

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 March, 2021 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 Ruffell and District Councillor Lumby were present at the Meeting. George Rees and his Planning Consultant were present for part of the Meeting to inform Councillors about their Planning Application under item 9.2.1.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from County Councillor Humby.
2. **Agree Minutes of the Meeting held virtually on Monday 22nd February, 2021.** 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 on items 9.2.5 and 9.2.6. Cllr Ashe also made a Declaration of Interest on items 9.2.2 and 9.2.3 on the Agenda.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1 Highways Report – Cllr Snowdon to report on Highways improvements, gateway signs, landscaping and bus shelter replacements. Road signs. Cllr Snowdon reported that he had met with Joe Holland from HCC on 12th March to discuss the gateway plans for the Winchester Road and he advised that to install all 3 gateways at the same time would be more cost effective. The plans for the Winchester Road are being re-worked and it is still hoped that the work can be carried out this summer. Finger posts could be covered under the CFI Scheme by AK Engineering. The test planting to compare the seed turf with direct planting has not progressed as Scandor have not come back yet with a cost. A further SID was discussed and Cllr Dalley gave Councillors statistics showing the speed of vehicles who are going through the current SID device. These speeds were very concerning and will be given to the Police so that they are well aware of the speeds vehicles go through this part of Upham. Cllr Snowdon said that the Planting Working Group have not been able to meet yet. Cllr Dalley has taken photographs for our next Meeting showing sites where road signs could be placed.
 - 4.2 Drainage at Torbay Farm – DC Lumby had no further update, although he has now received more photographs. A further letter from a resident living in Sciviers Lane regarding flooding has been passed to DC Lumby to add to the evidence.
 - 4.3 Update on progress at Pond - Cllr LeMay/Cllr Ashe informed Councillors that clearing brambles and weeds around the pond has been continuing and the pond might need to be dredged sometime in the future, but not this year. HCC have confirmed that they will not dredge the pond as they do not own it.
 - 4.4 Wet Woodland Update and Ecology Study – Deferred for the time being.
 - 4.5 Updating of Village Design Statement/Workshop – Cllr Halsall said that a well attended virtual Meeting had been held on Saturday 20th March and 25 residents volunteered to help with the survey. It is hoped that surveys will be carried out shortly.
 - 4.6 Emergency Plan for Upham – Coronavirus emergency. There were no further issues to discuss.
 - 4.7 Green Initiatives in Upham – Report on WCC Climate Change Meeting (23.2.21) – Cllr Dalley sent a Report to Councillors prior to this Meeting outlining the ideas from the Meeting.
 - 4.8 Update on VE Day Commemorations – Cllr LeMay said that November 2021 might be a suitable date, but it looks as if next May 2022 would be another option. There will still be an Exhibition as a lot of hard work has gone into this already.

- 4.9 Southern Parishes Group Meeting Report (10.3.21) – Cllr Croucher/Clerk. The main Speaker was DC Lumby informing the Group about planning and enforcement at WCC. Parish Councils were sent updates, but these are no longer happening. Most Councils felt that it would be helpful to have updates again as it showed whether progress had been made or not on enforcement issues. Kevan Bundell from CPRE also spoke to the Group about their response to the Winchester Local Plan Consultation and promoting a Green Belt for South Hampshire. An update was given on the NHS changes and the Aquind Interconnector . An update from HALC was given and the Speaker for the next Meeting will be from the Police. Cllr Croucher put the views of UPC across regarding affordable housing requirements in Upham. The Group did not really discuss the Winchester Local Plan Consultation in detail as each parish has different views and housing requirements.
- 4.10 Winchester District Plan Consultation – response from Parish Council. Cllr Ashe/Cllr LeMay to update. It was agreed that a draft response would be circulated before being submitted by Cllr Ashe. It is hoped that the draft response will be available by the end of this week so that Councillors can make any comments.
- 4.11 Village Litter Pick – Cllr Halsall said that she has not received much response, but hopefully once it is circulated on commshub some additional residents will offer their help.

5. City and County Reports: (We will hear these Reports after item 4.2).

- 5.1 HCC – CC Humby. CC Humby sent a response regarding the flooding outside of Mark Oak in Upham Street. A gully was replaced last summer where a chamber had been blocked with concrete and as far as HCC are concerned this is working well as there have been no further complaints. CC Humby also sent through links for surface water flooding which HCC has responsibility for. Councillors are aware that this particular problem has not been resolved so the Clerk will ask CC Humby who the Officer was who dealt with the issue and then perhaps a Meeting could be arranged with the Officer, residents and Councillors to try and resolve this.
- 5.2 WCC – DC Ruffell and DC Lumby. March, 2021 Report sent via e-mail, along with other useful Updates. DC Lumby informed Councillors about a reduction in planning posts (3.5 posts) and how this could affect the work being carried out. Councillors agreed that this was a concern. DC Ruffell informed Councillors about the Southampton Airport runway extension and Junction 9 on the Motorway. He also confirmed that the M.27 is still going to be a smart motorway – which is still a concern for Councillors.

6. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman. There were no members of the public wishing to attend.

7. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety:

- 7.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report – Cllr Croucher reported that dog thefts in the area are of great concern and some residents have seen suspicious vans and people around the area, including Upham Recreation Ground.

