



Upavon Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 7.45pm

Village Hall, Andover Road, Upavon

MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 7.45pm.

1	Absence apologies and Declaration of Interests 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)	
2	Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting - Regrettably, these are currently unavailable as they were not completed by the previous clerk.	
3	External Reports I. Churchwarden's report - Bill Coker Bill thanked the Chair and the Council for generous donation given to the church - £750 to address the cemetery and £250 to support with the delivery of the magazine. Bill opened up questions to Bill. TG asked about the distribution of the magazine to Trenchard Lines which have been left in the guard house. There are two other organisations that would benefit from deposits – the nursery and community centre. BC has had discussions with Grant who stated that they would be circulated around the camp. BC to go back to Grant and arrange for the 2 centres to receive copies. Bill and team wish to make modifications to the church for running water and toilet facilities. Feasibility study to take place thanks to a benefactor. CIL funding has also been applied for to support its added use. Chair responded by sharing CIL regulations. Council is happy to contribute but there are challenges here. II. Village Hall Committee – Lesley in 2023 – 24 the hall has been greatly utilised. Over last 12 months the table tennis club has increased and we continue to have the support of our other regular members. Over the past year we have had a new front door and the whole of the hall frontage has had a bit of a face lift with planters and new steps and groundwork. All this work was fully funded by the village hall. Total donated to charity and good causes during 2024 was around £3,200. Included in this was a defibrillator installed at the Park Home site and several fund raising events such as a Mcmillan coffee morning and a cheese	

	<p>and wine evening. Hourly rates have remained the same following a £1 increase in 2023. The committee do not intend to increase in the next 12 months. The two planters by Clive and Sue's bench have been sponsored and fully funded by the village hall in memory of the old Chair and secretary Clive and Sue Willis.</p> <p>The committee made the difficult decision not to support a request from the PCC who were asking for a donation or a regular donation to the Food Bank. The reason for this was that, on asking, were not suitably assured that any donation would target those people in most need. However, we were able to donate to another local charity group the PCA in Pewsey (Positive Community Action). We were assured that any donations made, reached targeted individuals.</p> <p>The committee members are looking forward for further ideas and members are asked to share.</p> <p>III. Trenchard Lines – No report</p>	
4	<p>Chairman's Report 2023/24 – Plans for 2024/25 including 106/CIL Money</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responses to the questionnaire included the following • Church toilet [there are legal restrictions here] • Outdoor Fort on Andover Road - £9000 • Big fig - Outdoor Gym on Andover Road - £13,500 • Club house of village hall • Playground forts – proposal for an extension to increase the challenge - £3k, double swing and seat - £2,700 • Annual summer fete • Concrete table tennis - £3,180 • Bolles court - £3000 • Picnic tables – £600 • Shaded treed area - £300 • Traffic calming measures • Improvements to soccer pitch <p>The Chair read out a list and costings to service the best interests of the growing interests of the parish of Upavon.</p> <p>With the remaining £30K the parish council are proposing for the building of a new sports centre or village hall with parking facilities with a total initial spend of £100K. Wiltshire has made a donation of £25K and other organisations are being contacted such as Sport England.</p>	
5	<p>Questions and closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Costings do include VAT II. Church toilets emails have been sent to the council regarding potential changes to legislation – council to review 	

	<p>III. Changes to the speed limit – council would need to pay for the signage here. Reducing the speed limit and siting of signs</p> <p>IV. Positioning of speed recorders is planned to rotated</p> <p>V. Might the 50 MPH sign be moved further back – there has to be a positioning of the CID & 50 mph sign. AF has asked if the sign can be moved back and the answer was no. AF is trying to get the data in front of the police – AF will continue to collect the data and speak with Councillor Oatway again. AF will share more at the next meeting. PO has offered to support. PO recommends that Clerk writes to Philip Wilkinson and shares concerns and asks what is he going to do to support our village.</p> <p>VI. Lorries in our village – AF responded with a detailed reply and the challenges of 2 trunk roads going through our village. Road narrow signs have been put in place.</p> <p>VII. Sign for people walking in the road has been blocked – AF will investigate this. New signage will be put up also.</p> <p>VIII. The bridge – PO has put request in and is awaiting an update</p> <p>IX. CIL money – came in at the beginning of COVID – where is the money and is it gaining interest – AF responded that this money is on deposit and earning 4% and protected. **</p> <p>X. Review the legislation and can it be spent on the toilets – Clerk to write to legal services at Perry Hall for up to date and current legislation.</p> <p>Chair thanked all those who were able to attend this evening. John & Lynne and an artist presented the village hall with a picture of the geese – Council to send a letter of thanks to the artist.</p>	
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The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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

** this money held in an account where it is not accruing interest. AF apologised for the misunderstanding after the meeting. UPC is now actively investigating the matter to determine the best course of action.

Bee Barff
Clerk to Upavon Parish Council

22/05/2024

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