

# UPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**The Monthly Meeting of Upham Parish Council was held virtually due to the Coronavirus emergency, which means that a Public Meeting is not possible on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020 at 7.30 p.m.**

Cllr Halsall (Chair), Cllr Ashe, Cllr LeMay, Cllr Snowdon, Cllr Croucher, Cllr Dalley, the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins), District Councillor Lumby and District Councillor Ruffell were all included in the Meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from County Councillor Humby.
2. **Agree Minutes of the Meeting held via Conference Call on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 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 in Item 4.5 on the Agenda as she is a neighbouring property to the Pond.
4. **Matters Arising:**
  - 4.1 Highways Report – Cllr Snowdon/Cllr Dalley to report. Cllr Snowdon reported that traffic has increased since lockdown restrictions have been gradually lifted. A breakdown summary of the speed, and amount of vehicles was produced, the top speed recorded was 113 mph. DC Lumby agreed to speak to CC Humby about moving plans forward in Upham for the highways improvements and landscaping. Councillors appreciated that Covid-19 has slowed everything down, but feel that now it is time to move forwards again. A Meeting will be arranged with our MP Flick Drummond, CC Humby and HCC along with Upham Parish Council representatives. The Clerk will write to Flick and ask for a Meeting. Cllr Snowdon asked if a further battery charger could be purchased. This was agreed by Councillors.
  - 4.2 Faster broadband in Upham – Cllr Ashe said that many residents had registered, and now have available the faster broadband. The outlying areas appear to be doing their own thing and finding the best provider for their needs. Cllr Halsall said that a resident wrote in the Upham Update thanking the Broadband Team for all their hard work in achieving such a wonderful result for Upham residents, who have suffered slow broadband speeds for many years. It was agreed that this item could now come off the Agenda.
  - 4.3 Any update on Eastleigh Borough Council Local Plan/Inspector's Report – Cllr Ashe said that there was a Cabinet Meeting this Thursday and it is hoped that they will accept the Inspector's advice.
  - 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. It was reported that Luke Lush is going to cut down the trees which need to be felled, but due to an arm injury it will not be this week. It is hoped that the work will be carried out as soon as possible, but before October/November when trees need to be planted.
  - 4.6 Wet Woodland Update and Ecology Study – Deferred for the time being.
  - 4.7 Updating of village website – Cllr Halsall to report on Zoom Meeting held on 11.6.20. The Working Group have been looking at the Home page and have made suggestions to Jenni and David Bell to enhance this area. Councillors were pleased with the changes which have been made. Other organisations are updating their web pages. Jane Ashe suggested that the Upham History Society could get involved in the Updating of the History page. More photographs are required for the website.
  - 4.8 Updating of Village Design Statement/Workshop – Cllr Halsall reported that Richard Green has received no more interest from residents in helping with the Updating of the VDS. Another plea has gone into the Upham Update.
  - 4.9 Emergency Plan for Upham – Coronavirus emergency. Any further issues to discuss. The only issue to arise has been the play area closure. Tape closing off the play equipment has been taken down several times. It was agreed

that we would put up further signs. There was little else that could be done. It seems that gradually things are returning to the new normal.

- 4.10 Green Initiatives in Upham – Deferred for the time being.
- 4.11 Update on VE Day Commemorations – Cllr LeMay said that there is no further update yet as restrictions have not been lifted enough to hold a large gathering. We will need to wait and see what happens, but the August date looks unlikely for an Event.
- 4.12 New Homes Bonus. DC Lumby to update on where funds have been spent and where they are held at WCC. DC Lumby said that he has not been able to find out any more information. DC Ruffell offered to look into this at WCC and come back to Councillors.
- 4.13 Village Litter Pick – 1<sup>st</sup> week in April. Postponed until September.
- 4.14 Report on Local Council Update Meeting (16.6.20). Cllr Halsall reported that the Meeting went well and issues discussed included the financial implications and the emerging financial pressures due to the recent Covid-19 emergency. The restore and recovery programme, followed by a Local Plan Update and then response to questions from UPC regarding the Parish Charter and the Climate Emergency and what plans WCC have to encourage the use of green transport options. There appeared to be no further progress made on any of these issues.

