

UPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Upham Parish Council held on Monday 24th July, 2017 in Upham Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs A Collins (Clerk), County Councillor Humby, District Councillor Ruffell, District Councillor Thacker and 1 parishioner.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Armstrong and Cllr LeMay.
2. **The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 26th June, 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record.**
3. **Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct.** There were no Declarations of Interest.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1 Highways Report – Cllr Dukes/Cllr Flaherty/Clerk. After writing a letter to the owners of Drews Cottage, the Clerk received a telephone call and arranged for Lisa to meet them to discuss cutting down the metal bars and put in some flexible posts, which will be safer. The metal bars have been cut down already. The pot holes reported have been repaired. Hedges should not be cut back before 1st September, but if there are no birds nesting and it is for safety reasons then that is acceptable. If we have problem hedges we can ask the landowner to cut them back or HCC will write to them. Councillors agreed that they do not wish to see hedges cut back unnecessarily as they do make vehicles go slower. Councillors will compile a list of hedges that do need attention. Lisa has responded on the issues which have been raised and noted them for action. Cllr Dukes and Cllr Flaherty will check the list for actions required. HCC are happy for UPC to maintain Slash Pond, but not take over ownership of it. Councillors felt that the Clerk should enquire whether there would be any funding available to the Parish Council for the maintenance work as it would obviously be a saving for HCC that was budgeted for. Clerk will write to HCC.
 - 4.2 Update from ADD Group/EBC Meeting on 20th July – Cllr Ashe/Cllr LeMay. Cllr Ashe said that at the Meeting there were around 500 residents and he thanked all those who attended from Upham. The wording of the Motion was changed and it appeared that the original direction of travel was changing. We will have to see how the Plan develops and review again in September.
 - 4.3 Meeting with Tree Surgeon – Cllr LeMay was not at the Meeting to give an update.
 - 4.4 Report on Highways Meeting held along the Winchester Road on 4th July. This was a useful Meeting with Councillors and members of the OVOV Traffic Group. It was agreed where signs could be taken down and where the proposed gateway signs would be best sighted. Cllr Flaherty has summarised the points raised and will circulate these to members who attended the Meeting and Councillors. The next step will be to ask HCC Highways for their advice. Cllr Ashe reported that the SDNP was willing to work with us as a pilot parish on the development of new village street signage. Councillors supported the idea of working with the SDNP on this.
 - 4.5 Update on Torbay Farm issues: Affordable Homes, Play Area and agree Highways Consultation response. Clerk reported that the closing date for bidding for the Affordable Homes was 23rd July and she has asked if the Parish Council could have a list of the successful applicants before the homes are allocated so that we can see the Upham connections. Cllr Ruffell said that he hopes to receive a List of applicants during this week. Once the List is received the Clerk will circulate it to Councillors for their input. The Play Area proposals were agreed by Councillors with the deletion of the Play Rope End Swing and the willow tunnel as these items would push the cost over the proposed budget. It is hoped that the Swing could be purchased later and the willow tunnel will be a project for the village. The Oak timber table needs to be altered as suggested originally – to match the ones sited at Upham Pond and Recreation Ground. The Clerk will write to Bargate and clarify these points. Cllr Flaherty prepared a summary of the responses received from residents regarding Sciviers Lane proposals. It was agreed that the culvert does not work and needs to be addressed so that flooding does not occur and the parking at the end of Sciviers Lane, near the Winchester Road causes a safety problem. This also needs to be addressed by HCC.

The plans appear to be less extensive than they previously were and Councillors agreed that they do not wish to make the problems already existing in Sciviers Lane worse by putting measures in that are unnecessary or not sympathetic to the countryside location. It was also agreed to ask the resident who pulls vehicles out of the ditch if they would keep a diary of the events so that we can use it if required. Clerk will write to HCC and copy in Cllr Vicki Weston and Cllr Rob Humby.

