

UPAVON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY 2018 AT 7.00 PM

UPAVON VILLAGE HALL

Minutes

Present:

A Council Members and 'In Support' John Tighe (JT) Chair, Bob McDonald (BM) Vice Chair, John Cabra (JC), Paul Cowan (PC), Gerry Ward (GW), Andrew Flack (AF), Amanda Wareham (AW), Paul Oatway (PO) WCC

9 number of members of the public

The meeting commenced at 7.05pm

1. **Welcome & Apologies** The Chairman welcomed members of the public. Apologies were received from Mike Parr and Lt Col Grant Ingleton
2. **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 17th May 2017** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th May 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record
3. **External Reports**
 - a. **The Churchwarden's report for 2017** was copied to all the members of the public and is available on the Parish Council website www.upavonpc.co.uk
 - b. **Village Hall** The Village Hall Committee Chairman's report was presented, and is available on the Parish Council website, along with minutes of the Village Hall committee AGM held on 15/5/2018
4. **Chairman's Report** The Chair delivered his report for 2017. Amongst the issues covered by the Parish council include:
 - Responses to all planning applications
 - Emergency plan
 - IT including GDPR legislation which we need to comply with this year. Thanks to our 2 IT 2 experts
 - Mandy looks after the defibrillator
 - Donations made to other organisations – church, village hall, together magazine
 - Village maintenance major part of expenditure. Now a rolling contracting to ensure flexibility
 - Red phone box has been refurbished as a Tourist Information Centre to be publicly opened soon
 - Tidy up of the bus shelter
 - Planned maintenance contract of the upper play area with metal fencing and refurbished play equipment which will be up and running by end June/early July in time for Picnic in the Park
 - Positive relationship with Trenchard Lines

- Traffic calming – in discussions with WCC Highways with recent survey of the Andover Road junction. Various options are being discussed with CATG.
 - Garage works to start imminently
 - Speedwatch
 - Financial regulations complied with
 - Increased parish precept by 12.6% (increased from £39.88 to £44.09 for the year)
 - Neighbourhood Plan – The Parish Council has decided not to develop a NP due to costs and longevity
 - Old School premises – the Chair has been working to get the appropriate person from WCC to visit the site. A meeting had been arranged, but there has been a change of personnel. This will continue to be pursued by JT.
- 5. Questions and closure** Questions were invited from members of the public Issues with the play area were discussed, although it was reported that it looks very tidy at the moment. Expenditure is influenced by the ROSPA annual report. Farriers Field is WCC responsibility

The meeting was closed at 7.25

Tracey Pullen
Clerk to Upavon Parish Council

18/5/2018