

UPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Upham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th October, 2016 in Upham Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Humby, District Councillor Thacker, Mrs Anne Collins (Clerk) and 4 parishioners.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from DC Ruffell and Tim Garlick (NHW).
2. **The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 26th September, 2016 were agreed and signed.**
3. **Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct:** Cllr Ashe declared that he does carry out work in his practice with Bargate and other developers.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1 Highways Report – Cllr Flaherty/Cllr Dukes. Cllr Flaherty reported that the triangle in Shoe Lane has not been completed yet. Lorries are still travelling down Popes Lane. CC Humby said that he is waiting for planning guidance. The Newlands Farm manhole is still exposed – Clerk will report this again. The 30 mph signs are getting overgrown in places. Clerk will ask Peter if he can cut back any overhanging debris and perhaps clean the signs. Cllr Ashe asked how we can slow the traffic down to achieve a 30 mph speed limit along the Winchester Road. Hopefully information will be on the HCC website soon which might be useful. Gravel is still washing down Bigpath onto the road. Clerk will ask if HCC can sweep this up. Cllr Dukes asked about the 20 mph speed limit outside of Upham Primary School. CC Humby said that the Pilot Scheme has now ended. Clerk has received an enquiry asking why Sciviers Lane is being closed for 2 days this week. HCC have confirmed that SSE are doing work for those 2 days. The stinging nettles have been cut back by Peter alongside Slash Pond. Clerk said that she has received an e-mail asking if Councillors would meet with the OVOV Highways Group to discuss village gateway signs for the Winchester Road. Councillors agreed that we should have a Joint Meeting soon with OVOV so this would be a good time to discuss these signs. CC Humby said that information regarding highways works like gateway signs should be up on the HCC website soon.
 - 4.2 Funding for 3rd Community Defibrillator. The Organisers of the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations have agreed that the money which was made could go into the Defibrillator Fund. This now makes a total of £698.31. Clerk suggested applying for a CC Grant to cover the remainder of the cost. Councillors agreed that this would be a good idea as we had not used our CC Grant yet this year.
 - 4.3 Section 106 funds for Upham from 1a South Front, Winchester Road. Clerk read out a response from SDNP. It appears that some Planning Applications in Upham were agreed when the change-over took place from Section 106 money to CIL Funding and also when the SDNP took over Applications from WCC. Legislation also changed during this period. CC Humby suggested writing to Simon Finch at WCC. DC Thacker has also investigated with the SDNP and came to the same conclusion.
 - 4.4 Update from ADD Group and Public Meeting held on 29.9.16 – Cllr Ashe/Cllr LeMay. The Public Meeting went very well and the Parish Council was complimented on the way it was run. It was an informative evening and appreciated by residents who attended. Many residents have contributed to the Fundraising effort and have offered to help. Cllr LeMay said that there is a Meeting this week in Bishopstoke. It is hoped that the next decision to be made will be at the beginning of December. Cllr Ashe reported that HCC will be leading the process for the highways, however CC Humby said that HCC will do further highways work when a preferred option is agreed.
 - 4.5 Compiling an Emergency Plan for Upham – Cllr Flaherty and Cllr Armstrong have prepared a letter and a form to residents informing them of the Emergency Plan and asking for details of those residents who would be willing to help and also if anyone needs help during an emergency situation.

- 4.6 Elderly persons sign outside of Hoyle Close. Clerk read out a response from Steve Tilbury and it appears that WCC will not put the signs up as requested. Clerk will write to the elderly residents stating this. Councillors were disappointed at this response from WCC and the Clerk was asked to write and express our disappointment.
- 4.7 Parish Lengthsman – HCC Scheme. Meeting with Steve Comley. Cllr LeMay/Clerk. In the Meeting which was attended by Cllr LeMay, the Clerk, Steve Comley and Paul Swanwick (Footpaths Officer) it was agreed which footpaths would take priority. Steve will give monthly timesheets to the Clerk so that they can be sent to HCC.
- 4.8 Public Consultation on Meadow View. Clerk has written to the developer asking them if they would be willing to pay for the Parish Council to carry out a Consultation with all Upham residents as the Exhibition they arranged on 21.9.16 only attracted around 20 residents, and of these 20 residents there were marginally more who would like to see industrial use on the site. It would be in the developer's interest to pay for a Parish Council Consultation otherwise the Parish Council would not be able to support such a Scheme on the information gained to date. The notes that were taken by Parish Councillors at the Consultation carried out by WYG were that 20 residents attended, most wanted industrial, but would prefer nothing. Concerns expressed were drainage/storage of water, plans show tank in the middle of the houses and draining into opposite field, traffic access road would not cope, worries about the natural stream which seems to have been tampered with, mud has been tipped into the stream, rubbish is being tipped onto the site, along with rubbish being brought onto the site and dumped, some residents were told that industrial plans had been agreed, also that the industrial units were single storey but plans show double large offices, some neighbours will be overlooked, the houses will border on new development and some residents did not like the design of the houses. Clerk read out an e-mail from Steve Opacic – the Head of Strategic Planning at WCC and he states that “An applicant may try to claim that there is clear community support for housing (under MTRA3) or that the criteria in LPP1 Policy CP9 (that could allow for loss of employment) have been met. However, as with Torbay Farm, I think we would put a lot of store by what the Parish Council thought, as the elected representatives of the local community. Indeed, the initiative to show clear community support should really come from the community not a developer so I think they would have difficulty showing this unless any support was “clear” (implying much more than 50%) and included Parish Council Support”. Parish Councillors agreed that they were not able to support this application as there was not enough evidence of clear public support from the parish.
- 4.9 Activities at Upham Airfield. Cllr Dukes said that it appears that the route pilots need to take at the moment has changed due to the air space available. Cllr Flaherty said she has spoken to someone who works at the Southampton Airport and that Airport is busier at the moment due to the summer holidays etc. The residents living near Upham Airfield will keep the situation monitored and if required the owners of the Airfield will be contacted.
- 4.10 Report on Planning Coach Tour (7.10.16) – Cllr Armstrong/Cllr Dukes. Both Councillors enjoyed the Tour and agreed it was interesting visiting recent developments in Winchester, Colden Common and Wickham. Although the Tour was useful Councillors would have appreciated the chance to talk to Planning Officers more about the way in which they make decisions. Apparently there is a Seminar planned in the New Year for Parish Councils to attend.
- 4.11 Report on Southern Parishes Meeting (24.10.16) – Cllr Dunford/Cllr Ashe/Clerk. At the start of the Meeting everyone was introduced to CSO Michael Thomas who is a Community Support Officer for Bishops Waltham. Although he has spare capacity at the moment and BW are willing to “hire” him out to other parishes it was felt that Upham did not require such an Officer at the moment. Cllr Keith House (EBC) was introduced and able to outline the EBC Local Plan Options and answer questions from Councillors about the various Options for the Local Plan. He said that 650 new homes were needed each year from 2011 to 2034. 2 new secondary schools are also needed along with transport schemes. Questions were asked by Councillors on the Allbrook link road, Sundays Hill Bypass, volume of traffic, Chickenhall link road, North Bishopstoke relief road, new motorway junction and a new railway station at Allington. The Botley By Pass was also discussed. A request from the BW Town Team asked if neighbouring parishes would participate in an activity/competition.

5. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman.

- 5.1 A resident reported that a ditch was dug by HCC outside of his property and the flooding situation eased, but now part of the ditch has been filled in again he fears that the flooding will return. He will send the Clerk photographs and further information and this will be forwarded onto CC Humby who will ask HCC for advice.

5.2 Michael Pearce apologised for not completing the village noticeboards, but they are now nearly finished. He asked Councillors about the size of the wording. Councillors agreed the lettering which will be put on the top of the noticeboards.

5.3 A resident reported that the Stakes Lane sign off the Winchester Road is down and needs to be reinstated.

6. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety:

6.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report. Tim Garlick sent a report to the Clerk saying that the theft of garden furniture and ornaments has been the main issue recently. A Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator is still required for the Sciviers Lane end of the village. He is hoping to put a NHW Update in the next Upham Update.

7. City and County Reports:

7.1 HCC – CC R Humby. CC Humby reported that a culvert under Sciviers Lane to the Pig Farm will be up-sized to take more water and hopefully ease the flooding in this area. CC Humby spoke in depth about the Household Waste charges in Hampshire and the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign. Cllr Dunford asked about the charges and said that residents do not know how the charges work and what they can take to the Recycling Centres. Councillors agreed that this would be a good item to put onto the Upham Update as information for residents.

7.2 WCC – DC L Ruffell and DC A Thacker. DC Thacker reported that parking in Winchester at Christmas is going to be re-arranged so that more parking is available for visitors. Parking Marshalls will be in operation, HCC and WCC staff will be parking outside of the City and the Park and Ride will have extended hours.

