

UPTON PYNE AND COWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY THE 9th JUNE 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

In attendance

Mrs J Ward Clerk
EDDC Cllr D Custance Baker
1 member of the public
Nick Baker - Tree warden

15 Minutes Open Forum.

- The Clerk asked that the councillors' names and e-mail address along with their responsibilities should be listed and posted up permanently on the Parish Council notice board attached to the Village Hall. This would be useful information for the parishioners as well as newcomers to the village. This was approved by all councillors present.
- Benches: the Clerk asked for confirmation of the number in the village for insurance purposes: the total is 8, therefore, the Clerk to inform the insurance company to update the Insurance Schedule and report back the updated amount at the meeting in July.
- Cllr Jackson raised the issue of The Lazy Toad sign just off the main A377 road approach to Upton Pyne. This appears to be sited in a field and not certain if this is a Highways issue. The Chair to contact the enforcement officer at EDDC.
- A member of the public raised the problem of a blocked drain situated at the entrance to Glebe Close. Highways had been contacted previously but the problem remains. The Chair will contact Highways again and Cllr Custance Baker said she would advise Cllr P Bowden at DCC.
- Nick Baker raised a concern regarding weeds growing at the side of the road in Cowley; he will clear this area but was advised by the Council not to use spays.

Agenda.

83/14 To receive apologies for absence: None received.

84/14 Minutes: Approved minutes of the AGM held on 12th May 2014 and signed by the Chair.

85/14 Declarations of interests: To be taken as identified.

- **Attendance at Parish Council meetings:** the Chair pointed out that councillors should make a point of attending the monthly meetings and that he would speak to

those who do not do so regularly in due course.

- **Councillors' Interests:** the Clerk drew attention to the rules on councillors' 'interests' and the declaring of these: she contacted DALC to check on any updates/changes. The main point was that councillors represent the interests and views of the parish and that this is achieved when a larger number of councillors attend monthly meetings and others such as site meetings.

86/14 Report by Community Police Officer Lisa Crocker: No report received.

87//14 Report by East Devon District Councillor D Custance Baker:

- **Broadband:** Councillor Custance Baker has been in contact with Connecting Devon and Somerset: the Upton Pyne postcodes were noted and it appears the village will not benefit. The decision is pending regarding fibre optic cables. Cllr Custance Baker will make enquiries regarding the Cowley postcodes: EX5 5ER and 5EU.
- **Local Flood Resilience:** Grant available for areas if flooded from 1/12/13 to 31/3/14. Cllr Custance Baker has sent the Chair the link; however, Upton Pyne is not eligible for application.
- **Parishes Together Fund:** funds have been received and awaiting a decision with Brampford Speke on where/quotes for work have been finalised. We have until next March to put an application together for the next PTF grant.

Cllr Custance Baker left the meeting at 8pm.

88/14 Devon County Councillor P Bowden: No report received. Update from the Chair:

- ❖ **Jackmoor:** A meeting was held attended by Cllr B Short, Cllr P Bowden and an officer from the Environment Agency; the plan is to: **1.** Clear the stream from the road to the river, Cllr Short had stated that this would not be the most effective course of action, not agreed by the others. To clear the ditches and the drains. Richard Rainbow who is to co-ordinate this is to obtain a list of all property owners at Jackmoor and Creedy; Cllr Short is to visit landowners to speak about their 'duty' to clear the streams. **2.** Road: it is estimated that the cost to repair the road at Jackmoor would be approximately £70,000. This would be to perform a 'proper' patching job. The Chair will be in contact with Richard Rainbow and Peter Bowden regarding funding. Cllr Wass asked for a qualified engineer to carry out a survey in this area. The Council agreed that he should obtain quotes for this.

89/14 Updates on Councillors Responsibilities.

