

UPTON PYNE AND COWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY THE 9th SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL. Website address:

www.uptonpyne-pc.org.uk

Present

Cllr K Tilley
Cllr S Wass
Cllr N Taverner
Cllr C Smith
Cllr I Short
Cllr R Short
Cllr H Evans
Cllr A Jackson
Cllr E Rogers

In attendance

Mrs J Ward Clerk
4 members of the public
EDDC Cllr D Custance Baker
Mr N Baker – Tree Warden

15 Minutes Open Forum.

1. **Long – term Planting of Diamond Jubilee Crown:** Members to ask the Gardening Club to take over the maintenance of this?
2. The Council has received a request for a **bin for dog poo** to be placed on the footpath from the higher Pynes Bridge leading across the fields towards Upton Pyne. This is being considered but the cost of maintenance and emptying is high. In the meantime Parishioners are asked to make a special effort to clear up after their animals. The Clerk to make enquiries regarding the costs.
3. **Moor Farm, Upton Pyne:**
 - Complaints about the potential of noise if dogs were at Moor Farm and the noise at present from the dogs at Hurdles. The residents from Pye Corner would like the parish council to hold a further site meeting. The Parish Council has conducted a site meeting and until a further proposal is forwarded by EDDC concerning this property, the Council is not obliged to hold another site meeting under the same proposal.

258/13 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr P Bowden.

259/13 Minutes: Approved minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2013 and signed by the Chair.

260/13 Declarations of interests. To be taken as identified.

261/13 Report by Community Police Officer WPC Lisa Crocker: No report received.

262//13 Report by East Devon District Councillor D Custance Baker:

- 47% of all waste is now recycled. EDDC will no longer send out letters regarding bin collection changes; labels will be attached to bins from now on. Cllr Custance Baker will forward her report on Affordable Housing to the Clerk this week. Cllr Custance Baker left at 7.55pm.

263/13 Devon County Councillor P Bowden: No report received.

264/13 Updates on Councillors Responsibilities.

- **Affordable Housing:** Cllr Wass reported that the planning application has been submitted and on the EDDC website. All comments from officers and organisations and the public are on the website. Cllr Wass stated that all comments are welcome. There is concern from members of the public and the CLT on the indication from Hastoe that they will set the rent levels at 80% of local private lettings without discussion or consultation. The CLT is arranging a meeting with Hastoe management to take this issue forward. The Clerk was asked by Cllr Jackson to contact other Clerks, e.g. Sandford, to discover how rent levels had been arrived at for their affordable housing. The question of **access to the site** direct from the main road instead of through Glebe Close was again raised. The CLT have obtained assurances from both Devon Highways and East Devon District Council that they were both entirely happy with the plan to bring the access direct from the main road.
- **Pedestrian Walkway:** The Chair has received a reply from Planning, Transport and Environment which he read out to the Council. The Parish Council's concerns have been noted. The Council agreed to the Chair making enquiries to Sustrans as they have funds.
- **Flood Relief Scheme:** Cllr Smith outlined details of the Flood Relief Forum he and the Tree Warden attended in July. He said it became clear that any plans regarding the Exe which could have implications for our area and the Creedy fall into the remit of Exeter City Council who were not represented. The one thing we were urged to do as a council was to ensure our emergency plan was in place and updated, (Cllr Smith is in the process of doing this), and that a flood plan attachment should always be included. It was stated that the Environment Agency have no powers to force farmers to dredge rivers. The reply from them to the Chair was read out. They are updating their computer models to show expected flood levels throughout Exeter. They are expecting the results in the next few weeks and will write to the parish Council once these results are known. The Chair to keep in touch with them regarding this.

- **Sandbags:** The Clerk has ordered 400 empty sandbags: 200 for Cowley and 200 for Upton Pyne, which will be available next month. The Cowley sandbags will be held at Bernaville Garden Centre together with a dumpy bag of sand and the other 200 will be split between the Chairman and Seychelles Farm where a further dumpy bag of sand will also be held. These materials will be made available to Parishioners on request. The Chair to contact Rob Harrison regarding sand for the sandbags and to check there will be a fresh supply of salt/grit available this winter and to get the hedgerow trimmed on the corner of St Andrews Road and the A377 it was proposed and seconded that the Chair purchase two bags of grit one for Cowley to be held at Bernaville Nurseries and one for Jackmore.

265/13 Finance.

To sanction payment of accounts:

- a. Clerk's wages for August and September 2013: £187.99 plus £10.00 Home Allowance = £197.99 x 2 = £395.98: approved.
- b. Training courses for Councillors and Clerk noted.

266/13 Rural Fair Share Petition: the Parish Council to write to Mel Stride MP to ask him to add his support to the petition regarding the fact that the rural communities lose out in the finance settlements.

267/13 Planning:

- **Oakfields, Upton Pyne:** minutes of the site meeting held on 12th August 2013 were approved and signed.
- **Land South of Glebe Close, Upton Pyne:** minutes of the site meeting held on 12th August 2013 were amended, approved and signed.
- **Moor Farm, Upton Pyne:** the communication received from EDDC read out by the Chair: the Council to monitor forthcoming news/communications for this site.

268/13 Planning Sessions: to be held by EDDC: the Clerk and two councillors to attend these training sessions in October to ensure that the Parish Council continues to conduct its own part in the planning process correctly.

269/13 Communications/e: mails received for possible action:

The Clerk made available all communications received.

270/13 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: 14th October 2013

11th November 2013

The meeting was closed at 8.50pm.