

# UPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## The Minutes of Upham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th July, 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 Ruffell, District Councillor Thacker and Mrs Anne Collins (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Tim Garlick (NHW).
2. **The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 were agreed and signed.**
3. **Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct.** There were no Declarations of Interest declared.
4. **Matters Arising:**
  - 4.1 Highways Report – Cllr Flaherty reported that lorries are still moving soil into Popes Lane and complaints from residents about the state of the road are continuing. The corner into Popes Lane is also deteriorating and the tarmac is getting eroded. The situation will be kept monitored and CC Humby kept informed. The owner of the Farm will be asked to reinstate the road when the soil deliveries cease. Pot holes were also reported outside of Upham Farm.
  - 4.2 Funding for 3rd Community Defibrillator. Clerk reported that £275 has been donated from the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations to the Defibrillator Fund. A fund raising event will still need to be held to raise the remainder of the funds required.
  - 4.3 Section 106 funds for Upham from 1a South Front, Winchester Road. There still appears to be confusion at WCC about how much there is in the 106 Fund for Upham. Clerk is in touch with Coral Rogers who is trying to sort it out.
  - 4.4 Re-opening of Outreach Post Office. Clerk has advertised the Re-opening on the website, in the Upham Update and on the noticeboards. It is hoped that residents will use this service or it might be that it will cease.
  - 4.5 Update on EBC – Issues and Options. Update from Action Group – Cllr Ashe and Cllr LeMay attended the EBC Meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July and gave a Report on that Meeting. A Petition with 1,000 signatures on it was handed over at the Meeting – this was noted. The Options D and E appear more deliverable if the Chickenall Lane Link Road goes ahead. Cllr Ashe asked CC Humby how we could make sure that we get this Link moving. CC Humby explained some of the issues and how the funding system works with such a large project. Cllr LeMay asked about Junction 6 on the M.27. Just prior to our Meeting CC Humby had received a further document which he wanted to share with George Hollingbery and then he will send us a summary.
  - 4.6 Grant from WCC towards the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations in Upham on 12<sup>th</sup> June. A Grant of £350 has been awarded. Once all the invoices are in the Clerk can claim the Grant. A Report of the Event has already been submitted.
  - 4.7 Compiling an Emergency Plan for Upham – Cllr Flaherty said that a letter will go out to all residents in September explaining why we need a Plan and how it works. Cllr Armstrong is helping Cllr Flaherty co-ordinate the Plan.
  - 4.8 Elderly persons sign outside of Hoyle Close – DC Ruffell reported that he will follow this up with Cllr Byrnes as the Clerk has not received a response from him.
  - 4.9 Parish Lengthsman – HCC Scheme. Clerk has been in touch with Crawley PC as they are a Lead Council and Owslebury were prepared for us to join in with them, but it now appears that their Contract is full. HCC suggest

that Durley and Upham start another cluster and one of the parishes be the Lead Council. Clerk is looking into how to set one up. Councillors were in agreement that Upham would join the Scheme. £1,000 will be allocated to each parish to use on a Lengthsman.

4.10 Public Consultation Exhibition for development proposals at Meadow View, Winchester Road. The developer has been in contact with the Clerk and a Public Exhibition is hoped to be arranged in September at the Village Hall. No details of a date has been provided yet.

4.11 Slash Pond has been cut back and dug out by HCC.

4.12 OVOV Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> July was postponed until later in the year.

**5. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman.** There were no members of the public present.

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

6.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report. Replacement Neighbourhood Watch signs. Tim could not attend the Meeting, but said that the NHW Team had discussed the replacement of signs, but at £30 per sign it was perceived that value just was not there. He plans to go around the village and clean the signs that are there. The NHW Team are still working as a Team and reporting incidents as and when they arise.

**7. City and County Reports:**

7.1 HCC – CC Humby reported that the traffic calming issues have been drafted up and are now on the website. Decisions have been made about the Household Waste and Recycling and no Centres are due to close. The opening hours will be reduced and all the Centres will close on a Thursday to save money. The new opening times will take affect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017. CC Humby then gave an update on broadband and offered to pass on any issues to a contact at BT. CC Humby will also ask HCC Highways to remove the gravel by Slash Pond as this will get washed into the road again when it next rains. Questions were asked to CC Humby about the EBC Issues and Options which he answered.