7.3 SDNP – DC A Thacker. DC Thacker said that she has met with Sarah Nelson and discussed the EBC plans. Sarah has asked for a specific transport plan of this area, but has not received one to date. DC Thacker will keep Parish Councillors informed of where the SDNP stand on the EBC plans.

8. Correspondence:

8.1 The Meon Valley – Our Digital Future (8.11.16). Cllr Ashe is going to telephone the organiser and hopefully attend this Event. As this is a problem for many surrounding rural villages a further Meeting could be held with adjoining Parish Councils at a later date.

8.2 Response from Fountain View re verge outside of property. Clerk read out a response saying that lorries keep going over the grass verge outside of Fountain View so this is a Highways issue.

8.3 WCC Parish Connect – October, 2016. This was noted.

8.4 Parking outside of Upham Primary School. A complaint was received from a resident who needed an ambulance for their child and the ambulance could not get past Upham Primary School due to inconsiderate parking. Clerk sent an e-mail to David Woolley who took immediate action and wrote a strong letter to parents. He is going to keep the situation monitored and take further action with the Police if required. CC Humby had also received a telephone call so he has been in touch with the Schools Officer who has also responded to the School. Councillors complimented the Headteacher for his swift action and support.

8.5 Agree response to the 2017-18 Local Government Finance Settlement – Technical Consultation Paper. Cllr Armstrong and the Clerk have looked at this Paper and Councillors agreed that as it does not affect Upham at the moment because our Precept is under £500,000 we would not send in a response.

8.6 Clerk has received an e-mail enquiry about a proposal for 2 houses in the garden of Victoria Villa, Winchester Road. No plans have yet been received by the Parish Council.

8.7 Cllr LeMay was concerned about the trees around the Village Pond as the roots are damaging the wall surrounding her property. It was agreed to ask WCC Tree Officer for advice. Cllr LeMay and Cllr Ashe are willing to meet the Tree Officer. Clerk will arrange a Meeting.

9. Planning:

9.1 PENDING:

9.1.1 (SDNP/15/06295/HOUS) – Westland House, Winchester Road, Upham. Enclosure building for existing swimming pool.

9.1.2 An Appeal has been lodged by Mrs Clare Kempster against the Refusal for the Siting of a mobile home – (Retrospective) at Woodley Farm, Alma Lane, Upham.

9.2 NEW:

9.3 DECISIONS:

9.3.1 (SDNP/16/03645/LIS) – Lower Preshaw Farm, Lower Preshaw Lane, Upham. Demolition of portal-framed agricultural barn; Demolition of existing link between listed timber-framed barn and unlisted flint stable and erection of replacement link; conversion of listed timber barn and unlisted flint stable to form 1 no. 4 bed dwelling; creation of 6 x window openings and 1 x door opening. **Approved.**

9.3.2 (SDNP/16/03673/HOUS) – Annexe, Upham Place, Upham Street, Upham. Erect Powder coated aluminium glasshouse on dwarf brick wall. **Approved.**

10. Recreation and Amenities:

10.1 Horses on Recreation Ground – any more reports? Cllr Dukes has put up a sign and there has been no more horses seen on the footpath or Recreation Ground. Cllr Flaherty said that a motorbike was seen being ridden on the Recreation Ground. Councillors agreed that this was a safety concern as young children play on the Recreation Ground. Cllr Flaherty will report the incident to the Police for them to take any action required.

11. Upham Primary School: Gwyn to report. No Report was received.

12. The Village Hall: Cllr Armstrong reported that the car park renovations are still in progress. Unauthorised parking is causing a problem for the daytime Hall users and one vehicle in particular is causing a nuisance. Martin Danby is now the Hall Chairman.

13. Parish Magazine Report: Clerk will submit.

14. Finance:

14.1 Financial report for October, 2016 (circulated). The Half Year Financial Summary was also circulated. Cllr Armstrong reported that the Budget is on target for the 7 months, or even a little below at the moment.

15. Items for Future Consideration at next Meeting:

15.1 Councillors agreed that it would be useful if Gwyn could give us an update on the Village Shop and Post Office as we have not heard anything for a while. Clerk will get in touch with Gwyn. Clerk will also ask BT when the damaged telephone kiosk will be removed now that the Consultation period is over.

16. Dates of Future Meetings: Monday 28th November, 2016; No Meeting during December. The Meeting dates for 2017 were also agreed so that the Hall can be booked.

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