

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 28th September, 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from County Councillor Humby, District Councillor Ruffell and Cllr Snowdon.
2. **Agree Minutes of the Meetings held virtually on Monday 27th July, 2020, Wednesday 3rd August, 2020 and Thursday 3rd September, 2020.** These Minutes were agreed and will be signed at the next Meeting.
3. **Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct.** Cllr LeMay made a Declaration of Interest on Item 4.3 and Cllr Dalley made a Declaration of Interest on Item 12.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1 Highways Report – Cllr Snowdon to report on Highways Meetings. Winchester Road Highways improvements, including landscape, bus shelter replacements. Pilot Scheme with SDNP. Signage in Upham. Funding. Reinstatement of road outside of Church Cottage. It was agreed that as Cllr Snowdon was unable to attend this Meeting and there was a lot more discussion required on many of the highways issues we would hold a separate Highways Meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would inform HCC Highways about the flooding outside of Church Cottage and also ask the owners to report the problem as well. A holding response will be sent to SDNP about the proposed Pilot Scheme as we are keen to engage with SDNP, but as we have been waiting for 3 years to go onto the Pilot Scheme we would not wish to wait much longer. This will be discussed again at the Highways Meeting after which a full response will be sent to SDNP.
 - 4.2 Drainage at Torbay Farm development – DC Lumby. Although it was agreed that this item would be deferred until the present restrictions were lifted it was felt that Covid-19 will be around for many months more and so it was agreed that DC Lumby should follow this up before we have another winter of flooding issues at Torbay Farm.
 - 4.3 Trees at Upham Pond – Update on tree surgery work. Cllr LeMay reported that Luke Lush is going to carry out the work this coming week. Cones will be put out around the Pond on the morning of the work so that vehicles do not park near to where the work is being carried out.
 - 4.4 Wet Woodland Update and Ecology Study – Deferred for the time being.
 - 4.5 Updating of village website – Cllr Halsall to report on progress made. Cllr Halsall informed Councillors that the website is now live, and we are continuing making changes as needed. Training has also commenced for those who are inputting information.
 - 4.6 Updating of Village Design Statement/Workshop – Cllr Halsall to report. There has been no further progress made at the moment so Cllr Halsall will arrange a short zoom Meeting to discuss moving forwards.
 - 4.7 Emergency Plan for Upham – Coronavirus emergency. Any further issues to discuss. Restrictions are still in place at the Pavilion and a QR Code for Track and Trace has been placed at the entrance. Clerk will ask how this is working with UFC. Janet Dunford has informed UPC that some residents are getting lonely and the Care Group are happy to speak to these residents and engage with them. A message will be put on commshub via Claire Elliott to ask if any residents know of anyone who might be feeling a little lonely at the moment to get in touch with the Care Group so that they could be contacted.
 - 4.8 Green Initiatives in Upham – Deferred for the time being. Cllr Halsall will circulate an e-mail that was sent about the Greening Campaign so that Councillors can see if Upham residents might be interested in participating.

- 4.9 Update on VE Day Commemorations – Cllr LeMay to report on any update. There is no further update.
- 4.10 Village Litter Pick – Cllr Halsall reported that the village litter pick went well and WCC picked up the black bags from the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that the Litter Pick will revert back to April next year as it is easier to pick up litter when the grass is not so high.
- 4.11 Report on Planning Update Seminar from Presentation by WCC – Cllr Halsall informed Councillors of the Presentation and Councillors discussed the implications of the new Planning White Paper Consultation. It was agreed that UPC would send in their comments. Cllr LeMay and Cllr Ashe offered to prepare a response and circulate to Councillors. It was also agreed that a petition prepared by CPRE would be circulated for residents to sign if they wish. Any comments could be made by residents with perhaps a copy to their MP.
- 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. A District Councillors’ Report was circulated prior to the Meeting. In addition to the Report DC Lumby informed Councillors that most issues are on hold at the moment at WCC. The 3 highways issues will be sent to DC Lumby from UPC.
- 6. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman.** There were no parishioners who wished to speak at the Meeting.
- 7. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety:**
- 7.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report – Cllr Croucher reported that there was a snap chat account which was hacked and this has gone onto commshub so that people are aware of the scam. Cllr LeMay said that gates and a mobile cattle crush were stolen in Upham.
- 8. Correspondence:**
- 8.1 Signing of Transfer of Open Space land at Torbay Farm from Bargate to Upham Parish Council. Cllr Halsall and Cllr Ashe have signed the Transfer and it is now with our Solicitor for action. It is hoped that we will soon be informed that we will be taking over the open space and play area.
- 8.2 HCC – Help Shape the Way we Travel Newsletter – forwarded via e-mail. This was noted.
- 8.3 Insurance Renewal for 2020-21. Clerk informed Councillors that there was a £25.99 increase from last year in the renewal quote. Councillors agreed that they would renew and all were in agreement.
- 8.4 HCC – Your Hampshire: Got something to say Newsletter – forwarded via e-mail. This was noted.
- 8.5 WCC – Greening Campaign interest. Cllr Halsall will forward on information and Councillors will see if this could be something that would work in Upham.
- 8.6 NALC Salary increase for 2019-20 & 2020-21. This was noted and Councillors will discuss.
- 8.7 Letter from Winchester CAB thanking us for the donation. This was noted.
- 9. Planning:**
- 9.1 PENDING:
- 9.1.1 (SDNP/20/00536/FUL). Belmore Cottage, Belmore Lane, Upham. Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian.
- 9.1.2 (SDNP/20/03510/FUL). Land adjacent Sciviers Lane, Winchester Road, Upham. Change of use of agricultural land to private equestrian and erection of tables, feed room and tack room.

