

# UPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## The Monthly Meeting of Upham Parish Council was held virtually due to the Coronavirus emergency, which meant that a Public Meeting was not possible on Monday 22nd February, 2021 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 present at the Meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from County Councillor Humby and District Councillor Ruffell.
2. **Agree Minutes of the Meeting held virtually on Monday 25th January, 2021.** These Minutes were agreed and will be signed at the next Parish Council Meeting.
3. **Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct.** Declarations of Interest were declared by Cllr Ashe and Cllr Dalley on item 9.2.2 on the Agenda. Cllr Ashe was the Architect and Cllr Dalley is a Trustee of the Hall.
4. **Matters Arising:**
  - 4.1 Highways Report – Cllr Snowdon to report on Highways Meeting held on 16.2.21 regarding Highways improvements, gateway signs, landscaping and bus shelter replacements. Cllr Snowdon reported that the Highways Meeting discussed the landscaping, gateway signs, bus shelters and other issues. The Cultivation Licence 142 from HCC has now been approved and received. The SID results for the last 2 weeks were given by Cllr Dalley and it was agreed that we should look into purchasing a second SID sign. The Clerk will obtain a price to view the cost. Cllr Snowdon had a walk about with Trevor Scott and he said that he was happy to be involved with the landscaping part of the project. It was agreed that as the landscaping would cost a lot of money it might be best to carry out a small pilot plot to show residents what we are anticipating planting. It was agreed that a small working party would be set up to review the landscaping – Cllr Ashe, Cllr LeMay, Cllr Dalley, Cllr Snowdon and Trevor Scott would be involved. Cllr Dalley has carried out research on bus shelters and Councillors viewed the one which has just been built in Curdridge. After viewing the Curdridge bus shelter it was agreed that perhaps we should look further afield and look at different designs, even if they did cost a little more. Cllr Dalley will look at various designs and come back to Councillors. Any suggestions from Councillors should be sent to Cllr Dalley so that he can obtain prices.
  - 4.2 Drainage at Torbay Farm – DC Lumby reported that he has been discussing the problems with WCC and they are speaking to Sovereign Housing. Further photographs will be sent to WCC to show the current situation once they are available. Cllr LeMay will speak to Jane Brown again.
  - 4.3 Update on progress at Pond - Cllr LeMay/Cllr Ashe to report. The ecoplugs have now been put into the tree stumps and the Pond is looking a lot better. Cllr Snowdon said that the telephone box needs repairing as it does not work and also some glass has been broken. Cllr LeMay will view the phone box and inform the Clerk of the damage so that the Clerk can then ask BT to repair.
  - 4.4 Wet Woodland Update and Ecology Study – Deferred for the time being.
  - 4.5 Updating of Village Design Statement/Workshop – Cllr Halsall reported that there is a Meeting arranged for tomorrow to agree the next stage.
  - 4.6 Emergency Plan for Upham – Coronavirus emergency. There were no further issues to discuss.
  - 4.7 Green Initiatives in Upham – WCC Climate Change Meeting (23.2.21). Cllr Halsall has circulated the Meeting to the Green Group to see if they wish to attend. Jane Ashe and Cllr Dalley offered to attend.
  - 4.8 Update on VE Day Commemorations – Cllr LeMay to report on any update. There are no further updates.

- 4.9 Kissing gate repairs – donation made by resident towards the cost. Councillors appreciated this kind gesture and the Clerk has written a letter of thanks to the resident.
- 4.10 Winchester District Local Plan Consultation Workshop (8.2.21). Cllr Ashe/Cllr LeMay/Cllr Dalley to report. Cllr Ashe reported on the Meeting and Councillors expressed their concerns to DC Lumby regarding the stance that PUSH might be taking – asking for additional housing numbers to be taken from other Local Authorities into the new Winchester Local Plan as this might put more pressure on the parishes to take more housing than they need. DC Lumby took on our concerns. It was agreed that this item should be on the Agenda for the next Southern Parishes Meeting.
- 5. City and County Reports:** (We will hear these Reports after item 4.2).
- 5.1 HCC – CC Humby. There was no County Councillor Report available.
- 5.2 WCC – DC Ruffell and DC Lumby. February, 2021 Report sent via e-mail, along with other useful Updates. These were noted.
- 6. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman.** No members of the public asked to attend the Meeting or had any additional issues to raise which are not already on the Agenda.
- 7. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety:**
- 7.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report – Cllr Croucher reported that silver canisters have been found in Upham and this has been reported to PCSO Owen Reeves. A NHW Update was received and has been sent to the Clerk. This information will be put onto the Parish Council website to inform residents.
- 8. Correspondence:**
- 8.1 Notification of the Winchester Local Plan Consultation. The Consultation has been published on the village noticeboards and on the website so that residents can send in their comments. Upham Parish Council will also need to format a response. Cllr Ashe said that some of the ex-ADD members would be willing to help. Cllr Ashe and Cllr LeMay are attending a CPRE Meeting this week and will try and write a draft response for Councillors to view.
- 8.2 HCC – Solar Together Scheme information. This is an initiative by HCC to provide residents with an opportunity to purchase solar panels as a group via HCC. The information to register has been put onto the website and village noticeboards.
- 8.3 An e-mail was sent by Simon Beloe thanking the Parish Council for their efforts in getting Popes Lane reinstated.
- 8.4 Correspondence with Flick Drummond MP regarding recent electricity power outages in Lower Upham. Work is being carried out to rectify this problem.
- 8.5 Response from Planning Officer regarding complaints from residents about the visibility coming out of Upham Street onto the Winchester Road by The Woodman development. After visiting the site the Planning Officer agreed that there is no safety issue. Highways also had no concerns. Councillors agreed that we will review the situation once the building work commences and when the homes are inhabited. Clerk has asked for a timeline for the work on the development to commence, but to date there has been no response to this question. Clerk will ask again.
- 9. Planning:**
- 9.1 PENDING:
- 9.1.1 (SDNP/20/04253/CND). Newlyn Farm, Stakes Lane, Upham. Removal or variation of condition 4 agricultural tie relating to application 03/02871/FUL.
- 9.1.2 (20/01592/FUL). Woodlands Farm, Alma Lane, Upham. Change of use to a secure dog area for training purposes. Enclosed 6ft post and mesh fence. For personal use and to rent to exercise dogs in a safe environment.

