**Draft  UPTON PYNE AND COWLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**

**MONDAY THE 12th JULY 2021 AT 7PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK.**

**Website address:** [**www.uptonpyne-pc.org.uk**](http://www.uptonpyne-pc.org.uk)

**Present In attendance**

**Cllr B Short Mrs J Ward Clerk**

**Cllr T Jackson 1 member of the public.**

**Cllr M Cormack**

**Cllr S Ward**

**Cllr D Horton**

**Cllr J Dalton**

**Cllr A Drake**

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| **15 Minutes Open Forum.**   1. **Cllr Drake:** 2 points:   (a) Speeding on St Andrews Road: the Clerk said this was an Agenda Item 11.  (b)She brought attention to the links supplied below on areas of land considered for development for housing:  https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/three-new-towns-10000-plus-5568907  https://www.midweekherald.co.uk/news/east-devon-new-town-sites-revealed-8090736  The Clerk sent these to all Councillors.  **Agenda.**  **76/21 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr F. King EDDC.  **77/21 Minutes:**  It was agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th June 2021 and signed by the Chair.  **78/21 Declarations of interests:** to be taken as identified.   * Cllr Drake declared an interest in Item 9. * **Standing Orders:** all to agree to adopt the updated versions of the NALC Standing Orders; Financial Regulations and the Code of Conduct from EDDC. * The above to be completed only after they have been checked by the Chair and the Clerk: it was proposed and seconded that the Chair and the Clerk should go through the changes before the next meeting in September. For the Agenda in September.   **79/21 Police Report:** 1 crime reported for May at Cowley: **a**nti-social behaviour.  **80/21 Report by East Devon District Councillor F King**: Cllr King’s report was forwarded to all Councillors.   * **Digestate lagoon:** the Chair stated that the full conditions were not yet known.   **81/21 Devon County Councillor: Cllr Randall-Johnson:** no report.  **82/21 Updates on Councillors Responsibilities.**  **Footpath Report:**  report from Cllr Amanda Drake:a meeting was held with our previous warden, Clive Smith and Ros Davies from DCC P3. Cllr Drake has walked approximately half of the footpaths to date. She will complete the Annual Check in due course. A question was asked about the strimmer: it is still with Clive Smith at the present time and Ros Davies will organise a course for Cllr Drake to attend in the near future.  **83/21 Finance**: To sanction payment of accounts as follows:  **a. Clerk’s wages: for July 2021:** £238.92 plus Home Allowance of £20 = £258.92.It was proposed and seconded to approve.  **b. Training Courses:** for councillors and Clerk.  **c. Travel expenses for the Clerk:** (2 x trips June and July), @ 45p per mile = £7.20.It was proposed and seconded to approve.  **d. Quarterly Accounts:** to check and approve. These were checked and it was proposed and seconded to approve. Cllr Horton stated that the Parish Council should consider ways to approach challenges in the Parish with regard to the paths and roads: e.g.: widening of paths.  **e. Gift for Alex Fice:** reimburse the Clerk £100.00. It was proposed and seconded to approve.  **84/21 Planning:**   * **21/1795/FUL:**  1 Cowley Barton Cottages Cowley Exeter EX5 5EL:   *First floor rear extension with the addition of 2 x dormer, pergola to the front and single storey outbuilding to rear for use as garden room.* A site meeting was planned for Wednesday 21st July at 6.30pm. The Clerk to contact the owner and organise the notices.  **Any other planning issues:** received after Agenda posted. None received.  **85/21 Alex Fice Retirement:** to present him with a gift from the Parish Council. The Chair to see him with the gift of garden vouchers.  **86/21 Speeding on St Andrews Road, Cowley:** update from Cllr Drake and the Clerk. The Clerk contacted Helen Selby at DCC Highways regarding the 6-6 width signs and the 30mph signs and the need for them to be more prominent. The Clerk called Highways as Helen Selby was on leave. They said they would view the signs and deal with them accordingly. The Clerk has reference: ENQ: 211436730. She will contact Highways at a later date to ask for an update. Cllr Horton mentioned an online link: ‘My Council Survey List ‘in regard to users of sat., navs. which are not relevant to large and wide vehicles and who should be using those that apply to their vehicles and would give warning of narrow width gauges and tonnage limits. The Clerk to follow this up.  **87/21 Hall Bookings:** the Clerk has booked the Hall for September, October and November this year.  **88/21 The Causeway:**  update from the Chair: still awaiting a response from DCC. Cllr Jackson confirmed that the Church path belongs to the Church, it is not a footpath.  **89/21** **Cllr Clive Smith:** update from Cllr Drake: who has asked him the question as to his favourite place. She is waiting to hear from him.  **90/21 Glebe Close waste bin:** update from the Chair regarding contacting the Authorities.  There has been no update.  **91/21 Gingko Tree in Glebe Close:** to discuss whether it will survive or to contact EDDC for compensation: Cllr Jackson obtained advice from the Tree Department and was told more than half the trunk is intact and it is a healthy tree and had formed its own callous and does not require tree grease or a guard. It was agreed by all to leave it as it is.  **92/21 Ping Pong Table at Lakes Down:** to discuss the idea of having a Ping Pong table next to the play area. See comments from a parishioner. Sent to all Councillors. Cllr Cormack to discuss and to update on reactions from parishioners. Cllr Cormack said that a request had come from a resident for a table to be sited near the swings. She spoke to two of the mothers in the Close and they made comments about the activity being noisy for the old people in the bungalows. They also were concerned about the ball going into the road and noted that the area was often very windy. Cllr Cormack had looked up the cost of an outdoor table and the requirements for a suitable accessible base.  It was confirmed there is a table tennis table in the Village Hall. The Clerk to contact the Village Hall Committee to ask if this activity could take place in the Hall.  **93/21 Communications/emails received for possible action:** the Clerk has made available all communications received.  **94/21 Feedback on last month’s circulations and items for future agendas.**   * **CLT funding:** to discuss purchasing a ping pong table set on CLT land: for the September Agenda.   **Please submit any items for the next Agenda to the Clerk within the next 7 days.**    **Dates of the next meetings:** 13th September 2021  11th October 2021  8th November2021  **NB: in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.**  The meeting was closed at 8.10pm. |

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