9.1.3 (SDNP/20/03101/FUL). Down Farm, Winchester Road, Upham. Demolition of stable building, removal of storage building and proposed erection of a replacement stable building.

9.2 NEW:

9.2.1 (SDNP/20/03818/HOUS). Taylors Cottage, Sciviers Lane, Upham. Single storey rear extension with wood burner, fenestration and roof alterations to existing garden room. Councillors had no comments to make on this application.

9.2.2.(20/01769/FUL). Barnhurst, Alma Lane, Upham. Replacement stables, construction of barn, and exercise/training area for private use. Councillors agreed that an objection would be made as Alma Lane has a special landscape quality and it is now becoming over-developed with sheds/barns/caravans etc. The proposed barn and stables are over-sized and without little justification. There is also no justification for the change of use from agricultural land to equestrian with a big building. If agreed this proposed development would adversely affect the street scene from Alma Lane.

9.3 DECISIONS:

9.3.1 (SDNP/20/02116/CND). White Cottage, Upham Street, Upham. Variation of condition 2 and condition 3 of Application Reference SDNP/19/04655/HOUS. GRANTED.

9.3.2 (SDNP/20/01963/PRE). The Forge, Upham Street, Upham. Extension to existing dwelling and conversion of outbuilding to one new dwelling. ADVICE GIVEN.

9.3.3 (SDNP/20/02596/PRE). The Woodman Inn, Winchester Road, Upham. Demolition of existing public house and construction of 6 no. dwelling houses with associated access, parking and landscaping. ADVICE GIVEN.

10. Recreation and Amenities:

10.1 Installation of new piece of play equipment at Recreation Ground completed – Cllr Halsall reported that the new equipment has been well received by youngsters. Clerk will add this to the Insurance Policy. Clerk will write a letter of thanks to Judith Carrie for all her efforts in achieving this piece of equipment for Upham.

10.2 Damaged memorial seat has been removed from Recreation Ground. Cllr Croucher will get in touch with Karl again to ask him about a replacement seat.

10.3 Grounds maintenance work in Upham. Discussion took place about the re-allocation of grounds maintenance work in Upham between Steve Comley and John Clements. Councillors agreed that as from the next cutting season Steve would continue to carrying out the grass cutting at the Recreation Ground, along with any strimming and weed spraying required. He will also carry out the grass cutting, strimming and weed spraying at Torbay Farm once we take it over. John will be asked to continue work at the Pond and Wild area, and also be asked if he would quote for cleaning the bus shelters and clear them of any vegetation as required. Sandra and Trevor Scott have cleared the bus shelters of vegetation and cleaned them recently. Clerk will write a letter of thanks to them for their village spirited efforts. Steve Comley will be asked to cut back the hedging and trees along the Winchester Road near to the bus shelter so that sight-lines are better. Nettles also need to be cut back at the top of the Recreation Ground. Clerk will ask Steve to do this. Cllr Ashe said that an offer of help had been made to maintain the entrance area of the Recreation Ground.

10.4. Update on rotating swing at Recreation Ground. This has now been repaired and is in use again. The wooden uprights still need to be lifted and re-seated so Councillors agreed that before the equipment gets any worse we would get the work done. All Councillors were in agreement that we ask Greenspan to carry out the work quoted for £1,860. Cllr Halsall will get in touch with Greenspan to see when the work could be carried out.

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

12. The Village Hall: Cllr Dalley reported that the AGM was held remotely along with a Management Meeting. The Annual Report and Financial Statements are on the village website, a new Caretaker has been appointed, the new website is working well and has been updated and Cllr Dalley has been elected as one of the Trustees.

13. Parish Magazine Report: Clerk will submit.

14. Finance:

14.1 Financial report for August, 2020 and September, 2020 (circulated).

15. Items for Future Consideration at next Meeting: Offers have been made for the payment of street signs for Queen Street and Church Street. Street name signs will be put on the Agenda again for our next Meeting.

16. Dates of Future Meetings:

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 9.00 p.m.