

UPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Monthly Meeting of Upham Parish Council was held virtually due to the Coronavirus emergency, which meant that a Public face to face Meeting was not possible in Upham Village Hall on Monday 28th June, 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Halsall (Chair), Cllr LeMay, Cllr Snowdon, Cllr Croucher, Cllr Dalley, the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins) along with County Councillor Humby and District Councillor Lumby were present.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Ashe and District Councillor Ruffell.
2. **Agree Minutes of the Meeting held virtually on Monday 24th May, 2021.** These Minutes were agreed and will be signed at the next available Parish Council Meeting.
3. **Declarations of Interests under the Code of Conduct.** Cllr LeMay made a Declaration of Interest on Planning Application SDNP/21/02849/PA3A).
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1 Highways Report – Cllr Snowdon to report on Highways improvements, gateway signs and landscaping. The proposals and costings put forward were agreed. Cllr Snowdon will send through any revisions as he receives them. Cllr Halsall informed Councillors of the quote received for the wild flower trial planting along the Winchester Road and end of Sciviers Lane. These were agreed and Cllr Halsall will ask about the dragons teeth and maintenance for a further 4 years so that this can be considered. Cllr Dalley to report on bus shelter replacements and said that Cllr Ashe is going to provide a drawing which can be sent out to prospective installers. Cllr Dalley gave Councillors a Presentation of the Road names which have been agreed to be purchased and installed. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to residents who might be willing to have a road name installed on their wall. Once we have gained permission, we will get in touch with WCC and HCC. SID sign update – Clerk reported that a second SID sign has been ordered. Cllr Snowdon and Cllr Dalley will be trying to find other residents to help with monitoring the SID signs. Flooding in Upham Street site visit report – Cllr Snowdon, Cllr LeMay and the Clerk met with HCC Flood Management Team Officers and residents who have been affected to walk the whole route of the water course at the end of Upham Street. A Report will be written by the FMT and sent to the Clerk once completed. It is hoped that work will then be carried out to resolve the flooding problems. CC Humby was at the Meeting and said that he will ensure that the FMT work with HCC Highways. He will see if there is any update from the FMT and is willing to help where he can.
 - 4.2 Drainage at Torbay Farm – DC Lumby to update. This is still being followed up by DC Lumby and it appears Sovereign Housing are not engaging with WCC so letters will be written to try and resolve the flooding issues.
 - 4.3 Update on progress at Pond - Cllr LeMay/Cllr Ashe to report on discussion with Freya Green/Steve Comley. It was not known if Cllr Ashe has spoken to Freya so this will be followed up by Cllr Halsall.
 - 4.4 Wet Woodland Update and Ecology Study – Deferred for the time being.
 - 4.5 Updating of Village Design Statement/Workshop/Survey – Cllr Halsall reported that Richard Green is still working on the responses so there is no further update.
 - 4.6 Green Initiatives in Upham – Update. Carbon Footprint for Upham parish. Cllr Dalley and the Clerk attended the WeCAN Webinar provided by WCC. Each parish has been given a Carbon Footprint and there will be a carbon calculator available for each parish shortly. Action Days are planned in the Autumn to keep parishes involved in trying to reduce their carbon footprint.
 - 4.7 Update on VE Day Commemorations – Cllr LeMay to report on any update. There was no further update.
 - 4.8 Traffic Alerts – Cllr Dalley has been putting up notices as and when they occur in a different format. This is working well and will continue for the time being.

4.9 Shared Ownership properties – Councillors were given an update on the re-sale of one shared-ownership property. It was agreed that the process does not appear satisfactory, and concern was also raised about the rented properties. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should write to Mags Wylie to share our concerns as we wish to still let Upham residents or residents with a connection to Upham to have first refusal of these properties as this was the intention when they were built.

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

5.1 HCC – CC Humby gave an Update on the Lead Officers at HCC. CC Humby is still Deputy Leader and he will continue as Lead for Economy, Transport and Environment. He will also have 2 other Councillors working with him in Highways Operations and Climate Change/Environment. CC Humby encouraged everyone to put in their views on the consultation for Balancing the Budget which runs from 7th June to 18th July.

