

UPTON PYNE AND COWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

www.uptonpyne-pc.org.uk

Present

Cllr B Short
Cllr I Short
Cllr C Smith
Cllr A Jackson
Cllr S Grundy
Cllr K Tilley
Cllr N Taverner
Cllr K Tilley
Cllr E Rogers – arrived 8pm

In attendance

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

15 Minutes Open Forum.

- ✓ Local Government Boundary Commission: has formally commenced an electoral review of DCC. They are seeking the views of the Parish Council on future division boundaries for the council. The Clerk to advertise by placing posters on the parish notice boards and website. This will bring the review to the notice of the general public so that they are able to have their say.
- ✓ Blocked drains at Cowley and Cowley Hill and the main road, A377: the Chair to advise Highways.
- ✓ Jackmoor: the uncovered drain has been reported. The road is again, in a bad state of repair.

Agenda.

140/14 To receive apologies for absence: none received.

141/14 Minutes: Approved minutes of the meeting held on the 13th October 2014 and signed by the Chair.

142/14 Declarations of interests: To be taken as identified.

143/14 Report by Community Police Officer: no report received. The Clerk reported that she has not yet heard from the police at Ottery.

144//14 Report by East Devon District Councillor D Custance Baker:

- **Police:** Cllr Custance Baker said she believed that the PCSO at Ottery had left.
- **Recycling e-mail:** the Clerk to forward to councillors to complete the survey.
- **Broadband:** Councillor Custance Baker said that there has been no further progress.
- **Jackmoor Roads:** Cllr Custance Baker said the report that the road was closed was incorrect. She is awaiting replies from her contacts. Nigel Frost is the contact at Highways and any steps taken towards 'self-help' should be copied to him.
- **Action Group: Jackmoor:** Cllr S Wass said that he would set this up and will report back to the Parish Council.
- **Pot-Hole and Road Wardens:** Cllr Custance Baker said these were in existence and that they would be responsible for training volunteers.
- Cllr Custance Baker left the meeting at 8.pm.

145/14 Devon County Councillor P Bowden: No report received.

146/14 AONB: The Clerk sent e-mails to all to discuss at the meeting in January.

147/14 Updates on Councillors Responsibilities.

- **Benches:** Cllr E Rogers to take on the responsibility of maintaining the benches in the Village.
- **Play Areas:** to be discussed at a future date when available land is known.
- **Annual Parish Meeting:** the Clerk advised of the time and date next April 20th at 7pm. To discuss details at the January meeting.
- **Notes for Speke-Up:** Cllr Simon Grundy to take notes of the regular Parish Council monthly meetings for the magazine. To send to the Clerk for approval who will send on to Speke-Up.
- **Jackmoor/Roads:** Cllr S Wass to organise an Action Group as specified under EDDC report. It was agreed by all that he should go ahead with this. To report back to the Council in January. The Clerk to forward details of the NSC Highways representative, Councillor Chris Southcott, to Cllr Wass.
- **Parishes Together Fund:** The Chair to contact Jamie Buckley at EDDC.
- **Footpaths:** Invoice to the Clerk for the replacement of the old kissing gate with a pedestrian gate. £162.94 to be taken from the Footpath account.
- **Sleepers:** the Parish Paths Partnership to lay these; the labour costs to be taken from the £704.00 granted by EDDC. Approval given for Cllr Smith to go ahead with this.
- **Affordable Housing:** Cllr Wass said there were two main issues: Drainage and Roads. Work will begin from mid November. Leaflets will be handed to residents of Glebe Close when work is due to begin. The Chair will contact Hastoes.

148/14 Finance.

To sanction payment of accounts:

- a. Clerk's wages for November 2014: £198.20 plus £12.00 Home Allowance = £210.20 approved.
- b. Training courses for Councillors and Clerk noted.
- c. **Budget and Precept:** the Clerk had sent the figures to councillors prior to the

meeting. After considering and discussing the estimated figures for 2015/16, it was agreed to increase the annual precept by 5%.

149/14 Planning:

- ❖ Cowley Barton Farm: to approve minutes of site meeting held on 3rd November 2014. The Clerk to amend as requested and to bring to the meeting in January.
- ❖ Cowley Barton Farm: a second application has been received and a site meeting arranged for 19th November 2014 at 11am. The Clerk to organise notices and advise the Agent.

150/14 Communications/e: mails received for possible action:

The Clerk made available all communications received.

151/14 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: 12th January 2015

9th February 2015

9th March 2015

The meeting was closed at 9.10pm.