

UPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Upham Parish Council held on Monday 25th January, 2016 in Upham Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Before the start of the Meeting Cllr Ashe informed Councillors of the death of Graham Wemyss. Graham has been involved in many organisations within Upham over the years and will be missed. Cllr Ashe will send a card on behalf of the Parish Council to his family.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs A Collins (Clerk), and 4 parishioners.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from County/District Councillor Humby and District Councillor Ruffell as they were delayed at a Meeting in Winchester.
2. **The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th November, 2015 were confirmed and signed as a correct record of the Meeting.**
3. **Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct.** Cllr Ashe Declared an Interest in item 8.1 as he might have carried out work for some of the developers involved within the EBC proposals. Cllr LeMay Declared an Interest in item 4.1 as she owns some of the footpaths in Upham.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1 Response to HCC regarding Priority Cutting of Footpaths by HCC. Paul Swanwick was present at the Meeting to discuss with Councillors the footpaths which the Footpaths Group has recommended for cutting. Councillors agreed that Footpaths 16, 18, 12, 14, 19 and 503/4 should be put forward. They are in order of priority. Paul offered to give the Clerk grid references for the paths so that areas that need attention can be highlighted. The Footpaths Group were thanked for all their hard work with the footpaths in Upham.
 - 4.2 Update on Village Shop. USAG held a Meeting last week and Cllr Dukes reported that sites are still being considered, the owners of Twyford Stores have shown an interest in running a Shop. The Post Office have two possible people who might run the Post Office in one of the Public Houses. There appears to be no more interest in the purchase of the Shop at the moment. USAG will keep the Parish Council informed of any news.
 - 4.3 Update on Highways issues – Confirm Meeting with HCC Highways/CC Humby. CC Humby was not able to attend the Meeting so he was not able to update Councillors on highways issues. However, the Clerk updated Councillors on responses from HCC since the last Meeting. Concern was still expressed about the road outside of Summerlands. The owner was at the Meeting and also agreed that it is an accident waiting to happen. Cars are going faster round the bend. The Clerk will ask HCC what work they still have to do and when are they going to do it. Outside The Old Forge is blocked and this has been referred to HCC for action. The broken culvert still has not been repaired in Queens Street. Clerk will chase this again. Large pot holes in Big Path are still appearing. This will be reported. Clerk informed Councillors that pot holes can be reported on-line via the HCC website and if lots of residents complain then it might have more impact on getting repairs carried out. A parishioner present said that flooding on the road outside of the pig farm in Sciviers Lane was as high as she had seen it. HCC Highways and Rob Humby did come out and visit when the recent flooding happened.

- 4.4 Affordable Housing in Torbay Farm – Confirmation of housing mix. Clerk has received confirmation from Debbie Rhodes that Sovereign Housing Association will be taking over the Affordable Housing at Torbay Farm and the mix of dwellings will be the same as agreed previously.
- 4.5 Community Defibrillators update. Clerk reported that the School Caretaker is happy to check the defibrillator outside of the School regularly. Cllr Armstrong has asked the Village Hall Committee and Kate and Gary are willing to check the one outside of the Hall. The Defibrillator is getting steamed up at the moment and the Clerk has made the Ambulance Service aware of this. Clerk said that there has been no response to her request to BW Rotary Club for a donation towards the third defibrillator. Councillors agreed that this should be brought to the attention of UFC at their next Meeting as the FA might be able to give a grant.
- 4.6 Progress of village noticeboards – Cllr Ashe reported that he has not been able to agree a date to see Mike yet, but will do so shortly.
- 4.7 Progress of wild flower area on triangle in Shoe Lane. Cllr Ashe has asked residents in this area and it appears that most residents would like to keep the area mowed. However, in mid-February a Working Party will tidy up the entrance to the Recreation Ground.
- 4.8 Report on Parish Council Budget Briefing held on 8.12.15 by Cllr Ashe. Cllr Ashe said that this Meeting was more about WCC Budget than Parish Councils. Devolution was also discussed and how powers could come down to Parishes.
- 4.9 Presentation on Emergency Planning at Annual Parish Assembly confirmation. A member of the Emergency Planning Team is happy to come along and give residents and Councillors a Presentation.
- 4.10 Consider Emergency Plan for Upham. It was agreed that a Plan would be drawn up after the Annual Parish Assembly so that residents would be more informed. A template will be circulated to Councillors for their information.
- 4.11 Response regarding graveyard enquiry. Cllr Ashe has not received a response yet from Colin regarding what a donation would be spent on if it is agreed. Councillors agreed to wait and see if a request is forthcoming.
5. **Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman.** Most parishioners present were attending the Meeting to hear about the Eastleigh Borough Council's Local Plan – Issues and Options. This will be discussed further in the Agenda as a separate item.
6. **Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety:**
 - 6.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report. Clerk reported that there were three reports of non-dwelling burglaries in Upham on the night of 6th January. Cllr LeMay said that there had been a break-in in Owslebury and many valuable items were stolen.
7. **City and County Reports:**
 - 7.1 HCC – CC R Humby. Broadband update. No Report was available.
 - 7.2 WCC – DC R Humby and DC L Ruffell. No Report was available.
8. **Correspondence:**
 - 8.1 Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2011-2036 – Issues and Options Consultation comments. Councillors listened to comments and objections made by members of the public present and agreed that it would be