- 4.6 End of World War One Celebrations in Upham – Cllr Dunford to report on interest by various Groups. Cllr Dunford said that she had spoken to Cyn Kimble (School), Upham Players, Church (at the next PCC Meeting) and they all are interested in the Event. A Committee would then be formed to organise the Event.
- 4.7 Report on Meeting with Julie Pinnock – Cllr Ashe/Cllr Dukes. A date has not been confirmed yet. Cllr Dukes will liaise with Cllr Ashe and DC Ruffell to arrange a date.
- 4.8 Sign Deed of Variation for Torbay Farm if all conditions are satisfactory. Cllr Ashe proposed that once the Affordable Housing allocation is resolved satisfactory then he felt that we would be in a position to sign the Variation. All Councillors present were in agreement and the Deed of Variation will be signed as soon as possible after the allocations are made.
- 4.9 Rural Housing Week 2017 Event – Cllr Flaherty prepared a summary of the Event for Councillors.
- 5. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman.** One parishioner present asked about the Popes Farm Planning Application and the conditions. Clerk will circulate the Decision Report which has the conditions and conclusions on it.
- 6. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety:**
 - 6.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report. The main issue this month has been the travellers which were in the Winchester Park and Ride. The Recreation Ground was locked during the time that they were on the move, but they did not come to Upham.
- 7. City and County Reports:**
 - 7.1 HCC – CC R Humby. CC Humby reported that there are 14 major transport projects being discussed at the moment. Skanska have been awarded the new Contract for highways maintenance and they use a new machine called a Dragon patcher for holes, and work well with the community. There is a Consultation on at the moment for Budget cuts and savings. This can be carried out on-line and suggestions are welcome to save £140m.
 - 7.2 WCC – DC L Ruffell and DC A Thacker. DC Ruffell answered a question about providing glass collections from households. He will look into this again and come back to a future Meeting.
 - 7.3 SDNP – DC A Thacker. DC Thacker reported that there is to be £1m put aside for adaptations to homes to enable residents to remain independent in their homes. This is part of the Government's "Better Care Programme". The Environment Service Contract Phase 2 expires in October 2019. A new post of Assistant Planning Link Officer at the SDNP is Hannah Chapman. There is a new Working Group set up to provide better links with the various Authorities.
- 8. Correspondence:**
 - 8.1 Infrastructure Projects SDNP Area e-mail sent with details on 14.7.17. There were no comments made, but Councillors will make their comments on-line if they do wish to make any.
 - 8.2 Winchester Traveller Development Plan Document – any comments. Councillors had no comments to make.
 - 8.3 Parking in Sciviers Lane. Clerk read out a complaint about the continual parking of vehicles at the end of Sciviers Lane (Winchester Road end) as it is causing problems for vehicles coming off the main Winchester Road. Councillors agreed that this problem should be addressed and resolved when the Highways proposals are agreed in Sciviers Lane via the Torbay Farm development proposals.
 - 8.4 WCC Parish Connect – July, 2017. Sent via e-mail. This was noted.

8.5 HALC 70th Anniversary Celebrations – 10th October 5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. No Councillors were available to attend.

8.6 Members Allowance – Survey. Parish Council Questionnaire. Councillors agreed to make no request.

9. Planning:

9.1 PENDING:

9.1.1(17/01109/FUL). Vine Cottage, Sciviers Lane, Upham. Replacement stables. Clerk said that revised plans are now shown on the website showing the previous stables which were permitted, but appear to be inhabited. This is just shown as an empty block on the plan, but does not indicate what it is currently used for. Councillors agreed that the Planning Department should be made aware of this, and if appropriate the Enforcement Officer should visit to clarify.

9.1.2 (SDNP/17/02924/FUL). Church of Blessed Mary, Church Street, Upham. New surface water drainage from Church roof.

9.2 NEW:

9.3 DECISIONS:

9.3.1 (SDNP/17/00549/FUL). Woodcote Farm, Woodcote Farm Lane, Upham. Extension to the existing main barn to form a dwelling (amended scheme for planning approval 10/01651/FUL). **Approved.**

9.3.2 (SDNP/16/06014/FUL). Popes Farm, Popes Lane, Upham. Part retrospective Application for the importation of waste and to restore an area to working grazing pasture and preserve the health of the adjoining copse by infilling a disused chalk pit. **Approved.**

9.3.3 (SDNP/16/05423/PRE). Meadow View, Winchester Road, Upham. Erection of 6 no. dwellings and offices with associated access, car parking and landscaping. **Unlikely to be approved – Pre-application advice.**

9.3.4 (17/00867/LIS)(17/00866/HOU). Woolstreet Farm, Winchester Road, Upham. Demolish existing lean-to conservatory and replace with orangery style conservatory. **Withdrawn.**

9.3.5 (SDNP/17/01984/HOUS). Apple Tree Cottage, Upham Street, Upham. Demolition of one outbuilding and proposed extension to an existing cottage and to connect the existing house with the garage. **Approved.**

9.3.6 (SDNP/17/02334/LIS). Lower Preshaw Farm, Lower Preshaw Lane, Upham. Amendments to approved scheme SDNP/16/03645/LIS. **Approved.**

10. Recreation and Amenities:

10.1 Play Area painting and maintenance. Cllr Dunford reported that she hopes to meet with Steve Comley about maintenance work in the Play Area soon. Clerk reported that a Hare springer body with all the fittings will be £355 and this will attach to our existing spring. Councillors agreed that this should be ordered. The removeable post will be replaced with a more study one at the entrance to the playing field. Clerk will order one.

10.2 Heavy duty basketball hoop. Cllr Dunford will source this.

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

12. **The Village Hall:** Village Hall Committee AGM will be held on Monday 4th September at 7.00 p.m. Cllr Armstrong will be asked if he would be able to attend on behalf of UPC.

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

14. Finance:

14.1 Financial report for July, 2017 (circulated).

15. Items for Future Consideration at next Meeting: The Clerk was asked if the Enforcement Officer could visit Walnut Grove in Sciviers Lane as it is not clear what is happening at this location.

16. Dates of Future Meetings: 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 9.28 p.m.