7.2 WCC – DC Ruffell and DC Thacker. DC Thacker informed Councillors about a vacancy for an independent co-opted member for the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel. A Note will go onto the village website informing residents in case anyone was interested in applying. Councillors were told that the grass verge cutting is behind schedule. The Leisure Centre Project in Winchester is now moving forward with a 50m pool at Bar End. There is also other sporting facilities within the Project. DC Ruffell said that the Station Approach development in Winchester is not going ahead soon. There has been a Grant allocated for Winchester Cathedral. The Pitt Manor development has been refused Planning Permission and the Barton Farm development is due to be restarted.

**8. Correspondence:**

8.1 WCC Parish Connect – July, 2016. This was noted.

8.2 E-mails regarding footpaths which need clearing. Clerk has been in touch with Paul Swanwick regarding the footpaths in Upham and it has been suggested that perhaps we need to get together and discuss outside of the main Parish Council Meeting a way in which we can utilise the services of HCC Rights of Way better. If we join the HCC Parish Lengthsman Scheme we could use these services to cut back some of the more problematic footpaths. It appears that HCC at present cut back the footpaths which we nominate during June/July and this is too late for some paths to be used efficiently throughout the summer months. Cllr LeMay and Paul will look at the footpaths to see how best to keep them maintained.

8.3 Cllr Ashe said that he has received a complaint that the post box in Lower Upham is in a dire state. Councillors agreed that the paint is falling off the box so the Clerk will ask if it could be re-painted.

8.4 Workshops for Hampshire's Parish and Town Councils. Cllr Ashe and Cllr Flaherty offered to attend the Workshop on 6<sup>th</sup> September at Alton. Clerk has registered their attendance.

8.5 SDNP – Town and Parish Workshops. The Hampshire Parishes workshop is on 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 p.m. in Petersfield. Cllr Dukes offered to attend. As there are two places per parish it was agreed to book two places and another Councillor will attend with Cllr Dukes.

## **9. Planning:**

### 9.1 PENDING:

9.1.1 (SDNP/15/05754/LDE) – Down Farm, Winchester Road, Upham. Use of the existing building as a dwelling (RETROSPECTIVE).

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

9.1.3 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.

9.1.4 (SDNP/16/02110/FUL) – Belmore Park, Belmore Lane, Upham. The removal of two agricultural barns and erection of one replacement barn.

9.1.5 (SDNP/16/02346/HOUS) – Ecoley Cottage, Winchester Road, Upham. Part 2 story, part single storey side extension, with carport and front and rear dormers following demolition of existing garage.

9.1.6 (SDNP/16/02311/HOUS) – Paradise Cottage, Upham Street, Upham.

### 9.2 NEW:

### 9.3 DECISIONS:

9.3.1 (SDNP/16/02308/HOUS) – Pine End, Upham Street, Upham. Single storey rear extension. **Approved.**

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

10.1 Septic tank has been emptied – cover needs securing with a concrete plinth. Clerk has asked Mike Robbie and he is going to ask his brother as he is retired and would most probably be able to do it, but no response has been received yet. Clerk will chase up.

10.2 Siting of Memorial seat at the Recreation Ground. Report on Meeting with family donating seat. Cllrs Ashe, Dunford and Dukes, along with the Clerk met Prunella Hatton and it was agreed that the seat would go up the top end of the Recreation Ground near where David Plumb's memorial seat was. It would be of a similar style. The family are happy with this and will get back to the Parish Council once they have made a decision on which seat they would like.

10.3 Pavilion Meeting was postponed from 19<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> September.

10.4 Cllr Ashe reported that the bench between the whirligig and swings is rotting at the base. Councillors agreed that Steve Comley would take a look at the bench and remove if it is not safe, but if it needs a section replaced then he could replace. Steve or Cllr Ashe will look at a metal hook which needs to be screwed in near the entrance.

10.5 As there was an incident at the Recreation Ground where there was a lot of rubbish left behind Councillors agreed that the gate would be closed during the evenings, especially at weekends. The Parratt family have offered to close the gate and re-open it.

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

**12. The Village Hall:** Cllr Armstrong reported that Phase 1 of the car park renovations will start this Autumn with the centre section which will allow for the drainage.

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

**14. Finance:**

14.1 Financial report for July, 2016 (circulated).

14.2 Cllr Armstrong reported that he has looked at the financial figures and we are within Budget.

**15. Items for Future Consideration at next Meeting:** There were no issues raised. Cllr Ashe gave his apologies for the next Meeting.

**16. Dates of Future Meetings:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2016; Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2016; Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016; No Meeting during December.

**17. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25 p.m.**