

## UPTON PYNE AND COWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

[www.uptonpyne-pc.org.uk](http://www.uptonpyne-pc.org.uk)

#### **Present**

Cllr B Short  
Cllr K Tilley  
Cllr C Smith  
Cllr A Jackson  
Cllr I Short  
Cllr S Grundy (8.15pm)

#### **In attendance**

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

#### **15 Minutes Open Forum.**

- **“Policing and Community Safety”** invite from Tony Hogg Police and Crime Commissioner and the Deputy Chief Constable, Bill Skelly: no one was able to attend. The Clerk will post up information on the notice boards for parishioners.

#### **Agenda.**

**182/15 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr S Wass.

**183/15 Minutes:** Approved minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and signed by the Chair.

**184/15 Declarations of interests:** Cllr A Jackson has advised the Clerk he has taken up the post of Chairman of the Upton Pyne Social Club. The Clerk to inform EDDC.

**185/15 Report by PCSO Jack Stannard:** No report received.

#### **186//15 Report by East Devon District Councillor D Custance Baker:**

- **The Daily Wag:** Cllr C Smith asked about costs involved in producing this newsletter: Cllr Custance Baker to make enquiries and report back.
- **Local Plan:** a new inspector has taken up the post; therefore discussions regarding **Sustainability** have been delayed.
- **The Knowle, Sidmouth:** this has been bought by Pegasus Homes; the park lands remain open to the public.
- **Templates** regarding dog fouling: the Council asked for more to be delivered.
- **Moor Farm:** the Chair asked Cllr Custance Baker to check the application which appears on the EDDC website and report back to him.

Cllr Custance Baker left the meeting at 7.55pm.

### **187/15 Devon County Councillor P Bowden:**

- **Jackmoor:** see under councillors responsibilities.
- **Gritting Machine:** Cllr Bowden advised the Council to discuss with BSPC the possibility of purchasing a gritting machine from the Parishes Together Fund in the future and stated that funds from his Locality Budget would still be available, although the Council would need to budget from its precept.
- **Buses:** a member of the public asked Cllr Bowden to explain the criteria for maintaining a service in the Village. Cllr Bowden said that Upton Pyne was not on the list to have this service removed, however, he explained that if the service is not used regularly it may be in danger of being removed.

Cllr Bowden left at 8.25pm.

**188/15 Elections:** The Clerk handed out the nomination papers to those councillors present to complete and sign. The Chair took remaining papers to give to those not present and to confirm with Cllr Taverner that he is standing down.

**Cllr Smith offered to collect papers and take to EDDC offices before the 9<sup>th</sup> April deadline.** He will liaise with the Clerk in due course. Meanwhile, the Clerk was asked to check with EDDC how councillors obtain their Electoral Roll numbers and those of their proposers and seconders.

### **189/15 Updates on Councillors Responsibilities.**

- **Jackmoor:** the Clerk gave the lists of quotes and help promised to Cllr Bowden which Cllr Wass provided. Cllr Bowden praised Cllr Wass and his efforts so far. He said that DCC would honour its intention to help fund this project. It was pointed out to Cllr Bowden that when the main A377 road closes the lanes around the villages are used by motorists including Jackmoor and that in order to accommodate this traffic Jackmoor road should be repaired and maintained. Cllr Bowden will investigate.
- **Parish Council funding for Jackmoor:** the Council wish to make it clear that the amount of £2,500 pledged by them is the limit of funding from the Council.  
**Footpaths:** Cllr Smith reported that he has completed and submitted the P3 report. The three footpaths linked with Brampford Speke will be upgraded.
- **Parishes Together Fund:** the Chair advised that cross-boundary funding is not possible, therefore the Council has applied for funding with Brampford Speke Parish Council toward first aid/defibrillator training in preparation for the instalment of a defibrillator in Brampford Speke.
- **Affordable Housing:** the Chair reported that the foundations are complete and that the frames would be up before the end of March. The hedge is to be removed and repositioned before the end of March. Completion date September 2015. There is to be a 'Drop-in Day' on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 from 3pm at Upton Pyne Village Hall. Notices will be posted up and leaflets distributed.

**190/15 Highways:** The Clerk has heard nothing to date after contacting a second time regarding the over-flowing drain/ pot hole on the A377 approaching Bernaville Nurseries from Cowley Bridge and a blocked drain on the A377 heading towards Cowley Bridge. Highways said they will re-check the former and revise an order for the latter. The Clerk to contact again.

**191/15 The Three Horse Shoes:** (land adjacent to The Stables public house): the Chair to contact the landlord to clarify ownership of the land.

**192/15 Redside Terrace:** the Chair to contact the landlord of The Stables to clarify ownership of the land opposite Redside Terrace; the map shows the extended pub car park to occupy this area.

**193/15 Finance.**

To sanction payment of accounts:

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

Approved.

**b. Training Courses:** for Councillors and Clerk

**194/15 Planning:**

- ❖ **Glebelands Farm, Upton Pyne:** to approve the minutes of the site meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Approved and signed by those councillors present.

**195/15 Annual Parish Meeting:** the Clerk has organised the main speaker: Mr John Daw, a dairy farmer from Morchard Bishop who is also a MDDC councillor and a former NFU Chairman. Cllr I Short has kindly offered to organise the refreshments and Cllr A Jackson will post up large posters once the Clerk has completed her A4 posters and sent a copy to him.

**196/15 Communications/e: mails received for possible action:**

The Clerk made available all communications received.

**197/15 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:** 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**APM 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**AGM: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**8<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm.