

UPAVON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 18th September 2013 at 7 p.m. at
Upavon Village Hall**

Present: Paul Cowan, Chairman, (PC), Jon Mulroy,(Vice Chairman), (JM), Noel Maskell, (NM), Ralph Hilliard, (RH), John Cabra, (JC), Tessa Carpenter, (TC), Bob Greatorex, (BG), Paul Oatway, District Councillor, (PO), (?) Neighbourhood Police, Emma Barron (PCAP), Pat Eyre, Clerk, (PE)

Apologies: Russ Appleton, (RA), Julie Swansborough, (JS), Peter Williams, (PW),

Members of the Public:, R. Froud, M. Froud, J. Brookes, Len Prothero, James Stidston, Graham & Ann Townsend

ACTION

2. Adjournment - The Police report was given by a member of the Neighbourhood Police. There had been a burglary at a workshop outbuilding where a chain saw and an air rifle had been stolen. Access had been gained by driving across an open field in a 4 x 4 and the sliding doors pulled open by use of a rope. Some leads were being followed. Hare coursing was also reported and anyone aware of this should contact Wiltshire Police on 999. Number plates had been stolen from a parked car in Upavon.

There had been a productive meeting between Paul Cowan, Jon Mulroy and Chris Gosling and a report had been received from Trenchard Lines outlining the expected increase in numbers of personnel and families over the next 6 months. It was envisaged that the working population would be approx. 1250+ working and military personnel by mid 2015.

There had been no increased funding or provision of assets to improve family quality of life at Trenchard Lines. Transport was also a major problem with residents working at other stations in the area and the withdrawal of the bus service.

Families were being encouraged to join the Community Group but transport was also a problem here.

The lack of public transport was also discussed with regard to Upavon - there is an ageing population in the Watson Close area who are finding it very difficult to access transport for shopping etc. Even if only using The Corner Shop they find it extremely difficult to carry shopping back up the hill. People working outside the village are also having difficulty reaching their workplace. Paul Oatway reported that he had met with Chris Gosling and discussed the lack of a bus service. He would work together with the Parish council to try to re-establish this.

The station would be holding its annual Remembrance Service on Monday 11th November. All personnel were also being encouraged to attend the Parish Memorial Service on the 10th. It was hoped there would also be a joint Carol Service at Christmas.

It was hoped that when the Upavon Community Speedwatch was

<p>restarted it could also be a joint action with Trenchard Lines.</p> <p>There was further discussion regarding the proposed development at the 'Chicken Farm'. No date had yet been received for the next meeting between the developers and village residents. It was hope that this would be announced shortly. It was pointed out that it would be planning 'issues' which would influence any decision.</p> <p>A report had not been received from Upavon Community Group.</p>	
<p>3. <u>The Minutes of the meeting 17.7.13</u> were agreed and signed.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Matters Arising</u> - Emma Barron reported that the Pewsey Area Community Plan was moving forward and that the Area Board were looking for more volunteers from the villages around the Upavon area to put forward their issues and concerns.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Planning/Development Control</u> -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>E/13/01167/TCA - 2 Finches Cottages</u> - felling of silver birch - granted. - <u>13/00919/FUL - 39 Fairfield</u> - conservatory - granted - <u>13/0154711/UN - The Buses, Chapel Lane</u> - fell elm - no objection - <u>13/02592/FUL - Skylark, Devizes Road</u> - ancillary accommodation - some reservations - <u>13/04163/TCA - Holly Cottage, 23 Jarvis Street</u> - reduce height of holly tree - no objections 	
<p>6. <u>Parish Plan & Projects</u> - see attached 'Tracking Table'. <u>Additional notes - Defibrillators</u> - Jon reported that it would be necessary to do more in the way of 'begging letters' and fund raising. It was suggested that grants of £500 can be applied for from Area Boards. Collecting boxes in the shops and pubs were also being considered. <u>Footpath from Riverside</u> - Paul Cowan was still working on the legal process. The Area Board had agreed to pay £600 towards this and the removal of trees. The Lottery Fund application had been returned. Paul would be meeting with Peter Williams to discuss this. <u>Highways & Street Scene</u> - there had been a meeting with Stephen Matthews. Bob Greateorex reported that the following issues were being addressed - the bus bay at Riverside, signage generally (and de-cluttering), worn road markings, leaning lampposts, road sweeping on Andover Road, various drain blockages, and carriageway repairs. There would be an Upavon Community Day on 19th December. <u>Provision of grit bins</u> - As Wiltshire would not provide the bins Jon Mulroy would obtain prices and ascertain whether residents would be prepared to self fund them. Wiltshire would provide the grit. - <u>Speedwatch</u> - More volunteers were needed. Jon Mulroy to place an 'ad' in Together magazine. - <u>Signage for Community Centre</u> - UCG had agreed to pay for the signs. Paul Cowan agreed to contact Peter Williams.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>PC/PW</p> <p>BG</p> <p>JM</p> <p>PC/PW PW</p>

<p>- <u>BMX track</u> - More earth was needed on the site. Peter Williams to report.</p> <p>- <u>Widdington Litter signs</u> - it was agreed that they would stay in place.</p> <p>- <u>The 'Shak'</u> - A decision needed to be made regarding rebuild/replace or get rid. Residents to be asked for their views.</p> <p>- <u>ROSPA inspection of play areas</u> - report expected shortly.</p> <p>Volunteers were needed to help with painting and some repairs. Other equipment needed to be replaced. It was recommended that rubber matting with grass growing through it be used under the equipment rather than bark chippings.</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>RA/PC</p>																					
<p>7. <u>Church and Village Fete</u> - The Parish Council had paid out £2691.30 and received £612.00 refund from the Fete Committee. It was felt that it would not be possible to continue subsidising the fete to this extent in the future and that the event should be more 'self funding'. More volunteers would be needed to run the fete. Jon would welcome the views of residents and will place an article in Together Magazine. John Cabra would also place an item on the website.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>JC</p>																					
<p>8. <u>Reports from representatives on other committees</u> - dealt with under other items.</p>																						
<p>9. <u>Web site</u> - John Cabra reported that the site continued to receive significantly more visitors. There had been a request for a page for UCG. It was also hoped to involve Trenchard Lines, perhaps with a link.</p>	<p>JC</p>																					
<p>10. <u>Finance</u> - Cheques for payment were -</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="225 1205 1129 1496"> <tr> <td>(435)</td> <td>P. M. Eyre - Clerk's Allowance & expenses</td> <td>£288.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(436)</td> <td>F. Needham - bins - September</td> <td>80.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(437)</td> <td>J. Swansborough - repairs etc. to bins</td> <td>30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(438)</td> <td>Youth Action Wiltshire - donation</td> <td>25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(439)</td> <td>Wyvern Gliding Club - flights for Upavon children</td> <td>110.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(440)</td> <td>Grant Thornton - external audit</td> <td><u>120.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£ 653.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Bank balance after payment of above and allowing for u/p cheque = £9711.61 (It should be remembered that balances shown include £5000 grant held for UCG towards hire of the school).</p> <p>The external audit had been satisfactorily completed and notice given to residents that the accounts could be inspected.</p>	(435)	P. M. Eyre - Clerk's Allowance & expenses	£288.28	(436)	F. Needham - bins - September	80.00	(437)	J. Swansborough - repairs etc. to bins	30.00	(438)	Youth Action Wiltshire - donation	25.00	(439)	Wyvern Gliding Club - flights for Upavon children	110.00	(440)	Grant Thornton - external audit	<u>120.00</u>			£ 653.00	
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<p>11. <u>Clerk's Notes/Correspondence</u> - Attention was drawn to the seminars for Flood Wardens. Noel Maskell would attend on October 2nd.</p> <p>Attention was also drawn to the 'Core Skills for Councillors' training days on 12.9.13 & 30.9.13.</p> <p>Bob Greatorex agreed to attend the Community First AGM on 25.9.13 at Devizes.</p>	<p>NM</p> <p>BG</p>																					
<p>11. <u>Items for the Magazine/web site</u> - Dog fouling article to be</p>	<p>PE</p>																					

repeated. Also see other items above.	
<p>12. <u>AOB</u> - Paul Oatway outlined various issues which he was supporting including the outstanding road surface repairs, speeding through the village and housing. He commented that Wiltshire were not intending to re-open Upavon school unless there was a significant increase in the numbers of children to be accommodated. There were other issues of concern to rural areas which were being addressed such as internet access and mobility problems. He encouraged the Council to apply for grants from the Area Board.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the speeding sign on Andover Road was being repaired.</p> <p>Ralph Hilliard asked for volunteers to help with repairing the 'gateways' into the village.</p> <p>The Council had been asked for their opinion on a suitable name for the new development at Avon Square. It was agreed that Casterley Close was the most suitable.</p>	<p>RH</p> <p>PE</p>
<u>The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.</u>	

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NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER
AT 7 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Members of the public wishing to raise items during the adjournment should submit them in writing to Pat Eyre (Clerk), 32 High Street, Upavon at least 48 hours before the meeting to allow for a considered response