

UPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Upham Parish Council held on Monday 26th October, 2015 in Upham Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County/District Councillor Humby, Mrs A Collins (Clerk) and 5 parishioners.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr LeMay and District Councillor Ruffell.
2. **The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 28th September, 2015 were confirmed and signed as a correct record of the Meeting.**
3. **Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct.** Cllr Dunford declared an Interest in item 14.3 as she is on the PCC.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1 Update on Village Shop. Cllr Ashe read out a Report produced by the USAG Group and after consideration it was agreed that the Parish Council would not trigger the moratorium on the recommendation from the USAG Group. The Group has come to this recommendation because they felt that it would be unwise to express an interest without funding in place which might prevent a sale in the following six months to another party willing to run a shop. The sale price of the shop and house at £435,000 is overpriced and funding would be difficult. Parish Councillors felt that this was the right decision and were happy to accept the recommendation. Clerk will inform WCC of the decision.
 - 4.2 Update on Highways issues – Confirm Meeting with HCC Highways/CC Humby. The Clerk said that Lisa Davies has been out to look at the culvert which has been covered in tarmac and the broken gully cover/weir on Alma Lane which has been ordered. Cllr Humby will be able to inform us of a Meeting with Andy Smith and the Highways Group/Parish Councillors as soon as he is able. He is meeting with Andy at the end of this week and will hopefully have a possible date then. Cllr Ashe asked about the possibility of the 30 mph speed limit along the Winchester Road when the Police have not supported it in the past, and how we can achieve a lower speed limit or an alternative measure to slow the traffic down. Although CC Humby did not have the answer to this he said that this could be discussed with Andy at the forthcoming Meeting. Village gateway signs are a possibility which needs to be discussed. Cllr Dukes reported that several trees are over-hanging the road in Whites Hill. This will be reported to HCC. Cllr Dunford said that the footway along the Winchester Road is getting overgrown again. This will be reported to WCC for cutting. The white line markings have also been done by HCC.
 - 4.3 Affordable Housing in Torbay Farm – Confirm Meeting with WCC/Hyde Housing. This Meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 4th November at 10.00 a.m. in the Pavilion at Upham Recreation Ground.
 - 4.4 Community Defibrillators update. Cllr Armstrong has spoken to Steve Cartwright and he said that the 500 mtr radius around the defibrillator is standard practice. As this means that some parishioners will be given the Code to open the cabinet, it will also mean that some residents will not be given the Code as they are outside of the 500 mtr radius. Parish Councillors agreed therefore that the access Code to the

cabinet will be given to all residents with the next Newsletter that is sent out. Clerk has contacted Upham Football Club and they do not have funds at the moment for a Defibrillator at Upham Recreation Ground.

- 4.5 SDNP Consultation – any comments to make on Policies. It was proposed that no comments be made.
- 4.6 Allocation of WCC bungalows in Hoyle Close to local residents – DC Humby reported that the Policy has now changed and priority will be given to Upham residents or people with a connection to Upham to have first refusal. The bungalows will be advertised on the WCC website and a bid must be made. If an elderly resident does not use the computer then WCC Officers will help them.
- 4.7 Report on Joint Meeting with UPC and OVOV held on 20th October, 2015. It was reported that some of the issues raised have been actioned. These include looking at purchasing 2 village noticeboards, setting up various Groups which were requested in the Survey, producing and delivering a 2 monthly Newsletters to all residents and updating the Welcome Pack that is given to all new residents. A new Footpaths Mapboard will also be investigated. The Roads and Traffic Group are disappointed that there has not been a Meeting arranged with Andy Smith (HCC Highways), but it is hoped that one will be arranged shortly. Ann Judd and Janet Dunford were thanked for visiting Upham Primary School and informing pupils of the work the Parish Council does. The recycling centres and bottle banks will be put into the Parish Report and on the village website so that residents are aware of local facilities.
- 5. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman.** There were no issues raised.
- 6. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety:**
 - 6.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report. There was no Report available, but Cllr Dukes said that she has received a Rural Report.
- 7. City and County Reports:**
 - 7.1 HCC – CC R Humby. Broadband update. CC Humby explained what he is trying to do to achieve a faster broadband for rural areas along with HCC and BT. State Aid Rules are making it more difficult as the 20% claw back has to be spent with BT at the moment and cannot be used with other funds to purchase a service from another provider. If you are already in the Programme you cannot be excluded. CC Humby is continuing to work hard to secure better broadband and is hoping that progress will be made by the end of this year.
 - 7.2 WCC – DC R Humby. DC Humby spoke about the wording of the Development Plan Part 2 relating to the Botley By Pass which needs to progress to take additional traffic from the new development proposals in the area. Cllr Dukes asked DC Humby if he had received any more information on the proposed development along Mortimers Lane. DC Humby said he had no further information.
- 8. Correspondence:**
 - 8.1 County Councillor Grant approved towards village noticeboard. Now that a Grant of £500 has been received it was agreed that 2 village noticeboards would be purchased – one for the Winchester Road (outside of the Shop) and the other at the Recreation Ground. Cllr Ashe will speak with Mike Pearce to check that he is quoting for a similar quality noticeboard to those produced for Durley. A Village Mapboard showing the footpaths in Upham could be part-purchased with a small Grant from the Rights of Way Section at HCC. Clerk gave the information to OVOV for consideration. If a Mapboard was purchased another Grant from CC Humby could be applied for to cover the additional cost.
 - 8.2 Highways Maintenance Newsletter – September, 2015. This was sent via e-mail and noted.

8.3 Correspondence regarding upkeep of triangle in Shoe Lane. Cllr Ashe had received a request for a wild flower area on the triangle in Shoe Lane. Councillors agreed that this was a good idea, but would need upkeep. It was agreed that the residents near the triangle should produce a proposal and then we could perhaps apply for a Grant towards the cost.

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 (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. A resident asked if this application was going to Committee and if it was then when would that be. Clerk will find out from the relevant Planning officer.

Post Meeting Note: Planning Officer has said that there are no plans at the moment for this application to go to Committee, but if it does then it will go to the Meeting held in 2nd or 3rd week of December.

9.1.4 (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).

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.

9.2 NEW:

9.2.1 (SDNP/15/04971/FUL). Mr and Mrs Bartlett. 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. Councillors agreed that an objection should be made as this is a smaller dwelling, and this would be lost if a larger dwelling was a replacement, the density on the site was too high, it did not comply with the Upham Village Design Statement, the proposal was not in keeping with surrounding dwellings, it would also affect the street scene of Upham Street. Councillors agreed that this application should go to Committee and be discussed by Officers, so that clarification on the original size could be clarified.

9.3 DECISIONS:

9.3.1 (SDNP/15/03834/FUL) – Westland House, Winchester Road, Upham. Change of use of first floor store to form 2 no. bed and breakfast rooms. **Approved.**

9.3.2 (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. **Refused.**

- 9.3.3 (SDNP/15/02074/LIS). Lower Preshaw Farm, Preshaw, 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 x four bed dwelling; creation of 2 x window openings and 1 x door opening. **Refused.**
- 9.3.4 (SDNP/15/03861/HOUS) – Torbay Farmhouse, Sciviers Lane, Upham. Formation of new vehicular access to Sciviers Lane and culverted drain. **Approved.**
- 9.3.5 (SDNP/15/03860/HOUS) – May Cottage, Sciviers Lane, Upham. Erection of boundary wall. **Approved.**
- 9.3.6 (SDNP/15/03773/LIS) – Belmore House, Belmore Park, Belmore Lane, Upham. Amendment to approved glazing on south west elevation of the building to the breakfast room, comprising the replacement of the approved glazed door and first floor window with double height sash window. **Approved.**
- 9.3.7 (SDNP/15/03326/HOUS). Askew Cottage, Upham Street, Upham. Proposed loft conversion with front dormer window. (Amended plans). **Approved.**

10. Recreation and Amenities:

- 10.1 Pavilion Meeting Report – 6.10.15. Cllr Dunford reported that the Committee had agreed not to accept an outside booking for the Pavilion as it would set a precedent for the future. UFC reported that some fence posts had been broken on the left hand side of the pitch, but these have now been replaced. A Fund Raising Dinner was organised at Southampton University to help with Club funds. The Pavilion downpipe has been broken again so a more secure bracket will be fitted. The main issue raised was the continuing unsatisfactory gang mowing. Grass cuttings which are being dumped at the entrance to the Recreation Ground will be investigated by Cllr. Ashe. Cllr Flaherty reported that the picnic table at the far end of the Recreation Ground has been broken. Clerk will ask Peter if he could replace the wood. Clerk will also investigate if there is a more substantial basketball hoop which could be used as the one in the play area is bent again.
- 10.2 Tree ties have been loosened and re-staked by Peter (Parish Lengthsman).
- 10.3 Grass cutting at Recreation Ground. As the gang mowing by OCS Ltd has not been successful again this season it was agreed to look for an alternative Contractor for next season. The Pavilion Committee and UFC representative met with Steve Comley at the Recreation Ground with a view to him taking on the gang mowing. Councillors agreed that they would use Steve for the forthcoming season and not renew the Contract with OCS Ltd. Clerk will inform Steve.

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

12. The Village Hall: Cllr Armstrong had nothing to report.

13. Parish Magazine Report: Clerk will submit.

14. Finance:

14.1 Financial report for October, 2015 (circulated).

14.2 Arrange Precept setting Meeting. Clerk has produced and circulated a Budget and Income/Expenditure for this year to date for Councillors to view. Cllr Armstrong offered to discuss the forthcoming

expenditure with the Clerk and then make a proposal. This will be circulated to Councillors and a decision on the Precept requirement for 2016/17 will be made at the November Meeting.

- 14.3 Consider donation towards maintenance of burial ground. Cllr Ashe said that he had received a request for a donation towards the maintenance of the burial ground. As we had not received a request in the past Councillors wanted to know if there was something additional that was needed for the upkeep. Cllr Ashe said that he will ask the enquirer if the money was for a specific project. Cllr Armstrong was concerned that if a donation was given it might set a precedent for future donations to other organisations or charities.
15. **Items for Future Consideration at next Meeting:** There were no additional items raised.
16. **Dates of Future Meetings:** Monday 16th November, 2015. No December Meeting.
Monday 25th January, 2016. Clerk will send Councillors the dates of the 2016 Meetings.
17. **THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 p.m.**