5.2 WCC – DC Ruffell and DC Lumby. June, 2021 Report sent via e-mail. In addition to the Report DC Lumby spoke to Councillors about Donna Jones the new Police and Crime Commissioner, who is carrying out a feasibility study and increasing Police resources in rural crime and enforcement. DC Lumby is still continuing to try and engage with the Enforcement Team at WCC concerning cases in Upham. DC Lumby urged Councillors to look at the Boundary Commission Review as the Meon Valley is being broken up. He will send on a link to the Clerk so that it can be forwarded onto Councillors.

6. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman. There were no issues raised.

7. Neighbourhood Watch/Community Safety:

7.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report – Cllr Croucher informed Councillors that there has been a recent robbery at the lower end of Upham Street. 2 vehicles have also been broken into. A Covid vaccine scam is circulating and there is a Seat Belt Campaign being held at the moment.

8. Correspondence:

8.1 Updates from WCC and HCC have been circulated as and when they arrive.

8.2 Eastleigh Borough Local Plan – Consultation on Main Modifications. Councillors agreed that a response will be sent from UPC once it has been agreed via e-mail. This Consultation will also be highlighted via commshub.

8.3 Future Parish Council Meetings review arrangements. As the main Hall is not available for Parish Council Meetings it was agreed that the smaller room is not large enough to accommodate the numbers that we need at the Meeting so we will continue to hold the Meetings virtually for July and there will be no Meeting in August. It was agreed that if restrictions allow, and it is safe to do so we will hold our September Meeting in the Committee Room at the Hall. Clerk will book the Room.

8.4 Report on SDNP Parish Workshop – 9.6.21 – Cllr Halsall reported that the main item discussed was the Nature Recovery Programme. There are many ways in which SDNP are promoting this initiative eg. Campaigns, Pop-up Exhibitions, new Leaflets. There will be a Parish Webinar in October.

8.5 Report on WCC Parish Council Briefing (21.6.21) – Clerk said that the main items discussed were the Council Plan for 2021-25, the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on 2nd – 5th June, 2022, with Saturday 5th June being The Big Jubilee Lunch. The SHEELA sites will be considered which have been put forward. There were also updates on Covid-19, the Economy, Carbon Neutrality, Budget Planning and then any questions.

8.6 Removal of bottle bank sites in Bishops Waltham – Cllr Dalley brought to the attention of District/County Councillors the removal of bottle banks from Bishops Waltham. He said that this makes it difficult to find a bottle bank near, which really defeats the purpose of trying to recycle locally. The black boxes for glass are not really large enough for all glass collections so the bottle banks are important otherwise people will put glass bottles in the ordinary bins.

8.7 Clerk said that she has now received the Official Title Deeds for the ownership of Torbay Farm play area and green space. However, she pointed out that it was her belief that we did not own the ditch behind the hedge as this was retained by the previous owner. Councillors agreed with this, and it was agreed that the Clerk should point

this out to Paris Smith (our Solicitor) so that there is no misunderstanding in future. Cllr Croucher said that some residents in Torbay Farm were asking who owned the ditch at the back of the houses as it needed clearing out to work efficiently.

9. Planning:

9.1 PENDING:

- 9.1.1 (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. This Application is going to Committee this week for a decision to be made.
- 9.1.2 (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.
- 9.1.3 (SDNP/21/01303/HOUS). Yew Tree Cottage, Upham Street, Upham. 2 single storey rear extensions.
- 9.1.4 (21/00700/FUL). Land south of Clevedon Cottages, Alma Lane, Upham. Erection of 3 no loose boxes (stables), tack room and feed store. Access gate to the land from Alma Lane (unclassified road). Hardstanding surrounding the stable block providing personal parking (max 2 cars, 1 horse trailer), turning space and access for the removal of horse manure. Due to the wet/boggy nature of the land, permission also sought for the installation of an exercise/turn out area adjacent to the stable block. We have recently acquired this parcel of land from the neighbour (to the south) who already has a stable block and has used the land for the grazing and exercising of horses for some years (ref: 04/00101/FUL).
- 9.1.5 (21/00777/FUL). Oakridge Barn, Oakridge Smallholding Ltd., Alma Lane, Upham. Application is for the permanent siting of a Mobile Home and Shepherds Hut for combined use as a single holiday letting out.
- 9.1.6 (21/00762/FUL). Oakridge Barn, Oakridge Smallholding Ltd., Alma Lane, Upham. Livestock building for existing Agricultural Unit, along with extension of hard standing.
- 9.1.7 (21/00728/FUL). Oakridge Barn, Oakridge Smallholding Ltd., Alma Lane, Upham. Extension of existing Agricultural Barn, to add stabling/stalls and feed/tack store, partition wall (retrospective) in existing barn to provide secure machinery storage. Change of use to dual Agricultural & Equestrian use.
- 9.1.8 (SDNP/21/02610/HOUS). Ower Farm House, Ower Farm Lane, Upham. Erection of a small building to be used as home office and with occasional use as extra bedroom to main dwelling.

