



**UPAVON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Followed by AGM**  
Village Hall, Andover Road, Upavon

## MINUTES

<b>24/014</b>	<b>Absence apologies and Declaration of Interests (CLB)</b> Present: Chairman Charles Leigh-Bennett (CLB), Vice Chairman Andrew Flack (AF), Anthony Gallagher (AG), Tom Bradshaw (TB), Rosalind Ayling (RA), Emma Leigh-Bennett (ELB) stand in clerk, Paul Oatway WCC (PO) and 22 members of the public. Apologies: Apologies were received from Bee Barff (BB), Rebecca Lamb (RL)	
<b>24/015</b>	<b>Minutes of previous meeting (CLB)</b> The minutes of the previous meeting, dated 13th March 2024 were read and signed as a true copy by the Chairman, Charles Leigh-Bennett (CLB).	
<b>24/016</b>	<b>Updates, questions and queries from the public</b>  I. Updates from PO Confirmed that Wiltshire Council is stable and well run by the officers unlike some other councils. The precept will reduce next year 3.99 to 2.99 – reduction of 1% which is good news. PO has been able to secure resurfacing of some local roads. Some poor roads have been resurfaced with support for flooding too. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Libraries are not being closed – 30 are open across the county along with many mobiles. Warm packs have been issued to support the most vulnerable. Events have also taken place with no cost and this service</li><li>• Leisure services – 20 services are across the county. Growth of 31% since COVID / 20K+ using these services</li><li>• Highways – roads 2800 miles of roads. 32Km of roads have been resurfaced, 1500 potholes etc</li></ul> PO outlined where the money will be spent – it includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Programme of £3m into town</li><li>• Children service - £39M into this service</li><li>• Public Health – most vulnerable – 17000 households supported</li><li>• Leisure - £6M into leisure centres</li><li>• Adult Social care £169M</li><li>• Air quality monitors - £100,000 to be further invested</li><li>• Waste services - £50M</li><li>• Food waste – discussions taking place to ensure value for money</li></ul> II. Trenchard Lines – no report submitted  III. Members of the Public – No additional issues	

24/017	<p><b>Recruitment of Councillors</b> - Three new members have been recruited during 2023/2024. There are currently six councillors, with a capacity for nine. UPC is always welcoming new councillors.</p>	
24/018	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Bank reconciliation 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 has been shared and approved.</li> <li>II. Annual Return – AGAR3 has been signed in the presence of all attendees.</li> </ol>	
24/019	<p><b>Councillor updates of work undertaken since last meeting:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. <b>The Triangle traffic management update</b> (AF) – total bill around £4.5K</li> <li>II. <b>SIDs police reporting</b> (AF) – information flowed back to the Police to discuss speeding. Reduction speed limit – proposing 30 to 20 miles an hour speed limit and cameras / poles positioned out of the village and Andover Rd &amp; Trenchard lines.</li> <li>III. <b>Potential raised pavement</b> (current white line only) corner of Jarvis Street (AF) - on western side of Pewsey Road put forward and awaiting costing – to be shared at the next meeting. Signs for road narrowing coming in.</li> <li>IV. <b>Rights of Way &amp; Landmarc update</b> (AG/CLB) - paths are in the process of being cleared by Landmark one remains uncleared – AG has informed Landmark and a job number has been given – AG will follow up and proposes an organised clear up – Tom to support with the organisation of and enlisting with younger members after Landmark have cleared.</li> <li>V. <b>Proposed A345 Riverside Park to Village Centre pavement update</b> (CLB/AF) - CLB met with landowner with Grey Flags 3 weeks ago and outlined a proposal from Simon Last. Drawings were requested and a landscaping organisation has been contracted to draw – these should be back in the next few days and then shared with the landowner. If this does not lead to a decision then council to look at the other side of the road and discussions might be easier since Council control some of these – AF to take forward and open up discussions the council. There has been consideration regarding a potential footpath on A345, with an alternative suggested regarding Andrew Ford. Discussions have revolved around the possibility of establishing a permissive footpath. This could be a prospective avenue for further exploration and development in the future. The council is tasked with initially exploring Grey Flags as a potential option.</li> </ol>	
24/020	<p><b>Issues for discussion</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. The Posts for the SIDs fund – The estimated cost for the posts is approximately £550. Once the price is confirmed, it will need to be approved by the councillors.</li> <li>II. New Bin – Members of the public previously have asked for new bins to be placed on the A345. Some response</li> </ol>	

	<p>from Wiltshire council / street engineer which is negative. Further evidence of mess is needed of any debris. There is a restriction of bins only being but on county land. AG to keep up conversation with street engineer and to include discussions on frequency of collection. AG shared alternative for another bin by private contractor if Wiltshire council do not support collections.</p>	
<b>24/021</b>	<p><b>The Blue Bus Youth Club</b> – There is nothing new to report. The Blue Bus will visit Upavon on Tuesday, June 4th and 25th, and July 9th, 2024. The children of the village greatly appreciate these visits. We plan to continue utilizing the Blue Bus for the next 2-3 years to support the youth, particularly in light of the expected growth in housing.</p>	
<b>24/022</b>	<p><b>Clerk's Report &amp; Correspondence</b> – The clerk's report has been passed to CLB and read at the meeting. Regarding the new financial year, all records from the previous year have been completed. Refer to the bins item above.</p>	
<b>24/023</b>	<p><b>Reports from other bodies –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>I. Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)</b> - None</li> <li><b>II. Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP)</b> - Pot holes have been covered above previously in the meeting. PO outlined that he has looked at roads in Pewsey Road Vale West has more damage. A programme of works is being developed. Leader of Wiltshire council has visited the area and he accepted the roads are in a poor condition and would take back to officers. PO had taken on a drive and he saw firsthand the state of the roads.</li> <li><b>III. Pewsey Area Board</b> - None</li> </ul>	
<b>24/024</b>	<p><b>Future agenda items</b> - None</p>	
<b>24/025</b>	<p><b>Close</b> The Meeting closed at 7.45am.</p>	

\*The minutes were written by Emma Leigh-Bennett and revised by Bee Barff, the clerk.

Bee Barff  
Clerk to Upavon Parish Council

22/05/2024

Dates of future meetings all at 7pm  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024