**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. The main topics in the Report were refuse collection, restoration and recovery plan, business support, the discretionary grant fund and the new Mayor has been appointed – Cllr Patrick Cunningham. DC Ruffell informed Councillors about how Planning Meetings are being held on-line. It is much more time-consuming, and the Committee are not able to get through so many Planning Applications in one day. DC Lumby thanked Cllr Snowdon for sending through the SID speeds, these have been passed onto Andy Tester of the Road Policing Unit. A new on-line booking system for the waste recycling centres is operational.
- 6. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman.** There were no issues raised by members of the public.

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

- 7.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report – Cllr Croucher reported that a scam was circulating about the Test and Trace Scheme. A warning has been put up on commshub and in the Upham Update informing residents of the scam.

**8. Correspondence:**

- 8.1 E-mails and Updates regarding Coronavirus emergency. Forwarded to Councillors. This was noted.
- 8.2 Southdowns National Park June Newsletter – forwarded onto Councillors. This was noted.
- 8.3 County Councillor Grant for 2020. Councillors agreed that as there were various signs needed around the village we should look into costings and perhaps use this Grant to purchase one of the signs. The signs included a fingerpost sign at the end of Sciviers Lane, road name signs (e.g. Queen Street) or other signs which have been discussed for Upham.
- 8.4 HCC Covid 19 Transports Schemes and map to raise concerns and suggestions. Councillors agreed that this appears to be a temporary scheme – which is a pity as a permanent cycleway/footpath along the Winchester Road from Bishops Waltham to Fishers Pond would help with the climate emergency.

**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.
- 9.1.6 (SDNP/20/01790/HOUS. Freshfields, Upham Street, Upham. Proposed oak framed garage/carport and log store.

## 9.2 NEW:

- 9.2.1 (SDNP/20/02116/CND). White Cottage, Upham Street, Upham. Variation of condition 2 and condition 3 of Application Reference SDNP/19/04655/HOUS. Councillors agreed that an objection should be made as we do not believe that these Variations are Material Amendments as they do affect the street scene in Upham Street, and have an impact on neighbouring properties. Councillors agree that there appears to be options for a design which would be acceptable for both the applicant and the neighbouring properties. Councillors feel that these options should be considered, and a new Planning Application submitted.

## 9.3 DECISIONS:

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

- 10.1 New piece of play equipment for Recreation Ground – Cllr Halsall reported that a date has been pencilled in to install the new equipment of 20<sup>th</sup> July, but this will depend on restrictions being lifted in play areas.
- 10.2 Removable post/permanent post at Recreation Ground. Councillors agreed that a wooden post which is concreted into the ground in the position Cllr Ashe suggested would be acceptable. Clerk will ask Steve Comley to install the post. Some additional padlocks will also be purchased for the gate and the other post at the Ground.
- 10.3 Stretcher for Pavilion. Clerk reported that UFC had made enquiries with the Red Cross and no stretcher was available. Councillors agreed that UPC could pay 50% of the cost and perhaps UFC would pay the other 50%. If UFC are in agreement with this suggestion, then a stretcher will be ordered.
- 10.4 Damage to UFC noticeboard – Clerk has reported this to UFC who will lock it and repair the damage.

- 11. Upham Primary School:** Cllr Snowdon said that some children were back at School and everything was running smoothly. More children will go back in September and this will be more of a challenge to accommodate them.

- 12. The Village Hall:** Cllr Dalley reported that a Meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June to discuss the running of the Hall and perhaps how it could be re-opened once restrictions allow.

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

### **14. Finance:**

- 14.1 Financial report for June, 2020 (circulated). Cllr Snowdon will send the Clerk any Highways specific amounts and these will be included on the Financial Report.

- 15. Items for Future Consideration at next Meeting:** Signage will be added to the Highways section on the Agenda so that this can be re-visited again.

**16. Dates of Future Meetings:**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020, No Meeting in August, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020,  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, No Meeting in December.

**17. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT  
9.30 p.m.**