9.2 NEW:

- 9.2.1 (SDNP/21/03048/NSIPRQ). Land in Winchester City and East Hampshire District Councils South Downs National Park. Discharge of Schedule 2 Requirement 6 (Construction Environment Management Plan) relating to Southampton to London Pipeline Development Consent Order 2020. Councillors had no comments to make.

Cllr LeMay left the Meeting whilst the Planning Application below was discussed and took no part in the discussion.

- 9.2.2 (SDNP/21/02849/PA3A). Newlyn Farm, Stakes Lane, Upham. Change of use from agricultural building to commercial office use. Councillors agreed that this Application would have an impact on the view which should be preserved, and concern was expressed about the amount of traffic this Application in its current form would generate. This area of Upham is in a central point, and we would wish to preserve the fragile environment. Upham Parish Council would like to have the opportunity to work with the applicant to preserve the peace and tranquillity within this part of Upham for the benefit of the Upham community and its residents. A comment will be made to reflect these concerns.

Cllr LeMay came back into the Meeting.

- 9.2.3 (SDNP/21/03332/HOUS). 4 Winchester Road, Upham. Two storey rear extension. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

9.3 DECISIONS:

- 9.3.1 (SDNP/21/01313/LIS). Penhale Cottage, Shoe Lane, Upham. Proposed replacement of modern single and double glazed windows by double glazed windows. **Approved.**
- 9.3.2 (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. **Approved.**
- 9.3.3 (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. **Approved.**
- 9.3.4 (SDNP/21/01780/HOUS). Oakhurst, Popes Lane, Upham. 2 storey rear and infill front extension with porch following demolition of existing garage and utility/lobby. **Approved.**
- 9.3.5 (21/00916/HOU). North Lodge, Winchester Road, Durley. Two storey side extension. **Approved.**

10. Recreation and Amenities:

- 10.1 Torbay Farm Play Area and Green space planting – Cllr Croucher informed Councillors that a T-bar has been placed on the landscape bin at the entrance to the Play Area. The hedge has been topped and it was agreed to ask Steve Comley if he would cut the hedge once a year so that it is kept under control. Councillors also wanted a quote from Steve to take out the shrubs and turf the area at the entrance. Clerk will ask for both quotes..
- 10.2 Recreation Ground and Play Area – Cllr Croucher has received a quote to carry out repairs to the rotating swing. The cost is £460.00 to replace all 4 rubber hoses. Councillors agreed that this work should be carried out by Huck. A revised quote was received from Greenspan for a replacement bench. The revised cost is £450.00 plus vat. All Councillors present agreed to place an order. Steve Comley has cut off the branches over the slide and placed some rubber matting in the hole at the bottom of the slide. He will put some grass seeds down when the weather is drier. Malcolm Croucher has purchased some oak and lock covers for the noticeboard, so that he can complete the work.
- 10.3 Report on Pavilion Sub Committee Meeting (1.6.21) – Cllr Croucher reported that at the Meeting maintenance repairs were agreed on the Pavilion, along with some grounds maintenance and re-seeding in areas of the pitch which were well worn.

11. Upham Primary School: Cllr Snowdon said that a Sports Day was held without parents attending. A video was taken of the events for parents to view.

12. The Village Hall: Cllr Dalley reported that regular bookings have returned and some new enquiries have been made. A new Booking Clerk has been appointed. The website has been updated with photographs. The heat pump has been signed and work starts on 26th July. The Management Committee are considering laying artificial grass in the pre-school play area.

13. Parish Magazine Report: Clerk will submit.

14. Finance:

14.1 Financial report for June, 2021 (circulated).

15. Items for Future Consideration at next Meeting: There were no further matters brought up for attention.

16. Dates of Future Meetings:

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 10.25 p.m.