more beneficial if a Public Meeting were to be held. Councillors agreed Monday 1st February at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. This Meeting will be advertised on the village website and on the noticeboards. A response can then be made from the Parish Council after this Meeting. Councillors would like the Clerk to ask CC Humby and DC Ruffell if they would be able to come to the Meeting at 6.30 p.m. to have a Meeting with Councillors before the Public Meeting if possible. Clerk will also ask our MP George Hollingbery if he is able to come along to the Public Meeting. Cllr LeMay will ask CPRE representative.

- 8.2 E-mail regarding corner at Summerlands. Clerk read out an e-mail from a resident. It is hoped that once HCC have been contacted it will be known what work is planned. The situation will be kept monitored.
- 8.3 Letter of thanks from CAB regarding donation. This was noted.
- 8.4 Letter from Home-start Meon Valley asking for a donation. Councillors agreed that a donation would not be made this year.
- 8.5 Parish Devolution Workshop – 1st March in Winchester. Cllr Armstrong and Cllr Dukes will attend.
- 8.6 The Spending Review – Briefing Note. Sent via e-mail. This was noted.
- 8.7 E-mail regarding dog in field behind The Alma. Clerk received a complaint and sent it to WCC Dog Warden who dealt with the matter.
- 8.8 E-mail regarding bus lay-by. This was noted and has been dealt with.
- 8.9 Torbay Farm – proposals for landscaping and play area layout. Joan Gavin and the Playground Committee are willing to take the lead on this and come to the Parish Council with a proposal. The timescale is short so it is hoped that we will be able to meet the 2 month deadline. A Meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 26th January at 11 Upham Street. Cllr Ashe and Cllr Dunford will represent the Parish Council.
- 8.10 Mayor of Winchester’s Community Awards 2015/16. Nominations were welcome and Cllr Ashe proposed Anne Collins (Clerk), and Gwyn Halsall for all the work they do for Upham. All Councillors were in agreement and Cllr Ashe will prepare the Nomination Forms.
- 8.11 Planning comments via website enquiry. It was agreed that comments from residents on Planning Applications should be sent via the proper channels of communication at WCC or SDNP not on the village website as a comment.
- 8.12 Letter from WinACC regarding attendance at Annual Parish Assembly. Clerk said that WinACC are willing to come along to the Annual Parish Assembly and talk. However, Councillors felt that as we have an Emergency Planning Officer coming to the Meeting it would not be possible to have 2 speakers.
- 8.13 Response from Police stating that they will send a representative along to our Annual Parish Assembly on Monday 25th April.
- 8.14 Southern Parishes Meeting on Monday 1st February at 2.00 p.m. in Bishops Waltham. Cllr Dunford and the Clerk will attend.
- 8.15 WCC – Parish Connect – January, 2016. This was noted.
- 8.16 Highways Maintenance Newsletter – December, 2015. This was noted.

8.17 Enquiry regarding bin alongside Upham Pond. Clerk will ask WCC Landscape Team to empty the bin and perhaps take the sticker off so that it can be used for litter and dog waste. The situation will be kept monitored. Cllr Dunford asked if bin collection operatives could be asked to put bins back where they found them as bins being left out in the road and on pavements are dangerous and also block sight-lines for drivers. Clerk will ask WCC.

9. Planning:

9.1 PENDING:

9.1.1 (SDNP/15/03124/FUL). Paradise Cottage Office, Upham Street, Upham. Proposed 2 bedroom detached dwelling and associated external works to replace existing outbuilding.

9.1.2 (SDNP/15/03936/FUL) – land adjacent to 2 Dagwell Cottage, Upham Street, Upham. New dwelling, carport and access.

9.1.3 (SDNP/15/04971/FUL) – Arbour Cottage, Upham Street, Upham. Demolition of the existing two storey three bed detached dwelling and detached garage and erection of a two storey four bed detached dwelling with carport and creation of a new vehicular access on to Upham Street and closure of the rear access.

An Appeal has been lodged by Mr and Mrs Wheatley against the Refusal of a replacement dwelling, including landscaping, parking and other associated works at Herdsman Cottage, Woodcote Farm Lane, Upham.

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.

An Appeal has been lodged by Mr Neil Henderson against the Refusal of Replacement of existing outbuildings following demolition of existing at Compton Cottage Farm, Sciviers Lane, Upham.

9.2 NEW:

9.2.1 (15/02801/FUL) – Coombs Cottage, The Crescent, Sciviers Lane, Upham. Proposed replacement dwelling and detached double garage together with demolition of existing outbuildings and existing dwellings. Councillors agreed that no comments would be made on this application.

9.2.2 (SDNP/15/05754/LDE) – Down Farm, Winchester Road, Upham. Use of the existing building as a dwelling (RETROSPECTIVE). Councillors were concerned about the use of this building as it is only part of the building not the whole building and as Down Farm is in the process of being sold there would be no justification to separate this agricultural building from the main dwelling house. It agreed this application would set a precedent for other buildings in the area.

Southcott Homes have asked if they can come to speak to Councillors about a planning proposal for Meadow View, Winchester Road, Upham. Councillors agreed that it would be best to come along to the next Parish Council Meeting on 22nd February.

9.3 DECISIONS:

9.3.1 (15/02031/LDC) – Kimbers, Wintershill, Sciviers Lane, Durley. Use of dwelling in breach of condition 2 of planning permission DRD1314/1 (agricultural occupancy condition)(CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS). **Approved.**

9.3.2 (SDNP/15/05428/LDP) – Tanglewood, Upham Street, Upham. Reinstate land to its former condition, in

keeping with the rest of the land; clear debris, hedge boundary, establish a wild flower turf, turf out from main garden and plant 2 trees. **Approved.**

9.3.3 (15/01728/REM & SDNP/15/03862/REM) – Torbay Farm, Sciviers Lane, Upham. Reserved Matters application pursuant to outline planning permission 14/00199/OUT & SDNP/14/00467/OUT. 19 dwellings, an office unit, extension to May Cottage garden, public open space, wetland area, access and landscaping. Details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to be determined. **Approved.**

10. Recreation and Amenities:

10.1 Flooding in showers into dressing room. This is being dealt with by UFC.

10.2 Slide in play area, the wooden steps have been replaced by the Parish Lengthsman. Some top soil is required to make up the ground round the slide before grass seed can be put down. Freya Green will be contacted as she offered some top soil in the past for this project. Cllr Dunford will see if someone is able to make a sturdy hoop for the basketball. Councillors will be needed to carry out the play area checks during March.

10.3 Pavilion Meeting – 16.2.16. Cllr Dunford, Cllr Ashe, Cllr Dukes and the Clerk will attend with UFC.

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

12. The Village Hall: Cllr Armstrong reported that the Hall Committee were looking for volunteers to come onto the Committee as some present members wished to retire. Councillors were asked to ask anyone they felt would be helpful on the Committee.

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

14. Finance:

14.1 Financial reports for December, 2015 and January, 2016 (circulated).

14.2 Clerk's Pay Review. It was agreed that Clerk will send Councillors the pay scales.

15. Items for Future Consideration at next Meeting: Cllr Dunford said that she was concerned about the possible closure of some of the Recycling Centres. Councillors agreed that we should keep monitoring the situation as we feel that fly-tipping in rural villages will increase if there are not enough recycling facilities available in the area.

16. Dates of Future Meetings: Monday 22nd February, 2016; Monday 21st March, 2016; Monday 25th April, 2016 (APM & PC); Monday 23rd May, 2016; Monday 27th June, 2016; Monday 25th July, 2016; No Meeting during August; Monday 26th September, 2016; Monday 24th October, 2016; Monday 28th November, 2016; No Meeting during December.

17. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.10 p.m.