9.1.3 (SDNP/21/00133/HOUS). Dernier, Upham Street, Upham. Extension to rear of existing garage.

## 9.2 NEW:

9.2.1 (SDNP/21/00639/HOUS) & (SDNP/21/00640/LIS). Little Croft, Church Street, Upham. The proposed works involve removing the existing slate tiles and associated battens to the 2008 side and rear extension, and replace them with a standing sea lead finish. Listed Building Grade II. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

9.2.2 (21/00161/FUL). Upham New Millennium Village Hall, Mortimers Lane, Upham. Proposed removal of heating oil tank and replacement with an air source heat pump fan unit. Cllr Ashe and Cllr Dalley took no part in the discussion of this Application. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

9.2.3 (SDNP/21/00459/HOUS). Ash Cottage, Upham Street, Upham. Change double garage into gym/playroom. New dormer window facing south and extend parking space. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

9.2.4 (21/00106/PNACOU). Oaktree Farm, Sciviers Lane, Upham. Change of use of an existing agricultural building to single dwellinghouse. Councillors agreed that they had no comments to make.

9.2.5 (SDNP/21/00485/HOUS). 2 Stoneyhard Cottages, The Holt, Upham. Retrospective householder planning application for the retention of a lean-to shed, housing a biomass boiler and log store and the retention of an associated flue. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

## 9.3 DECISIONS:

9.3.1 (20/02553/FUL). Barndown Farm, Alma Lane, Upham. Agricultural storage barn and farm office. **Permitted.**

9.3.2 (SDNP/20/05375/HOUS). The Old Grain Store, Lower Preshaw Lane, Upham. Replacement carport, new porch & lobby. **Permitted.**

9.3.3 (SDNP/20/03818/HOUS). Taylors Cottage, Sciviers Lane, Upham. Single storey rear extension with wood burner, fenestration and roof alterations to existing garden room. **Permitted.**

9.3.4 (20/01769/FUL). Barnhurst, Alma Lane, Upham. Replacement stables, construction of barn, and exercise training area for private use. **Refused.**

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

10.1 Torbay Farm Play Area Report – Cllr Croucher reported that the landscape bin has been installed and the posts have been put in the two entrances.

10.2 Memorial seat at Upham Recreation Ground installation – Cllr Croucher reported that the seat has arrived and has been installed by Karl. A thank you letter will be sent by the Clerk.

10.3 Play equipment at Recreation Ground – Cllr Croucher said that she had spoken to Steve Comley at the Recreation Ground and he suggested taking some of the matting from the previous wigwam site and put it under the basket swing. Councillors agreed that this was a good idea. Cllr Halsall has carried out the play area checks this month and noticed that cyclists have been making a cycle track over some play equipment and going down the slide, along with making the area very muddy. Councillors agreed that this was not acceptable as it would damage the play equipment and also cause a safety concern for young children using the play equipment. Cllr LeMay offered to circulate to parents who might have children who use cycles at the Recreation Ground in the hope that they can inform the youngsters not to continue with this behaviour. Cllr Halsall also reported that the fence posts have been replaced. The Clerk will remind Steve Comley to take down the basket-ball hoop.

10.4 After an incident when a dog off a lead at the Recreation Ground went into the neighbouring field of sheep and attacked one of them signs were placed around the Ground asking owners to keep their dogs on a lead. It was

agreed that a revised sign would be placed advising that there are ewes in lamb in the next field and that dogs must be kept under control. Cllr Ashe is in the process of drafting a sign to go on the side of the Pavilion.

**11. Upham Primary School:** No Report was available, but Cllr Snowdon said that all appears to be working well.

**12. The Village Hall:** Cllr Dalley reported on the car park lights and informed Councillors that the Hall had to be closed for Pre-School over the last 2 weeks due to a Covid outbreak.

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

**14. Finance:**

14.1 Financial report for February, 2021 (circulated). This was noted.

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**15. Items for Future Consideration at next Meeting:**

15.1 Cllr Halsall suggested to Councillors that we still continue with the Village Litter Pick in April as this would still be an ideal time to pick up the litter. This was agreed and Cllr Halsall will publish the Event.

15.2 Cllr Dalley asked if the road signs could go back onto the Agenda to be discussed. This was agreed.

**16. Dates of Future Meetings:**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 (APM & PC), Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, No August Meeting, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2021, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2021, No December Meeting.

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