

UPTON PYNE AND COWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY THE 10th FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL. Website address:

www.uptonpyne-pc.org.uk

Present

Cllr K Tilley
Cllr S Wass
Cllr N Taverner
Cllr C Smith
Cllr I Short
Cllr R Short
Cllr A Jackson

In attendance

Mrs J Ward Clerk
4 members of the public
EDDC Cllr D Custance Baker
DCC Cllr P Bowden

15 Minutes Open Forum.

- **Blocked drain in St Andrews Road:** Cllr Jackson expressed thanks to the Clerk for organising the clearing of the drain with Highways.
- **The Three Horse Shoes:** Cllr Jackson asked that the Council write to the new tenants of the pub regarding the contractors' vehicles parked in the area which are obscuring the visibility onto the road from Bernaville Nurseries. The Clerk to do this.
- **Potholes/Flooding at Jackmoor and Pye Corner:** members of the public raised many concerns regarding to the Council and to Cllr Bowden. These include vehicle damage; other vehicles blocking the entrance at both ends of the area after sustaining damage to their vehicles; businesses are affected and the hazards experienced in transporting live-stock.
- The 'minimum legal standard' which Highways say is being maintained is challenged here. Cllr Bowden said that this situation is occurring in many areas. He said there is a lack of recourses and manpower. Cllr Bowden acknowledged that this is not a 'back lane' and that this area supports many businesses. He asked that all businesses in the area would write to him about this issue and a list was drawn up with business names and addresses.
- The Chair to contact David Black, Head of Transportation and Highways on behalf of the businesses in the Jackmoor area. The Chair asked Cllr Bowden what the Parish Council should do to have a voice on this issue. Cllr Tilley advised that the businesses and others affected by the conditions in the area should detail all damage and for example how much more often a tyre is changed than is usual. It was acknowledged that this should be a safety issue.
- Cllr Bowden asked if 'loss of trade' would be the best term to use. This was agreed. He will contact Dave Black and the Portfolio Holder, Phil Hughes on behalf of the Parish Council. The Chair re-iterated Cllr Tilley's point to list all damages including the problems of flooding, potholes and poor drainage over the last 6 months and for this to be sent to Dave Black endorsed by Cllr Bowden.
- The Chair to e-mail the representative of Highways who will be attending the

next Raddon Hill meeting later this month.
Open Forum close at 8.05pm. Cllr Bowden left the meeting at this time.

19/14 To receive apologies for absence: None received.

20/14 Minutes: Approved minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2014 and signed by the Chair.

21/14 Declarations of interests. To be taken as identified.

22/14 Report by Community Police Officer WPC Lisa Crocker:

Please find details of calls to Police and Crimes recorded for Upton Pyne and Cowley for Dec 13.

Calls to Police for Dec 13

1 x RTC Upton Pyne

Crimes reported for Dec 13

1 x Drink driver

Please find details of calls to Police and Crimes recorded for Upton Pyne and Cowley for Jan 14.

Calls to Police for Jan 14

1 x RTC Cowley A377

1 x Disorder Male on (50 Exeter) bus....Stopped at Cowley

1 x Two suspicious males Cowley Manor

1 x Possible Burglary in progress (all in order new owners and workmen)

Crimes reported to Police Jan 14

2 x Police related

23/14 Report by East Devon District Councillor D Custance Baker:

- Cllr Custance Baker said that the EDDC office relocation was going to be at either Skypark or Clyst House. The timing of this is not known.
- The Local Plan is open on Tuesday 11th February 2014.
- Affordable Housing: she said that there were many places in the EDDC area where bands A to E are included in the selection process.

Cllr Custance Baker left at 8.15pm.

24/14 Devon County Councillor P Bowden: see under 'Open Forum'.

25/14 Updates on Councillors Responsibilities.

- **Footpaths:** Cllr C Smith stated that no report was forthcoming due to bad weather. He will complete the survey and hand to Ros Davis at the next radon Hills meeting.
- **Parishes Together Fund:** the Chair has approached Brampford Speke Parish Council and they have agreed to join our Council in applying for funds to improve the footpath between the two villages.

26/14 Finance.

To sanction payment of accounts:

- a. Clerk's wages for February 2014: £198.20 plus £12.00 Home Allowance = £210.20. Approved.
- b. Training courses for Councillors and Clerk.
- c. Clerk's salary increase as agreed at the last meeting of the Parish Council to backdate to the incremental increase: from April 2013 to January 2014 = 10 months at £12.21 = £122.10. Approved.

27/14 Planning: Holly Tree Cottage: to approve and sign the minutes of the site meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2014. Approved and signed by those councillors present at the site meeting.

28/14 Co-option: The parish Council has received one applicant only. This is Mr. Simon Grundy from Cowley. The Chair proposed that the Council vote Mr. Grundy onto the Council as a Parish Councillor. The Council unanimously agreed. The Clerk to write formerly to Mr. Grundy. The Chair asked the Council to consider appointing a vice-chair. It was agreed that if the Chair was unable to be present at any Parish Council meetings, the Council would vote in a Chair for that particular meeting only.

29/14. Potential parish assets: The Localism Act 2011 gives communities the right to bid and time to raise funds. Update from the Chair regarding further assets listed and to whom the Council should register.

Those relevant to Upton Pyne and Cowley include:

- The Social Club
- The Three Horse Shoes
- Upton Pyne Church
- Cowley Church
- The Village hall
- Pynes House
- The Play Area: the open spaces within and adjoining Glebe Close.
- The Water Board

The above are required to be registered. The Chair to check with EDDC the process required to register. The Chair asked councillors to check on any further assets and to discuss at the next meeting of the Council in March.

30/14 Highways: Pye Corner and Jackmoor: see under 'Open Forum'.

31/14 Oak Tree: The Chair has received no reply from Lord Iddesleigh's agent, Peter Thomas as to the ownership of the tree over the railway bridge. Network rail sent him maps showing trees they own in the area as far down as the river bridge and above. Therefore, Network Rail is to send an engineer to the area. The Chair to ask the Tree Warden, Nick Baker to attend.

32/14 Parish Lengthsman: the Clerk has received notice from DCC:

‘Work has focused on the salting network to date. However, as you will be aware there is a significant backlog on the minor road network. Therefore the following will remain suspended for the rest of this financial year;

- Programmed gully cleaning
- Lengthsman visits
- Routine patching
- Planned cleaning of ditches and easements’

33/14 EDDC Special Event: the Chair read out to all regarding the Parliamentary Outreach Service: no one was available to attend on date mentioned.

34/14 APM: Cllr Jackson has kindly offered to produce large posters to advertise the event; the Clerk to send him the details. The Clerk to post up A4 notices on the parish notice boards. Several ideas were put forward for the main speaker. It was agreed to contact them to check availability: the Clerk and Chair to do this.

35/14 Communications/e: mails received for possible action:

The Clerk made available all communications received:

- Weblink from a counselling service: the Council was asked to put a link on their website: after discussion, it was agreed not to do this.

36/14 Feedback on last month’s circulations and items for future agendas.

Please submit any items for the next Agenda to the Clerk within the next 7 days.

Dates of the next meetings 10th March 2014

14th April 2014

APM 28th April 2014

AGM 12th May 2014

9th June 2014

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm.