

UPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Upham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27th March, 2017 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, Mrs Anne Collins (Clerk) and Gwyn Halsall representing USAG. 2 parishioners were also present.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from District Councillor Thacker.
2. **The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 27th February, 2017 were agreed and signed.**
3. **Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct.** There were no Declarations made under the Code of Conduct.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1 Highways Report – Cllr Dukes/Cllr Flaherty/Clerk. Cllr Dukes reported that Thursday 18th May is a date that everyone concerned is available to meet with Ben H-B to discuss ways of improving the highways in Upham. Cllr Dukes will ask HCC Highways if a representative can attend. CC Humby suggested Mark Samways might be the best point of contact. The cost for the Consultation is £940 and this will include a morning site visit. Ben will then prepare a Presentation ready for the evening, so that a Meeting can be held with Councillors and residents. Councillors agreed that this cost was good value for money and would hopefully point us in the right direction to try and resolve some of our highways issues. Lisa Davis will view the Mortimers Lane junction and see what can be done to brighten up the white line markings and cats eyes. CC Humby has no further information on the repairs in Popes Lane due to the heavy lorries. Road repairs were needed in Big Path Lane, Greenhill and Lower Baybridge Lane. Clerk will report these. The reflector has been damaged outside of Dennis Hunt's property and the railings need repainting in Shoe Lane and Slash Pond. Clerk will ask Steve Comley if he is able to repaint the railings as part of his Parish Lengthsman tasks.
 - 4.2 Section 106 funds for Upham from SDNP – DC Thacker was not at the Meeting so no Report was given. CC Humby suggested writing to Margaret Paren at SDNP. Clerk will write to her to see if Upham parish might be able to obtain some compensation. DC Ruffell offered to see what West Meon did about their funding.
 - 4.3 Update from ADD Group – Cllr Ashe/Cllr LeMay. A Meeting with PC's & WCC Leader and CE will be held on Wednesday 29th March at 4.00 p.m. in Durley Memorial Hall to share our concerns about the impact of the EBC plans on parishes in the WCC District. Cllr Ashe outlined the plan for the Meeting. Cllr Chapman – the Owslebury Chairman will chair the Meeting. Cllr LeMay said that a Meeting has been arranged with a Lawyer to discuss what can be done next by the ADD Group. Cllr LeMay is having a Breakfast Meeting with Mimms Davis to discuss further action.
 - 4.4 Progress of Upham Emergency Plan – Cllr Flaherty reported that a final Plan has been drawn up and this will be circulated to Parish Councillors when completed.
 - 4.5 Southern Parishes Group Meeting Report – Cllr Dunford/Clerk. The main item on the Agenda was the Constitution. Councillors agreed with the proposed Constitution and are happy for it to be formally signed at the next Meeting. Other issues discussed included dog waste, litter, road/pot holes, weight limits, roundabouts, traffic surveys and Community Payback Scheme. Rob Humby will be invited to the next Meeting to talk on HCC departments. Traffic/road issues and WCC Planning Enforcement will be discussed at future Meetings.
 - 4.6 Village noticeboards. Cllr Ashe reported that he has spoken to Mike Pearce and the Winchester Road noticeboard is almost ready to be installed. He will then make the necessary adjustments to the one at the Recreation Ground.

- 4.7 Meeting with Tree Surgeon – Cllr LeMay reported that the Tree Surgeon cancelled their Meeting again. She hopes to meet him soon.
- 4.8 Joint OVOV/PC Meeting to discuss Visit/Consultation with Ben Hamilton-Ballie. Confirm dates. A Meeting has been arranged with the OVOV Traffic Group and PC for Wednesday 5th April at 6.00 p.m. at the Pavilion to discuss traffic issues, so that it is clear what we wish to ask Ben H-B. A Meeting with Ben H-B has been arranged for 18th May and it is also hoped to have a Presentation in the evening to share information with residents. A separate OVOV/PC Meeting for other issues in the Parish Plan will be arranged at a later date.
- 4.9 Update on Torbay Farm. There has been no further communication or plans on the landscaping, play area or highways from HCC or the developer. Clerk will chase again for plans. Flooding has been a problem for some residents, but they are in touch with the developer. Cllr Dunford said that she has been in touch with potential residents for the affordable homes. They have all received the information required and made sure that their names are on the housing list.
- 4.10 Village Spring Clean and Litter Pick (4.4.17) – Cllr Flaherty said that the organising is going well, although the forecast is for rain on that date.
- 4.11 Update on Broadband – Cllr Ashe reported that there is no further update. CC Humby said that it is also very frustrating for HCC as it is up to BT when they connect residents to the faster broadband. It appears that mid-2018 is when the Durley Exchange is anticipated to get upgraded. Amanda Hull at HCC might be the best person to give an update.
- 5. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman.** A prospective purchaser was present who was considering purchasing and re-opening Upham Shop and Post Office. The prospective purchaser was invited to speak to Councillors and Councillors offered their support (not financial) if it was needed. Gwyn (USAG) was present and offered her knowledge and support if it was required.
- 6. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety:**
- 6.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report. No Report was available.
- 7. City and County Reports:**
- 7.1 HCC – CC R Humby. CC Humby reported that Amey will no longer be repairing the roads as a new Company has won the Highways Contract from August 2017 called Skanska. This Company has good community engagement and will be maintaining our highways for 7 years with the option of a further 5 years. CC Humby informed Councillors about the National Infrastructure Commissioner and that Hampshire have put in their case for main roads to be repaired. These major schemes have to be applied for, and bids put in, and then the money spent within a certain timeframe. 3 roads in Hampshire are considered amongst the 50 most dangerous in the country. The infrastructure has to be considered first as if this is wrong then the local roads and lanes will be affected. CC Humby said that although a £1 charge at the waste recycling centres was not permitted, the fly tipping has gone down in Hampshire and it is felt that this is mainly due to all the Centres being kept open for commercial waste.
- 7.2 WCC – DC L Ruffell and DC A Thacker. DC Ruffell gave the Report stating that fly-tipping has again been a topic which has affected many parishes. There has been another prosecution with a fine of over £6,000. DC Ruffell said that there is a Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan Consultation and Cash for Jobs from the Leader Funding.
- 7.3 SDNP – DC A Thacker. No Report was available.
- 8. Correspondence:**
- 8.1 Thank you letter from CAB for donation received. This was noted.
- 8.2 Amendment from WCC regarding Upham Parish Council Code of Conduct – sent via e-mail. Councillors agreed with the amendment and Clerk has amended the Code for Upham as specified.

