

Upton Pyne and Cowley Parish Council, January 2020

The Parish Council met for the first meeting of the year, with one member of the public present and was chaired by Councillor Bob Short.

During the Open Forum: – a tree planting scheme was discussed along with the additional opportunity of two commemorative trees. This will be added to the February agenda for considerations.

This year's Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will be held on the 1st June 2020 – details will be released nearer to the event.

Every year, a garden party is held at Buckingham Palace to recognise individuals across the country who have contributed to their communities. The Council will be placing a nomination this year if the candidate is agreeable.

East Devon Councillor, Fabian King, reported that East Devon have been highlighted as a great example in their approach to recycling. Residents' engagement and undertaking of the schemes have set examples.

Housing Development: through The Garden Communities Consultations, continue to consider infrastructure, development plans, and the identification of new sustainable housing sites.

DCC Councillors: – look towards budgets for the coming year, with specific reference to long term Adult Social Care. It is hoped that with a more stable political environment, cross party discussions may allow a more fundamental approach to investment and reaching these needs in the future

Police no longer provide monthly reports to the Parish Council, however there is a liaison meeting this month, which two councillors will attend in order to brief us on initiatives and overviews of community policing.

After complaints of walkers and dogs significantly straying from footpaths, the Parish Council will go ahead with the production of additional signage, including maps to allow users to have clear details on where to walk in the parish.

Signage will also be created to protect the soft verges at Jackmoor, after vehicles have tried to mount them during the floods.

The entire Parish will be invited to enter suggestions over the coming months to contribute any project ideas that require investment, or highlight any issues that require the Council's attention as we turn towards our priorities for expenditure this year. This includes so far undertaking additional verge ploughing. Please look out for your leaflet

The Parish website will be upgraded shortly. We will advise when this is done, as we seek to improve the content, and accessibility to information. On a similar, - more traditional method of communication, we will be updating the notice board at Cowley shortly

The pathway leading from Cowley, to Exeter, and the road drains along this section are a top priority for us, and every effort is being made to get both of these resolved. **Next meeting 10/2/20**