agreed that they would send the same objection as the previous application which was that there are too many mobile homes appearing in Alma Lane which affects the character of a rural lane and landscape.

9.2.2 (SDNP/14/06338/FUL). The Upham Brewery, Stakes Farm, Cross Lane, Upham. New bespoke brewery building with offices and a visitor centre; associated parking for brewery and visitors. Although this application is in Bishops Waltham parish it was considered important for Upham to comment. Councillors agreed that an objection would be sent as the proposed development sits in the middle of an important gap between Upham and Bishops Waltham and it forms the boundary and gateway of the SDNP. The whole building would be intrusive and in this location would be a travesty, especially as there is a suitable site that is barely 300m away on a brownfield site with B2 use of a comparable size to the application site. Clerk will send in an objection expanding on the above comments.

9.2.3 Many residents attended the Meeting to raise their objections to a Planning Application in Fair Oak parish for dog kennels to home up to 30 dogs at Newdeeps Farm, Winchester Road, Upham. Councillors agreed that an objection should be sent as the noise would be for 365 days of the year and all hours of the day and night so it would be almost unbearable for residents, the traffic would be coming onto the site via a busy dangerous stretch of road, and if granted it would spoil the quality of life for residents who live near to the site. Tranquillity was a popular community asset in the Upham Parish Plan and Councillors would wish to protect this. A Tranquillity Map showing the area produced by the SDNP will be included in the objection. Councillors agreed that this development was more in a back garden than a Farm and any kind of flood lighting would not be acceptable in this rural area. Councillors were also concerned that they were not informed about this application by either Eastleigh Borough Council or WCC, even though it appears that WCC were informed. There is a duty to collaborate with adjoining parishes and this clearly did not happen in this case.

## 9.3 DECISIONS:

9.3.1(SDNP/14/06247/HOUS. Holm House, Church Street, Upham. Single storey side extension to existing dwelling. **Approved.**

9.3.2 Appeal against WCC for an Extension to existing garage and conversion of ground and first floor to provide extended log store and single bedroom annexe at The Old Farmhouse, Preshaw, Upham. **Planning Application not required.**

## **10. Recreation and Amenities:**

10.1 Hiring of Pavilion. Councillors discussed whether the Pavilion should be available for hire for parties and other functions. It was agreed that young children's birthday parties and village events would be considered on their merit by the Parish Council. It is not intended to have large parties or to take

bookings away from the Village Hall. Cllr Ashe has asked the Village Hall Committee and they are happy with this arrangement. The cost of hiring the small room at the Village Hall is £5.35 per hour and it was considered that this could be the sort of hire charge we would be looking at for the Pavilion hire charge. A Pavilion Meeting is being held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March so this will be discussed with the Football Club.

10.2 Memorial seat for David Plumb will arrive in April. Clerk will check if Peter can use the tools from BW to grind off the 8 bars which need to be taken off the remainder of the old seat.

10.3 Pavilion Meeting – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

**11. Upham Primary School:** Cllr Harris reported that a new oil tank has been fitted.

**12. The Village Hall:** Cllr Ashe reported that he informed the Committee about the Community Defibrillator which may be sited outside of the Hall. He also asked about the possible bookings at the pavilion for young children's birthday parties and informed the Committee that the Parish Council will be registering the Village Hall as a Community Asset in the near future as suggested in the Upham Parish Plan.

**13. Parish Magazine Report:** Clerk will submit.

**14. Finance:**

14.1 Financial report for February, 2015 (circulated).

**15. Items for Future Consideration at next Meeting:**

5.1 Cllr Judd thanked Councillors for the plant that was given to her when she was unwell recently. Councillors were pleased that she was feeling better and able to attend Meetings again.

5.2 Cllr Green said that the Village Pond needed a clean-up before the plants started growing again. Cllr Ashe and Cllr Green will do this.

5.3 Cllr Beloe said that he might not be able to attend the next Parish Council Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**16. Dates of Future Meetings:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015; Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 (APM & PC); Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2015; Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015; Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2015; Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2015; Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2015; Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

**17. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10 p.m.**