

UPTON PYNE AND COWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Present

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

In attendance

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

15 Minutes Open Forum.

- **Parish Hall Notice Board:** the Clerk reported that the notice board was in need of repair after letting in water due to the recent bad weather. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain 2/3 quotes from carpenters and to arrange for the notice board to be repaired.
- **Hugh Evans:** It was proposed and seconded that the parish Council arrange a gift or donation to a charity, to be given to Mr. Evans in recognition of his services to the parish Council during his time as councillor.
- **Cowley Church/WW1 Memorial:** a discussion took place to discover if the church at Cowley has a memorial to commemorate the First World War. If so, then to discuss at the next meeting of the Council with a view that it should be brought to Upton Pyne Church or its grounds. Cllr Smith and Cllr B. Short to organise this.
- **Highways/Drains:** Cllr Jackson informed the Council that this work had been completed.

37/14 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr E Rogers.

38/14/ Minutes: Approved minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2014 and signed by the Chair.

39/14 Declarations of interests: To be taken as identified: new councillor, Simon Grundy, see under Item: 10.

40/14 Report by Community Police Officer WPC Lisa Crocker: No report received. It was noted that the telephone number for the Crediton police is no longer in operation and for non-emergencies to call 101.

41//14 Report by East Devon District Councillor D Custance Baker:

- EDDC is to locate to Skypark by 2017; they are selling sites in Honiton and The Knowle.
- Parishes Together Fund application: Cllr B Short said this has been completed.
- Potholes: Cllr Custance Baker said that Central Government was to move funds for this to Local Authorities; she said she would check this and let the Council know if relevant.
- Jackmoor: the Chair said he had received a reply from Dave Black but that it was not encouraging: no monies available, they were to look at what can be done. Cllr Wass will visit the local businesses in the area and advise them to e-mail direct to Dave Black to help the process along. To discuss at the next meeting in April. Cllr Custance Baker left the meeting at 7.50pm.

42/14 Devon County Councillor P Bowden: No report received.

43/14 Updates on Councillors Responsibilities.

- **Footpaths:** Cllr Smith has completed the Annual Return and has managed to obtain a grant of £350.00 from P3 at DCC.
- **Affordable Housing:** Cllr Wass advised the Council that we were close to signing Section 106 and lease and transfers.
- **Pedestrian Walkway:** Cllr Smith and the Chair to meet with Sustrans to discuss the footpath options re Cowley bridges.

44/14 Finance.

To sanction payment of accounts:

- a. Clerk's wages for March 2014: £198.20 plus £12.00 Home Allowance = £210.20 approved.
- b. Training courses for Councillors and Clerk noted.

45/14 Planning:

- **Pynes:** It was agreed that a site meeting was not required. The Council studied the plans and agreed there is a major change of use but were informed that 50% or more remains residential. There is to be space for car parking. The Council was informed that this site is not visible from the Stoke Cannon road and will provide employment and benefit the local community and that it will open up the house to the public. The Chair asked for a decision and the Council agreed unanimously to support this application. The Clerk to advise EDDC.
- **Star Barton:** to amend, approve and sign the minutes of the site meeting held on Friday 7th March 2014. Minutes approved and signed by the councillors who attended the site meeting. The Clerk to advise EDDC.

- **The Three Horse Shoes/The Stables Pub:** the plans were viewed and it was agreed that a site meeting would not be required and the Council unanimously support the application. The Clerk to advise EDDC.
- **Longlands:** it was agreed that a site meeting was necessary and 7 councillors will attend on the 21st March 2014 at 11am. The Clerk to post up notices.

46/14 New Councillor: the Chair welcomed Mr Simon Grundy to the Council and the Clerk handed him The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Registerable Interests forms to read and sign. The Clerk to send copies of the latter to EDDC.

47/14 Potential parish Assets: the Chair asked for a definitive list to be drawn up:

- The Social Club
- The Three Horse Shoes
- Upton Pyne Church
- Cowley Church and yard
- The Parish hall
- Pynes House
- The Play Area: the open spaces within and adjoining Glebe Close.
- The Water Board
- East Devon land at Glebe Close
- CLT community land eventually.

The Chair asked if he should contact EDDC to register these assets and all agreed.

48/14 APM: the Clerk confirmed she has secured the main speaker for the event; Cllr I Short has kindly offered to organise the refreshments; Cllr Jackson will organise A3 posters when the Clerk has sent details to him, and she will post up A4 posters nearer the time and invite persons to the event to speak on relevant topics. Cllr Jackson has kindly offered to decorate the Hall. To discuss any last minute arrangements at the next meeting in April.

49/14 Communications/e: mails received for possible action:

The Clerk made available all communications received.

- The Rural Services Network: no one was available to attend.
- The Stoke Hill & Dartmoor Beagles Show: read out by the Chair; the Clerk has put up posters and will advertise on the website.

50/14 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 April 2014

APM 28th April 2014

AGM 12th May 2014

9th June 2014

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm.