

UPTON PYNE AND COWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY THE 9th OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.30 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

Website address: www.uptonpyne-pc.org.uk



Present

Cllr B Short
Cllr M Leach
Cllr S Ward
Cllr M Hewlett
Cllr A Drake

In attendance

Mrs J Ward Clerk

Open Forum.

-  **Speke-Up notes:** Cllr Drake to write up.
-  **Notice Board at Five Oaks:** the Clerk said that the notice board has fallen back towards the hedge. The Chair said he will insert it back into the ground.

Agenda.

147/23 To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs Cormack, Horton and Dalton.

148/23 Minutes: to approve or amend the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th September 2023. Proposed and seconded to approve and signed by the Chair.

149/23 Declarations of interests: To be taken as identified.

- **Register of Interest form:** the Clerk collected the form from Cllr Leach for submitting to EDDC.

150/23 Police Report: no crimes reported up to July 2023.

151//23 Report by East Devon District Councillor J Kemp: it was agreed that the Clerk contact EDDC again.

152/23 Devon County Councillor S Randall-Johnson:

- The Clerk has circulated Cllr Randall-Johnson's report to all Councillors for October. It was stated that there was nothing relevant to the Parish Council in her report.

153/23 Updates on Councillors' Responsibilities.

Footpath: the proposed diversion of paths 7 and 5: Cllr Drake replied to Richard Spurway to inform him that following discussion between the landowner and Highways, the Parish Council saw no reason for him not to go ahead with posting the notice requesting a change of routes to paths 4 and 7 in Upton Pyne. We have advised Parishioners that there will be a notice put up. It is then up to Highways to consider any objections or letters of support before making their decision to notify Richard Spurway. Individual Parishioners are

invited to comment on the proposals. A new kissing gate has been supplied by Highways for the landowner to keep walkers away from the turkeys, and a bridge has been repaired on the path from Robins Cottage to Brampford Speke. Cllr Drake to reply to Richard Spurway about grading the undercut path at Glebelands/Bidwell.

154/23 Finance:

To sanction payment of accounts:

- a. Clerk's wages: for October 2023:** £385.92 plus Home Allowance of £40=£425.92. Extra Hours: UPPC meeting: 2.5 hours and 1 hour for travel to notice boards = 3.5 hours add 1.45 hours site meeting held on 6th October 2023 = 5.15 = £62.11. Total = £488.03. Proposed and seconded to approve.
- b. Training Courses:** for councillors and Clerk.
- c. Clerk's Travel expenses:** 4 x trips, @ 45p per mile (8 mile round trip) = £14.40. Proposed and seconded to approve.
- d. Quarterly Accounts:** to check and approve. Proposed and seconded to approve.
- e. Glasdon UK Limited:** reimburse the Chair for two bins: £545.11. Proposed and seconded to approve.

155/23 Planning:

- ❖ **Star Barton Farm, Cowley, 23/1838/FUL:** to discuss. The Clerk forwarded a prior notification application from ED Planning last month. She received a quorum in favour of this and notified ED Planning accordingly. In view of this the Parish Council voted to support this full application as the proposal has not changed from the prior notice given last month.
- ❖ **Casa De Caballos, Upton Pyne, 23/1726/FUL:** to approve or amend the minutes of the site meeting held on the 6th October 2023. Proposed and seconded to approve.
- ❖ **Any other planning issues:** received after Agenda posted. None received.

156/23 Cowley Place: update from the Clerk. The Chair to contact Cowley Place.

157/23 Upton Pyne Parish Plan: to continue a discussion of the points raised in the Questionnaire. A full council will be required. This is not the case for this meeting. For the Agenda in November.

NB: the issue of the dog bins was discussed and resolved at the last meeting in September. The Chair has ordered two bins: NB: see under 'Finance' for reimbursement of costs for these. The Parish Council is still awaiting clarification from Cllr Kemp regarding the layout of the Parish Plan for EDDC Local Plan.

158/23 Cowley Church: update from the Clerk who has not yet heard back from EDDC. To call them again.

159/23 Warm Space: it was agreed to keep this Item on the Agenda for further clarification.

160/23 20's plenty: Cllr Horton was dealing with this. To discuss. The Clerk to contact

Cllr Horton.

161/23 Communications/e: mails received for possible action:

The Clerk made available all communications received.

162/23 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:

13th November 2023

8th January 2024

The meeting was closed at 8pm.