

UPTON PYNE AND COWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY THE 14th OCTOBER 2013 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

In attendance

Mrs J Ward Clerk
2 members of the public
EDDC Cllr D Custance Baker

15 Minutes Open Forum.

- **Cllr I Short:** raised a query as to who is responsible for the cleaning of the bus shelter in Upton Pyne. Also she started that 'Arthur's Seat', together with the seats at Glebe Close, Starved Oak and the one overlooking the field are in need of cleaning and re-staining. Cllr I Short volunteered to do this.
- **Footpaths P3 Meeting:** Cllr Smith to attend and he will report to Ros Davies regarding the matter of the footpath at Brampford Speke. Cllr Smith to report back to the Council at the next meeting in November.

271/13 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr P Bowden, Cllr A Jackson, Cllr H Evans and Cllr E Rogers.

272/13 Minutes: Approved minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2013 and signed by the Chair.

273/13 Declarations of interests. To be taken as identified.

274/13 Report by Community Police Officer WPC Lisa Crocker: Report read out by the Chair:

Calls to Police Sept 13

- 1 x Suspicious Male/clothing found
- 1 x Domestic related
- 1 x Civil Matter over property
- 1 x Concern for welfare

Crimes reported to Police Sept 13

- 1 x Theft from Dwelling
- 1 x Theft from shop
- 1 x Domestic related
- 1 x Other

275//13 Report by East Devon District Councillor D Custance Baker:

- **Broadband:** The Chair asked that Cllr Custance Baker keep the Council informed.
- **Budget:** Cllr Custance Baker reported that more cuts are to be made.
- **Local Plan:** ready at the end of October for final discussions. The Chair asked if the criteria for the Neighbourhood Plan would change. Cllr Custance Baker said these would be downgraded to a shortened version. They will be very costly to produce.
- **Dog waste:** The Clerk has made enquiries regarding bins: the cost and installation and the collection details and costs. These are very expensive and the Clerk asked Cllr Custance Baker about the alternatives. She will provide stickers known as 'Dog Pooh Fairy' stickers to Cllr Smith and Cllr Short to distribute. The Council to discuss the use of stencils under Item 13 of the Agenda.

Cllr Custance Baker left at 8.25pm.

276/13 Devon County Councillor P Bowden: No report received.

277/13 Updates on Councillors Responsibilities.

- **Affordable Housing:** The Clerk has enquired regarding rent levels in other parishes. She is awaiting more information from Newton St Cyres. Cllr B Short attended a meeting with Hastoe at which they agreed that the setting of the rent levels for the affordable housing would not take place until approx 3 months before completion of the development and that the CLT would be included in that consultation. The figures that they have quoted were based on values from the Countrywide Estate Agency and these figures will not form the basis of the final rent levels.
- **Pedestrian Walkway:** The Chair has not yet heard from Sustrans.
- **Sandbags:** The Chair reported that sandbags and sand are now held at Jackmore and Bernaville. He said the hedge on the corner of St Andrews road and the A377 has not been done. He will speak to the relevant authorities again. The existing grit bins will be refilled by Highways and a further bin, (this should have been supplied last year), will be located at Stevenstone.

278/13 Finance.

To sanction payment of accounts:

- a. Clerk's wages for October 2013: £187.99 plus £10.00 Home Allowance = £197.99 approved.
- b. Training courses for Councillors and Clerk noted.
- c. Ink Cartridges: to reimburse the Clerk for costs: £31.00. Approved.
- d. Purchase of sand: reimburse the Chair the sum of £98.40. Approved.

279/13 Planning: None received.

280/13 EDDC Planning Sessions: The latest news from EDDC read out by the Clerk regarding change of date and times. The date is now 14th November 2013. To await the formal invitations later this week. The Clerk will advise Cllrs I Short and A Jackson of these when available.

281/13 Rural Fair Share Petition: The Chair is waiting to hear from Mel Stride MP.

282/13 Church of Cowley, St Anthony: Cllr Smith to attend the Drop in meeting on 15th October and report back to the Council in November. The Chair read out the letter received from the Church Commissioners.

283/13 Dog waste bins: see under Cllr Custance baker report. The Chair proposed that the Council should ask parishioners' opinions as to whether they felt it was necessary to purchase stencils for the village. To report back at the November meeting.

284/13 Communications/e: mails received for possible action:

1. **Parish Initiative for Small Businesses:** e-mail received regarding an event on 7th December 2013. Not relevant for Upton Pyne and Cowley Parish Council.

285/13 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: 11th November 2013

13th January 2014

10th February 2014

10th March 2014

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm.