

UPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Monthly Meeting of Upham Parish Council was held via a Conference Call due to the Coronavirus emergency, which means that a Public Meeting is not possible on Monday 18th May, 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Halsall (Chair), Cllr Ashe, Cllr LeMay, Cllr Snowdon, Cllr Croucher, Cllr Dalley, the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins) and District Councillor Lumby were available for the Conference Call.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** There were no apologies but District Councillor Ruffell and County Councillor Humby were not available for the Call.
2. **Agree Minutes of the Meeting held via Conference Call on Monday 27th April, 2020.** These Minutes were agreed and will be signed at the next Parish Council Meeting.
3. **Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct.** Cllr LeMay made a Declaration of Interest for Item 4.5 as she is the neighbouring landowner.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1 Highways Report – Cllr Snowdon/Cllr Dalley to report. Cllr Snowdon said that he is still waiting for a response from HCC. CC Humby will be asked if he could chase up so that we can progress with our landscaping proposals. Cllr Snowdon and Cllr Dalley are going to analyse the data from the SID sign to see if the traffic is going faster along the Winchester Road at the moment. DC Lumby said that he has spoken to the Chief Inspector and the Police are carrying out speed checks. It appears that traffic is going faster generally, and Authorities are working together to try and find solutions to slow traffic down.
 - 4.2 Progress of faster broadband in Upham – Cllr Ashe/Cllr LeMay. Cllr Ashe reported that requests from residential properties for fibre to the property can be put into BT from today. Cllr Ashe will put a note on commshub reminding residents to put in a request.
 - 4.3 Any update on Eastleigh Borough Council Local Plan/Inspector's Report – Cllr Ashe reported that based on the latest conversation with the Plan Programme Officer on 13th May, EBC is working on producing the further evidence and reports requested by the Inspector and on agreeing the draft main modifications to the Local Plan. It is expected that this will take them to the end of June at the earliest. The Inspector then needs to study the material, followed by a 6 week public consultation. The Inspector will then prepare a final Report, and if this is favourable EBC may move to adopt the modified Plan. It is therefore considered unlikely that the modified Local Plan would be ready for adoption by EBC until the very end of this year or early into 2021.
 - 4.4 Drainage at Torbay Farm development – DC Lumby. Deferred until restrictions are lifted.
 - 4.5 Trees at Upham Pond – Update on tree surgery work. Luke Lush was agreed to carry out the work and a Meeting will be arranged on site to discuss the way in which the stumps will be disposed of. It was agreed that Cllr Ashe and Cllr LeMay will meet with Luke to discuss when he has cut down the trees. Hopefully work will be carried out next week. Cllr LeMay will put notices up around the pond area warning people of the work in progress once a definite date is known.
 - 4.6 Wet Woodland Update and Ecology Study – Deferred for the time being.
 - 4.7 Updating of village website – Cllr Halsall said that we are at a stage where the Sub Committee need to have a Meeting to discuss the Draft of the new village pages. It was agreed that Cllr Halsall will arrange a Zoom Meeting with the Sub Committee after 1st June if possible.
 - 4.8 Updating of Village Design Statement/Workshop – Cllr Halsall said that there was nothing to report at this stage. Cllr LeMay suggested that perhaps we should ask more residents to get involved. Cllr Halsall offered to draft something to go onto commshub.

- 4.9 Emergency Plan for Upham – Coronavirus emergency. There were no further issues to discuss. Upham residents appear to be helping each other during this emergency. If anyone does need help then they can still get in touch with the Parish Council or Community Group.
- 4.10 Green Initiatives in Upham – Deferred for the time being.
- 4.11 Update on VE Day Commemorations – Cllr LeMay reported that there is no confirmed date yet for the Upham commemorations, but it is hoped that once social distancing measures are lifted, we can hold the evening dance and supper. There might be a Clap during August but that has yet to be confirmed.
- 4.12 Planning Training for Councillors – New Homes Bonus. DC Lumby said that WCC did collect the New Homes Bonus, but the funds went to a central fund. DC Lumby reported that WCC agreed to hold onto the Funds some years ago and did not pass any funds onto parishes. Councillors agreed that parishes should be given some clarity on this Funding as it was believed that parishes in the EBC district did have funds allocated to them. Councillors also wanted to know what Account did these funds go into at WCC. DC Lumby will find out more about where the funds have been spent and the Clerk will ask other parishes at the next Southern Parishes Meeting.
- 4.13 Village Litter Pick – 1st week in April. Postponed until September.
- 4.14 Update on Slash Pond – Cllr Halsall reported that Slash Pond has had its second maintenance visit. Wild flowers have been planted and it is hoped that the seeds will reproduce next year.
- 5. City and County Reports:** (We will hear these Reports after item 4.4).
- 5.1 HCC – CC Humby – there was no Report available.
- 5.2 WCC – DC Ruffell and DC Lumby. Report attached from DC Lumby. DC Lumby also informed Councillors about the Waste Recycling Centres re-opening and the backlog of fly tipping incidents. There is also additional green recycling bins available if residents would like one. DC Lumby will send on a contact phone number to the Clerk so that it can be circulated.
- 6. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman.** Clerk has received no issues raised by residents to date.
- 7. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety:**
- 7.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report – Cllr Croucher reported that there has been an increase of porch pirates (taking parcels from doorsteps once delivery has been made). Cyber crime is also still very active.
- 8. Correspondence:**
- 8.1 E-mails and Updates regarding Coronavirus emergency. Forwarded to Councillors.
- 8.2 WCC Updates from DC Lumby. Circulated to Councillors.
- 8.3 Play Area at Torbay Farm – update. Clerk has received complaints from residents stating that the play area open space has not been cut during the lockdown period by Bargate. Clerk has followed this up and it appears that their contractors have been furloughed and stopped work. This information was not conveyed to the Parish Council or residents. As Bargate are still responsible until the play area is handed over to the Parish Council the Clerk has asked that this maintenance work be carried out as soon as possible. Most open spaces have been maintained during the lockdown in parishes. Clerk has received an e-mail today from a resident stating that the grass has been cut today.
- 8.4 E-mail from resident regarding state of Bridleway repairs off The Crescent, Sciviers Lane. Clerk has received an e-mail from a resident living in The Crescent regarding the work that has been carried out by HCC Rights of Way to reinstatement the Bridleway. CC Humby has been informed and will be kept updated as this is not really a matter that the Parish Council is able to resolve.

- 8.5 An e-mail was received from the Rights of Way Team asking if Parish Councils would be willing to undertake the work on the footpaths which have been recommended to go onto the priority cutting list. The Clerk has responded asking if some funding is going to be available to carry out this additional work. A clear response about funding has not been received yet. It was reported that the footpaths at Oak Close and Widlers Lane need attention so Clerk will ask Steve Comley if he could attend to these paths.
- 8.6 A letter from the Chief Constable was forwarded onto Councillors updating Councils about how the Constabulary is operating under the present circumstances.

9. Planning:

9.1 PENDING:

- 9.1.1 (APP/L1765/W/19/3229525). 1 Elm Crescent, Upham. Appeal against Refusal to grant planning permission for proposed new dwelling.
- 9.1.2 (SDNP/20/00536/FUL). Belmore Cottage, Belmore Lane, Upham. Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian.
- 9.1.3 (APP/L1765/W/20/3246900). Windrush Stables, Sciviers Lane, Durley. Appeal against conversion of timber framed agricultural building to form one single private residential dwelling.
- 9.1.4 (SDNP/20/01203/HOUS). Dell House, Popes Lane, Upham. Conversion of existing barn into a studio with addition of a first floor annexe.
- 9.1.5 (20/00694/FUL). Land adjacent to Compton Cottage, Sciviers Lane, Upham. Excavation to create a wildlife pond. Councillors had no comments to make on this application.

9.2 NEW:

- 9.2.1 (SDNP/20/01790/HOUS. Freshfields, Upham Street, Upham. Proposed oak framed garage/carport and log store. Councillors agreed that an Objection would be made as it was agreed that the applicant is trying to achieve too much on the plot. There is not enough room to turn a vehicle in the space allocated without reversing out onto the road, especially if the garage door is closed. Councillors were also disappointed at the lack of hedge on the roadside boundary which would shield the garage from the road and therefore keep the rural character of the village.

9.3 DECISIONS:

- 9.3.1 (SDNP/20/00893/HOUS). 1A South Front, Winchester Road, Upham. Ground floor extension and first floor extension including a rear dormer. **Approved.**
- 9.3.2 (SDNP/20/00880/HOUS). Meadow Mead Cottage, Upham Street, Upham. Single storey rear extension. **Approved.**
- 9.3.3 (20/00451/FUL). Sales Suite, 1 Torbay Farm, Upham. Part taking down and reduction to side (north west) elevation by 1500mm to avoid conflict with right of way. **Approved.**

10. Recreation and Amenities:

- 10.1 New piece of play equipment for Recreation Ground – Cllr Halsall reported that Freya is preparing a sketch of the equipment to send to Scandor.
- 10.2 Social distancing measures at Upham Recreation Ground complaint. Clerk received a complaint about boxing exercises being carried out on the Recreation Ground by 4 adults. Councillors agreed that as at least 3 of the adults were from the same household, and the Police would not be able to enforce anything, there was little the Parish Council could do. Clerk will write to the original complainant and explain. It was also agreed that the signs will be refreshed and updated at the Recreation Ground.

- 10.3 Clerk read out an e-mail from UFC stating that the Hampshire League/FA First Aid regulations require a stretcher available for injured players. UFC do not currently have one and they do not have the funds so are asking UPC if we had any contacts. New folding stretchers cost about £100 - £150. Councillors agreed that the Clerk would ask UFC for a definite price and also ask if they had enquired from the Red Cross in Eastleigh as they sometimes do have equipment which is being replaced and might have something available.
- 11. Upham Primary School:** Clerk has circulated the response from Mr Woolley from the e-mail sent following last month's Meeting. Cllr Halsall said that the School are looking to take in children from years R, 1 and 6 along with key workers' children on 1st June.
- 12. The Village Hall:** Cllr Dalley reported that there are no Management Committee Meetings at the moment, but the Committee are staying in touch via e-mails. The Pre-school is open for key worker children and the resurfacing on the car park is complete. Clerk has informed the Hall Chair about a Grant available from WCC which helps towards the loss of revenue. This has been applied for and was successful.
- 13. Parish Magazine Report:** Clerk will submit.
- 14. Finance:**
- 14.1 Financial report for May, 2020 (circulated).
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- 15. Items for Future Consideration at next Meeting:** There were no additional issues raised.
- 16. Dates of Future Meetings:**
Monday 22nd June 2020, Monday 27th July 2020, No Meeting in August, Monday 28th September 2020,
Monday 26th October 2020, Monday 23rd November 2020, No Meeting in December.
- 17. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25 p.m.**