



UPAVON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

13th March 2024 AT 7PM

In the Village Hall, Andover Road, Upavon

MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

24/014	Absence apologies and Declaration of Interests (CLB) Present: Chairman Charles Leigh-Bennett (CLB), Vice Chairman Andrew Flack (AF), Anthony Gallagher (AG), Rebecca Lamb(RL), Tom Bradshaw (TB), Bee Barff (BB) clerk, Paul Oatway WCC (PO) and 8 members of the public. Apologies: Apologies were received from Grant Ingleton.	
24/015	Minutes of previous meeting (CLB) The minutes of the previous meeting, dated 10th January 2024 were read and signed as a true copy by the Chairman, Charles Leigh-Bennett (CLB).	
24/016	Updates, questions and queries from the public I. Updates from PO Paul Oatway provided an update; <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Flooding Issues and Road Maintenance: PO had a direct meeting with the director of Highways to address the issues on A342 and A345. It was advised that the necessary work will be carried out soon. Additionally, significant flood damage has occurred in the Pewsey area, and recovery efforts are still underway.- Old school site Wiltshire Council will have a meeting with UPC soon with the options for the Old School site - Short-term lease, affordable housing with a financial contribution towards the development of a community facility and Football foundation grant of 25K. Detailed discussions required at the upcoming meeting.- AG reported issues with the Vicarage Lane ditch and fallen bridge supports to PO. PO has agreed to investigate the matter and arrange for a highway engineer to assess the situation. PO also offered his services to speak to the director of legal and governance about Whistle Down Farm, RL strongly supported the idea. II. Trenchard Lines No report was received due to Grant Ingleton's absence. III. Members of the Public A member of the public expressed appreciation for PO's presence at the Parish council meeting and raised concerns about the safety of walking in the village due to speeding cars	

	<p>and the lack of public footpaths. Discussions ensued between the public and the councillors, with concerns also raised about the slow progress of the pavement near Riverside Park to the village centre. CLB and AF emphasised that efforts have been ongoing, despite the landowners' disapproval. Wiltshire Council and highway engineers have been involved, and another meeting will be arranged to address this matter further.</p> <p>Another member of the public raised concerns about speeding in the village and on the way out from the village. AF responded that UPC has provided the SID data to the police, and a visit from the speed enforcement team has been requested.</p>	
24/017	<p>Recruitment of Councillors</p> <p>Rosalind Ayling was nominated as a new councillor by CLB and successfully co-opted. RA was formally introduced to the Parish Council. Relevant paperwork will be sent to her by BB in due course.</p>	
24/018	<p>Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Bank reconciliation 6th March 2024 – circulated to the councillors and all agreed. II. Cheques for signature - No cheques were presented for signature at this time. 	
24/019	<p>Councillor updates of work undertaken since last meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The Triangle Traffic Management Update (AF): AF reported the work has been done and the invoices will be received shortly. II. SIDs Police Reporting (AF): The most recent data related to Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) has been collected and forwarded to Wiltshire Police. Additionally, UPC plans to replace the single-sided SID with a two-way one, displaying signs both front and back. III. Potential Raised Pavement on Jarvis Street (AF): During the recent Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) meeting, an alternative pavement plan on the opposite side of the previous proposal was suggested. This adjustment was proposed due to the narrowness of the road between Pewsey Road and High Street. IV. Rights of Way & Landmarc Update (AG/CLB): There are no updates to report at this time. AG highlighted that the new path from Vulcan Drive to Rushall is not recorded as a footpath, and this issue will be raised at the next LHFIG meeting. V. Proposed A345 Riverside Park to Village Centre Pavement Update (CLB/AF): CLB recently met with the landowner, and further discussions are scheduled to take place, including with Wiltshire Council 	

	highway engineers. CLB and AF reiterated that UPC is making every effort to ensure a prompt outcome.	
24/020	<p>Issues for discussion</p> <p>I. Public Bins, additional dog waste bin UPC received a request from a member of the public to install an additional bin on a path just beyond Gray Flags, behind the hedge. Given the popularity of this path among dog walkers and villagers, UPC agreed to the suggestion. BB will forward the request to the WC street scene engineer to arrange for the placement of a public bin on this path in due course.</p> <p>II. Village Questionnaire updates LB expressed that the questionnaire has reignited interest in village improvement, with a successful response of 116. Playground improvements and upgrades to sports provisions were among the popular ideas. However, CLB noted that some ideas are restricted due to conditions attached to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds. A shortlist of available options will be discussed at the annual meeting in May.</p> <p>RL raised a request from Mark Sayer, a First Responder in Upavon, regarding a donation of £600 towards the South West Ambulance Service NHS Trust for the purchase of a Paediatric Oxygen Saturation Monitor. The Clerk also had received the request in writing previously, UPC unanimously agreed to support this suggestion, recognising the importance of this equipment in saving small children's lives. BB will proceed with the necessary paperwork.</p>	
24/021	<p>The Blue Bus Youth Club AF mentioned that the Blue Bus Youth Club was commended at the Area Board Meeting for its success, not only in Upavon but also in Burbage. The Blue Bus Youth Club is striving to expand its reach and benefit more teenage kids in the area.</p>	
24/022	<p>Clerk's Report & Correspondence (BB) BB reported that the Gully service requested for Jarvis Street, Vicarage Lane, and Butchers Alley will commence from the week beginning 18th March. Additionally, UPC has purchased three new notice boards as previously agreed, which will be installed before the end of the month.</p>	
24/023	<p>Reports from other bodies –</p> <p>I. Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) The recent LHFIG meeting was held on January 31st. Discussions included the A345 Riverside Park path, and UPC will receive the bill for the Triangle Traffic</p>	

	<p>Management signs. Discussions regarding Jarvis Street pavement were covered above.</p> <p>II. Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) – None</p> <p>III. Pewsey Area Board – The meeting, held last week, focused on the ongoing discussions regarding the current poor road conditions and work progress in the area.</p>	
24/024	<p>Items for the Magazine/Website</p> <p>AG suggested that the upcoming UPC meeting dates should be consistently published in the Together magazine, Facebook, and Instagram.</p>	
24/025	<p>Future agenda items</p> <p>A member of the public suggested discussing the placement of more Dog Waste Signs in the village at the next meeting. However, this suggestion was quickly agreed upon and voted on during the meeting itself. UPC supported the suggestion, and BB will promptly take action on this matter.</p>	
24/026	<p>Close</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.06pm.</p>	

Bee Barff
Clerk to Upavon Parish Council

27/03/2024

Dates of future meetings all at 7pm
 Wednesday **15th May** 2024 to include Annual Parish Meeting
 Wednesday **17th July** 2024
 Wednesday **18th September** 2024
 Wednesday **20th November** 2024