

UPTON PYNE AND COWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY THE 9th FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL. Website address:

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Present

Cllr B Short
Cllr K Tilley
Cllr C Smith
Cllr A Jackson
Cllr S Wass
Cllr E Rogers
Cllr I Short
Cllr S Grundy

In attendance

Mrs J Ward Clerk
EDDC Cllr D Custance Baker
Tree Warden Nick Baker
PCSO Jack Stannard

15 Minutes Open Forum.

- **Redside Terrace:** the Clerk has received an email from residents regarding the overhanging trees opposite this area on the A377 road. The Clerk to pass this on to Highways.
- **Devon County Council** is consulting on how to reduce its public transport budget in the coming financial year. They would like to find out what the Parish Council thinks about the proposals to reduce services and what the impact might be on the Parish. Cllr B Short to write to them. The Clerk will put up a poster provided to advertise how people can take part.
- **Road Closure:** South West Highways will be undertaking drainage works at 'Road from Lakes Bridge to North End' Bramford Speke.

These works will be undertaken between Wednesday 25 February and Tuesday 03 March.

Agenda.

166/15 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr N Taverner and Cllr P Bowden.

167/15 Minutes: Approved minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January 2015 and signed by the Chair.

168/15 Declarations of interests: To be taken as identified.

169/15 Report by PCSO Jack Stannard: 5th February 2015

POLICE REPORT for Upton Pyne and Cowley Parish Council since 1st January 2015

Crimes: 2

	Crime Number	Date	Details
1	CR/003882/15	07/01/2015	Harassment – Aggrieved followed home by a male known to him, offender then proceeded to be verbally abusive to aggrieved. Words of advice given and No Further Action taken
2	CR/003885/15	07/01/2015	Improper use of Communication – Linked to the above crime between the same two people. Words of advice and NFA.

1 Toad Traffic Collision – Hidden Valley, Cowley.

1 ASB log – Loud music being played, Cowley

1 report of a damaged window in Cowley

Left meeting at 7.35pm

170//15 Report by East Devon District Councillor D Custance Baker:

- **The Daily Wag:** Cllr Custance Baker said this was a new magazine for dog owners.
- **Sustainability:** this is being discussed as to which villages are or are not sustainable. She said that there were no criteria for this.
- **Broadband:** nothing is happening to date and the procurement will be in April. Cllr Jackson said the signal went down considerably in the afternoons and that this led to difficulty in running a business.
- **Parishes Together Fund:** Cllr Custance Baker to check if this can cross boundaries: the Chair asked whether Upton Pyne would be able to link with Newton St Cyres.

Cllr Custance Baker left the meeting at 7.55pm.

171/15 Devon County Councillor P Bowden:

No report received.

172/15 AONB: councillors viewed the map showing the area in question. A vote was taken and councillors voted unanimously to support this project. The Clerk to advise MDDC.

173/15 Elections: Council to discuss preparing for elections: the Clerk reported on the course she attended on Tuesday 13th January 2015 on preparing for elections. She read out the salient points and the Chair asked councillors to advise if they wish to stand down. One councillor is standing down with one ‘not sure at present’. The Clerk is waiting for nomination papers from EDDC and will bring to the next meeting in March for councillors to complete and sign with two names/signatures of those who have nominated them.

174/15 Updates on Councillors Responsibilities.

- **Jackmoor/Roads:** Cllr Wass reported that DCC Highways will not start work here until the water has been drained from this road. Cllr Wass will clarify quotes given by contractors he has contacted and bring these back to the meeting in March. Much discussion followed on possible funding from the Parish Council; Cllr Smith will speak to the P3 Fund as this involves the footpath at Jackmoor. The Council will decide this matter at the March meeting. The Chair will contact DEFRA regarding funding. Cllr I Short to check other sources of funding.
- **Footpaths:** Cllr Smith reported that the railway sleepers have been delivered and the upgrading of the three footpaths will begin. He will meet with the footpath warden for Brampford Speke. He will complete the return for the P3 Fund and asked councillors to advise him of any footpaths which may be in need of attention.
- **Parishes Together Fund:** the Chair to wait until he hears from Cllr Custance Baker regarding cross-boundary funding before applying with Brampford Speke for funding toward a defibrillator and first aid training.
- **Affordable Housing: this ongoing.** Highways have insisted that 13 street lamps must be installed.

175/15 Highways: The Clerk has heard nothing more from them after contacting them and receiving three separate reference numbers for blocked drains at Cowley. Cllr Jackson asked that they be contacted again with regard to this. The Chair will speak to the manager at Cowley Place.

176/15 The Three Horse Shoes: the Clerk to write to Highways regarding the ownership of the land at the bottom of the lane near The Stables pub. Cars are parking here making it difficult for other traffic to drive up the lane.

177/15 Finance.

To sanction payment of accounts:

a. Clerk's wages for February 2015: £198.20 plus £12.00 Home Allowance = £210.20. Approved.

b. Training Courses: for Councillors and Clerk

c. VAT: to discuss and decide if it would be viable for the Parish Council to claim VAT on certain purchases. The Chair and the Clerk have looked into this and reported that this can be done on a 'one off' basis for example at Jackmoor for hiring of diggers and claiming back VAT. All in favour of this. It was pointed out that we should call the VAT Enquiry Line: the Chair to do this.

d. Upton Pyne Village Hall: payment for meetings held in 2014: £210.00. Approved.

e. DALC: Clerk training fee for attendance at 'Preparing for Elections' on 13th January 2015: £25.00. Approved.

178/15 Planning:

- ❖ **Forge Cottage, Cowley:** to approve the minutes of the site meeting held Monday 26th January 2015. Approved and signed.

Please Note: minutes for the below to be signed by the councillors who were not present at the January meeting.

- ❖ **Cowley Barton Farm:** 3rd November 2014.
- ❖ **Cowley Barton Farm:** 19th November 2014.
- ❖ **Cowley Barton Farm:** 28th November 2014.
- ❖ **Great Ley Farm, Upton Pyne:** 5th January 2015.
- ❖ **Forge Cottage, Cowley:** 5th January 2015.

All signed.

179/15 Annual Parish Meeting: the Chair asked for ideas and for names of prospective speakers for the meeting in February. The Chair and Clerk to organise.

180/15 Communications/e: mails received for possible action:

The Clerk made available all communications received.

181/15 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: 9th March 2015

13th April 2015

APM 20th April 2015

The meeting was closed at 9.25pm.