- **Affordable Housing:** Cllr Wass stated that there were two hurdles: a) **all** parties signing the agreement at 10am Tuesday 10th June and b) **Drainage:** that Lord Iddesleigh is not willing to have outfall of rainwater from new houses going into the existing water course across his land. An alternative route has been agreed across Mike Leachs' fields. Cllr B Short said the solicitors are to attend to obtaining an alternative site to house the attenuation tanks. South West water and the Environment Agency to approve.

The CLT AGM is to be held on the 17th June at 7.30pm in Upton Pyne Village hall. A fuller update at the next meeting in July.

- **Pedestrian Walkway:** The Chair and Cllr Smith have still not received a reply from Sustrans. Cllr Smith said that the representative has resigned and that he is waiting to hear from his replacement. Cllr Smith has not been able to obtain estimates to date. Update at the July meeting. Cllr Wass stated that the Bidwell Barton Lane was in need of strimming. It is over-grown and head-high. Cllr Smith said there were sufficient funds in the Footpath account to pay for this to be done, he will obtain estimates and asked for Council approval to obtain these estimates via a contractor as this was most effective; the Council agreed to this. Cllr Grundy offered his help with the walkway as 'Deputy' to Cllr Smith.
- **Councillors' Responsibilities:** the list was read out by the Clerk and amendments were made. A full list will be drawn up by the Clerk and a hard copy displayed on the Parish Council notice board as agreed under 'Open Forum'.
- **Broadband Funding:** see under Item 87/14.

90/14 Finance.

To sanction payment of accounts:

- a. Clerk's wages for June 2014: £198.20 plus £12.00 Home Allowance = £210.20 approved.
- b. Training courses for Councillors and Clerk noted.
- c. Upton Pyne Church: to discuss donation: it was agreed to continue to donate the sum of £100.00 per annum for the upkeep of the fabric and maintenance of the Churchyard.
- d. Broadgate Woodcrafts: £75.00 agreed at the last meeting for repair of Parish Council notice board. Approved.

91/14 Planning:

- **Longlands:** to approve and sign the minutes of the site meeting held on the 21st March 2014 at 11am. Signed and approved.
- **Pynes, Upton Pyne:** To approve and sign the minutes of the site meeting held on Friday 25th April 2014 at 6pm. Signed and approved.
- **West Barn, Cox Hill Farm:** to approve and sign the minutes of the site meeting held on Friday 11th April at 2pm. Signed and approved.
- **South Duryard Farm, Cowley:** to approve and sign the minutes of the site meeting held on 21st May 2014. Signed and approved.
- **Hurdles Farm, Upton Pyne:** to approve and sign the minutes of the site meeting held on 2nd June 2014. Signed and approved.
- **Orchard Villa, Cowley:** to discuss and arrange a site meeting: comments to EDDC by 17th/18th June. A site meeting arranged for Monday 16th June at 11am. Cllrs B Short, I Short, A Jackson and C Smith to attend.
- **Seychelles, Upton Pyne:** A site meeting arranged for Monday 16th June at 10am. Cllrs B Short, I Short, A Jackson and C Smith to attend: Cllr Wass explained the purpose of this application to the Council.

92/14 Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr I Short to take this on as one of her responsibilities. She has organised a meeting with WPC Lisa Crocker to discuss the changes that have taken place. Cllr Short to contact the Clerk regarding the outcome of this meeting. WPC Crocker to attend the next Council meeting in July.

93/14 Vehicle activated speed signs for Cowley: update from Cllr Smith and the Clerk after contact with Amanda Pitchford of the Eastern Highway Neighbourhood Team, Devon County Council, regarding costs/estimates. E-mails have been exchanged and the costs too high for the Council to fund. The Chair to contact Cllr P Bowden regarding other funding options.

94/14. New Councillors Course: the Clerk supplied Cllr Simon Grundy with a list of dates available.

95/14 Communications/e: mails received for possible action:
The Clerk made available all communications received.

96/14 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: 14th July 2014

8th September 2014

13th October 2014

10th November 2014

The meeting was closed at 9.40pm.