- 8.3 WCC Parish Connect – March, 2017. Sent via e-mail. This was noted.
- 8.4 Statement of Community Involvement Refresh Survey – sent via e-mail.
- 8.5 A Walking Relay invitation from Colden Common PC. Clerk will put the information on the noticeboards and village website so that those residents who wish to participate can apply.
- 8.6 WCC Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan Initial Consultation. Councillors agreed to make no additional comments.
- 8.7 E-mail from Mike Parratt regarding security at Upham Recreation Ground. Councillors agreed that sensor lights would be useful – especially for unlocking the Pavilion in the dark and using the defibrillator in the dark. Clerk will ask Neil Ellen when he fits the electrics to the defibrillator for a price.

9. Planning:

9.1 PENDING:

- 9.1.1 (SDNP/16/05423/PRE). Meadow View, Winchester Road, Upham. Erection of 6 no. dwellings and offices with associated access, car parking and landscaping.
- 9.1.2 (SDNP/17/00306/LIS). The Old Fir Tree, Upham Street, Upham. Re-design of existing patio; replacing with existing paving slabs with Indian sandstone, planting new hedgerow to replace existing old hedge.
- 9.1.3 (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).

9.2 NEW:

- 9.2.1 (SDNP/16/05827/FUL). Victoria Villa, Winchester Road, Upham. Construction of 2 x 3 bed dwellings with associated car parking and access from Upham Street. Amended plans. Councillors agreed that they would still object to this application as the site was over-developed, the turning and access is too tight and not workable, and the impact on the street scene is not acceptable.
- 9.2.2 (SDNP/17/01092/HOUS). Holly Farm, Winchester Road, Upham. Remodelling of existing dwelling including single and two storey extensions and alterations to roof. Councillors agreed that they had no objection in principle to the application, but agreed that this is not an extension, but a rebuild of the whole property. The rear elevation has too much glass and would have an impact on the surrounding countryside. There is no information on materials to be used and these should be in conjunction with the Upham Village Design Statement. The hedge needs to be retained along the Winchester Road to protect the overall impact from the main road. Councillors agreed that Policy CE23 is not satisfied and the development should be a design that would not affect the views from the open countryside.

9.3 DECISIONS:

- 9.3.1 (16/02940/FUL). Land adjacent to The Big Muddy Farm, Alma Lane, Upham. Proposed Hay Barn. **Approved.**
- 9.3.2 (SDNP/16/05758/FUL). Freshfields, Upham Street, Upham. Demolition of existing detached dwelling and erection of new detached dwelling. **Withdrawn.**

10. Recreation and Amenities:

- 10.1 Pavilion changing room Grants. Clerk informed Councillors that UFC had secured a WCC small Grant towards some of the cost and that HPFA were going to make a decision on a Grant in mid-April.
- 10.2 Play Area Inspection – painting – 1.4.16 at 9.30 a.m. Cllr Dunford said that she had met with Trevor Scott at the Play Area and he had prepared a list of work that was required. It was felt that it might take longer than a morning, so additional time might need to be allocated. Cllr Dunford will copy the list to the Clerk who will then

ask the Parish Lengthsman to take on some of the tasks. Paint and sadolin will be purchased and helpers will bring along buckets etc.

- 10.3 Bench memorial seat has been installed. Councillors were pleased with the seat and Clerk has informed the Insurance Company.
- 10.4 Defibrillator for outside of Pavilion. This has arrived and will be fitted within the next couple of weeks.
- 11. Upham Primary School:** There was no Report available.
- 12. The Village Hall:** Cllr Armstrong reported that a new Bookings Clerk has been appointed to hopefully start in April.
- 13. Parish Magazine Report:** Clerk will submit a Report.
- 14. Finance:**
 - 14.1 Financial report for March, 2017 (circulated).
 - 14.2 Agree Predicted Budget for 2017-18. Cllr Armstrong proposed that the Clerk's salary be increased to Point 27 from 1.4.17 and then to Point 29 on 1.4.18. Cllr Ashe seconded this proposal. All Councillors were in agreement and Cllr Ashe will formally write to the Clerk. A Budget will incorporate these figures and will be sent via e-mail to Councillors and Clerk.
- 15. Items for Future Consideration at next Meeting:** The next Meeting will be the Annual Parish Assembly and Councillors discussed whether to have a Speaker or not. It was agreed that as there has been so much going on this year we would not have a Speaker. However, we can update residents on the issues that we have actively been involved in e.g. EBC planning, ADD Group, Highways, Emergency Plan etc.
 - 15.1 The next Meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th April at 7.00 p.m. followed by the Monthly Parish Council Meeting.
- 16. Dates of Future Meetings:** Monday 24th April, 2017; Monday 15th May, 2017; Monday 26th June, 2017; Monday 24th July, 2017; No August Meeting; 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 10.30 p.m.**