8. Correspondence:

- 8.1 Response from BT regarding repairs to telephone box in Church Street. Clerk circulated a response stating that the repair work will be carried out. Cllr Halsall confirmed that repairs had been carried out this week. Cllr LeMay offered to arrange to clean the inside of the telephone box once it has been re-painted.
- 8.2 Concerns raised regarding overhanging branches on the SSE cables in Church Street and water leak near to Pond. Clerk has reported this to SSE and they are going to investigate. Cllr Ashe reported that the water leak has been repaired.
- 8.3 Idverde flexible litter pick support service for local people. This was discussed and Councillors agreed that this could be considered for Winchester Road and Mortimers Lane areas as there is a lot of fast traffic on these roads. It was agreed that we could look at this when we have completed the yearly litter pick in Upham if there is interest from residents.
- 8.4 Enquiry regarding historic photographs of Upham. There has been a lot of interest from residents and many photographs have been put up on the Upham Heritage facebook page.
- 8.5 Various HCC and WCC Updates which have been circulated when they arrive.

8.6 A letter was circulated to Councillors from the Chief Constable regarding the recent sad death of Sarah Everard and the ramifications this has had around the Country.

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

9.1.3 (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.

9.1.4 (SDNP/21/00459/HOUS). Ash Cottage, Upham Street, Upham. Change double garage into gym/playroom. New dormer window facing south and extend parking space.

9.1.5 (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.

9.2 NEW:

9.2.1 (SDNP/21/01084/FUL). Land and track north of The Limmers, Winchester Road, Durley. The erection of a commercial storage building (B8) including landscape works. Councillors invited George Rees and his Agent to speak to them and Councillors asked questions. It was agreed that we would send in an Objection similar to our previous Objection as we still had many concerns, especially highways related.

Cllr Ashe took no further part in discussion at this point in the Meeting.

9.2.2 (SDNP/21/01313/LIS). Penhale Cottage, Shoe Lane, Upham. Proposed replacement of modern single and double glazed windows by double glazed windows. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

9.2.3 (SDNP/21/01317/LIS) & SDNP/21/01316/HOUS). Penhale Cottage, Shoe Lane, Upham. Proposed removal of oil tank, moving of rainwater tank and installation of new Air Source Heat Pump. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

Cllr Ashe re-joined the Meeting again.

9.2.4 (SDNP/21/01455/CND). The Woodman Inn, Winchester Road, Upham. Removal of conditions 2 and 4 in relation to application SDNP/17/05776/FUL. Councillors do not wish the Conditions to be removed, but have no objections to the changes.

Cllr LeMay took no further part in discussion at this point in the Meeting.

9.2.5 (SDNP/21/01206/LDP). Newlyn Farm, Stakes Lane, Upham. Construction of swimming pool, incidental outbuilding and two porches. Councillors agreed that they observe this Application is for Permitted Development however, the buildings will have an impact on the landscape.

9.2.6 (SDNP/21/01265/HOUS). Newlyn Farm, Stakes Lane, Upham. Excavation and construction of an external stairwell, French doors and railings forming a means of escape and lightwell to the existing basement. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

Cllr LeMay re-joined the Meeting again.

9.2.7 (SDNP/21/01492/FUL). The Forge, Upham Street, Upham. Change of use and extension of an existing forge to

create a domestic dwelling. Extension of an existing dwelling. Associated landscape works and replacement drainage system. Councillors agreed that they Objected to this Application as the Forge does add character to Upham Street and is a non-designated Upham asset. Councillors agreed that the parking in front of the buildings did affect the street view and would prefer to see parking to the side and use the existing access. Councillors felt that one dwelling would look better than trying to put two dwellings on this site. This development is on the entrance to a conservation area and Councillors agreed that parking in front of the dwellings detracted from this well-loved landmark in Upham.

9.3 DECISIONS:

- 9.3.1 (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. **Withdrawn.**
- 9.3.2 (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. **Approved.**
- 9.3.3 (21/00106/PNACOU). Oaktree Farm, Sciviers Lane, Upham. Change of use of an existing agricultural building to single dwellinghouse. **Approved.**

10. Recreation and Amenities:

- 10.1 Torbay Farm Play Area Inspection Report – Cllr Croucher reported that there were no urgent issues raised. 3 more residents have offered to help with the regular inspections. Cllr Croucher is trying to get some residents from Torbay Farm to get involved in Neighbourhood Watch for that area.
- 10.2 Recreation Ground Play Area Inspection Report – Cllr Halsall reported that there were no urgent issues raised. A rope hanging from a tree branch overhanging the Recreation Ground was taken down due to safety concerns.
- 10.3 Pavilion Sub Committee Meeting (23.3.21). Cllr Ashe sent his apologies for this Meeting. Clerk asked Councillors about the yearly charge to UFC for the Pavilion use as they have not used it much this year due to the Covid-19. Councillors agreed that a decision could be made at the Pavilion Sub Committee Meeting with UFC.
- 10.4 Basketball hoop has been removed after being mis-used yet again.

11. Upham Primary School: Cllr Halsall reported that it is good to hear the children back at School again.

12. The Village Hall: Cllr Dalley reported that the Hall Management Committee are still looking for Trustees.

13. Parish Magazine Report: Clerk will submit.

14. Finance:

14.1 Financial report for March, 2021 (circulated).

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15. Items for Future Consideration at next Meeting: There were no other items raised.

16. Dates of Future Meetings:

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

17. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.30 p.m.