

UPTON PYNE AND COWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY THE 14th JULY 2014 AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL. Website address:

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Present

Cllr C Smith
Cllr I Short
Cllr R Short
Cllr A Jackson
Cllr S Grundy
Cllr S Wass
Cllr E Rogers

In attendance

Mrs J Ward Clerk
EDDC Cllr D Custance Baker
Nick Baker - Tree warden

15 Minutes Open Forum.

- **E-mail from Linda Findlay:** requesting that the Parish Council fly the Union Jack in the village during WW1 weekend, Friday August 1st to Monday August 4th. This has been attended to by the Chair, Cllr B Short.
- **Cowley Place:** Cllr Smith said that contractors maintain the footpaths and drains: a blocked drain has been cleared. However, the grass has recently been strimmed and not cleared away. The Chair to contact Bill Richardson/the Committee. .

Agenda.

97/14 To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs N. Taverner and K. Tilley.

98/14 Minutes: Approved minutes of the meeting held on the 9th June 2014 and signed by the Chair.

99/14 Declarations of interests: To be taken as identified.

100/14 Report by Community Police Officer Lisa Crocker: Report read out by the Chair:

Calls to Police for May 14

1 x Horse on Road (Cowley)

1 x RTC one car (Upton Pyne)

1 x Two Suspicious Males seen (Cowley)
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6 x Personal Alarm

2 x Domestic Related

Crimes reported to Police for May 14

1 x Theft of goods (Upton Pyne)

Jun 14

1 x Burglary (Upton Pyne)

2 x Police related

1 x Suspicious Call received

Jun 14

1 x Burglary (Upton Pyne)

101//14 Report by East Devon District Councillor D Custance Baker:

- **Broadband:** Councillor Custance Baker has been informed that this is ‘a County issue’ and she has therefore asked Cllr P Bowden of DCC to deal with this.
- **Roads:** Cllr Wass said that resurfacing on the roads in the area appeared to be spasmodic. Highways have informed the Chair that these roads are ‘in the schedule’ and that they are not an EDDC remit. Cllr Custance Baker said she would speak to Highways on the Parish Council’s behalf.
- **2, Glebe Close:** Cllr Custance Baker asked the Council about this property; it appears to be empty. It is a privately owned property and Cllr Custance Baker to whether Council Tax is being paid. It has been noted that this property has been empty for 3 years.
- **Police:** Cllr Custance Baker asked about the relationship with the Council and the interaction with the police. The Clerk said she receives regular reports via e-mail. There is an issue regarding the local Neighbourhood Watch which Cllr I Short is in the process of re-organising with the help of the police. This is also under Item 10 of the Agenda. WPC Lisa Crocker was to attend the meeting tonight. The Clerk to contact Lisa to ask if she will attend the next meeting in September.

Cllr Custance Baker left the meeting at 8pm.

102/14 Devon County Councillor P Bowden: Arrived 8.10pm.

- ❖ **Jackmoor:** Cllr Bowden reported that a meeting will be held on Friday 25th July 2014 at the Chief Executive’s office and that Jackmoor is one item on the agenda. He stated these were all Highways related issues.
- ❖ **Areas of Natural Beauty:** Cllr Bowden asked if the Clerk had received an e-mail on this topic. The Clerk said she had not. Cllr Bowden said he would forward this to her.
- ❖ **Jackmoor:** Survey of the Water problem: Cllr Wass asked if there would be assistance with funding from the ‘slush’ fund for this. Cllr Bowden said there was no funding available. He said a Highways engineer should survey the area if it is judged to be in very bad repair. Cllr Wass asked if a professional engineer’s report would have any impact. He had obtained a quote for just under £3,000.00. Cllr Bowden said he would take this argument forward and that the problem of flooding needs to be addressed.
- ❖ **VAS signs for Cowley:** (also under item 11), the Chair said quotes had been obtained for this and amounts varied from £3to4, 000.00. The Chair asked that if these were purchased would Highways retain ownership and could they move them where they wished to? Cllr Bowden said the signs could be shared between parishes and that Highways and the police are happy with this arrangement. This had been a topic for the now disbanded A377 Action Group for the last 5 years. The Clerk to forward the e-mails regarding this topic from Amanda Pitchford to Cllr Bowden.
- ❖ **Broadband Funding:** the Chair asked who would be responsible for this at County Hall. Cllr Bowden informed him that it was Andrew Leadbetter and the Chair to make contact with him.

Cllr Bowden left at 8.40pm.

103/14 Updates on Councillors Responsibilities.

- **Affordable Housing:** CLT AGM: attended by 14 people. All contracts have been signed. The buildings are being let by Hastoes. A name has been proposed for the new development south of Glebe Close, Upton Pyne. 'Lakes Down', (which is shown on the Ordnance Survey maps as the name of the wooded area adjacent to the development site - Royal Mail have no objections to this name). A letter has been sent to the Parish Council for approval. A proposal was put forward to accept and the Council unanimously agreed to this name. The Clerk to inform EDDC of this decision.
- **Pedestrian Walkway:** Cllr Smith asked if there were monies from the Parishes Together funds for the various footpaths.
- **Councillors' Responsibilities:** to finalise at the meeting in September.
- **Bidwell Barton Lane:** update from Cllr Smith regarding estimates and work carried out. Cllr Smith said this work had been carried out, however, Cllr Wass said it had not, concluding that the wrong place had been cleared. Cllr Smith to check this. **Extra-ordinary meeting** held regarding this issue: those councilors who attended to approve and sign these minutes. Approved and signed.
- **Cowley Bridge:** Cllr C Smith to explain and update. A pressure group has been formed in Exeter who wants to bring about a right of way from Exeter to Cowley. They have contacted Cllr Smith, who asked the Council for approval to liaise with them. Approval given. It was noted that the Crediton Cycle Group are to meet Wednesday 16th July 2014 at the Boniface centre regarding the cycle route from Crediton to Exeter. The Chair asked for a representative from the Council to attend. Cllr Simon Grundy to attend.

104/14 Finance.

To sanction payment of accounts:

- a. Clerk's wages for July 2014: £198.20 plus £12.00 Home Allowance = £210.20 approved.
- b. Training courses for Councillors and Clerk noted.
- c. Upton Pyne Church: letter of thanks from Geoff Saltmarsh to the Parish Council for their donation read out by the Chair.
- d. . Community First Insurance: the Parish has 8 benches as opposed to the two originally insured. The Council to approve an additional payment of £13.24 to cover the other 6 benches. Schedule available for councillors to view. Payment approved.
- e. Laptop: the Clerk has replaced the battery: £19.80 plus £12.78 for new charger = £32.58. Approved.
- f. Quarterly Accounts: update from the Clerk and copies handed out to councillors.
- g. Reimburse the Clerk: ink cartridges: £37.50. Receipt supplied. Approved.

105/14 Planning:

- **Orchard Villa, Cowley:** to approve or amend the minutes of the site meeting held on Monday 16th June 2014. Approved and signed.
- **Seychelles, Upton Pyne:** to approve or amend the minutes of the site meeting held on Monday 16th June. Approved and signed.
- **South Duryard Farm:** application received today. The councillors who attended the previous site meeting last month: Cllrs Jackson, Smith, I Short and B Short to check on line and decide whether a site meeting is required and to advise the Clerk. Comments to EDDC by 4th August 2014.

106/14 Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr I Short reported that the telephone numbers of previous volunteers had been removed from the Speke-Up magazine. She asked the Clerk to check that Upton Pyne had been signed up by the police.

107/14 Vehicle activated speed signs for Cowley: update from Cllr B Short who was to contact Cllr P Bowden regarding other funding options. Please see under 102/14 of the Agenda.

108/14. Jackmoor: please see under 102/14 of the Agenda.

109/14 Communications/e: mails received for possible action:

The Clerk made available all communications received.

110/14 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: 8th September 2014

13th October 2014

10th November 2014

The meeting was closed at 9.20pm.