

# UPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Monday 24th April, 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in Upham Village Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr D Ashe (Chairman), Cllr G Armstrong (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Dunford, Cllr A Dukes, Cllr S LeMay and Cllr H Flaherty.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs A Collins (Clerk) and 11 parishioners.

**The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting, and introduced Parish Councillors and Clerk to parishioners.**

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received County Councillor Humby, District Councillor Ruffell, District Councillor Thacker, Gwyn Halsall (School/OVOV) and Tim Garlick (NHW).
- 2. The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly held on Monday 25th April, 2016 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.**
- 3. Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
- 4. County and City Council Reports:** As no County or District Councillor were present no Reports were given.
- 5. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Report:** As Tim Garlick was unable to attend the Meeting he sent a Report to the Clerk. He stated that the network remains up and running with all districts within the village covered by a local representative. Unfortunately, the latest Upham Update did not increase participation in the scheme by local residents. Crime remains low and Upham continues to be a safe place to live despite the enduring 40 mph through the village. Thefts from gardens and outhouses remains the most popular crime, albeit at a low level. Incidents of fly-tipping and young adults gathering in the village hall car park at night remain the main antisocial concerns. At the forthcoming AGM of the village NHW Scheme Tim will not be standing for re-election as village co-ordinator. It is hoped that someone with more time and enthusiasm will come forward, although Tim will continue to co-ordinate until a replacement is found. Clerk was asked to find out when the AGM was to be held so that it could be advertised in the Upham Update if there is time. Cllr Ashe asked that Tim be thanked for all his hard work with the NHW Co-ordination over the past few years.
- 6. School Governors' Report:** Gwyn Halsall was not able to attend the Meeting but sent a full Report which was read out by the Clerk and is attached as Appendix 1 to these Minutes. The main items in the Report covered achievements, children's development, staffing, working with other organisations within the village and the future.
- 7. Parish Council Accounts for 2016/17:** The Clerk presented the Income and Expenditure for this financial year 2016/17. The balance which will be carried forward is £29,081.51. The Accounts have been audited by the Internal Auditor last week. Cllr Armstrong said that the Accounts were within the Budget for the year. There were no questions regarding the accounts. A copy of the detailed Accounts is attached as Appendix 2.
- 8. Parish Council Chairman's Report:** The Chairman Cllr David Ashe gave a detailed Report on the issues which the Parish Council have been discussing over the past year. A full Report from the Chairman is attached as Appendix 3 to these Minutes.
- 9. Any Questions from parishioners to Councillors.**

Potential residents attended the Meeting to ask Councillors for support in their application for an Affordable house in Torbay Farm. It appears that WCC are not following the criteria that was set out in the Section 106 Agreement which was signed by the Upham Parish Council and other parties. The criteria specifically states that you do not necessarily have to live in Upham to qualify, but have a local connection to Upham by having relatives still living in Upham, or if you work in Upham. CC Humby and DC Ruffell have been aware of the situation and have been speaking to Officers at WCC. Clerk will also write to Cllr Horrill who is Leader of WCC and Portfolio Holder for Housing. Councillors agreed that the only reason that the houses were built in Torbay Farm was to provide Affordable homes for those with an Upham connection who could not afford to live in the village.

4 residents complained to Parish Councillors about broken drainage pipes at Meadow View, which have now been covered up but will cause flooding in that area. This item will be discussed more fully at the Monthly Parish Council Meeting following this Meeting.

- 10. There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the Meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.**