

UPAVON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 19th March 2014 at 7 p.m. at
Upavon Village Hall

Present: Paul Cowan, Chairman, (PC), Jon Mulroy, (Vice Chairman), (JM), Noel Maskell, (NM), Bob Greatorex, (BG), Russ Appleton, (RA), John Cabra, (JC), Julie Swansborough, (JS), Peter Williams, (PW), Ralph Hilliard, (RH), Paul Oatway, District Councillor, (PO), Pat Eyre, Clerk, (PE)

Apologies: Richard Barratt (Neighbourhood Police), (RB)

Member of the Public: Len Prothero, James Stidston, Diane Everest-Howard

ACTION

<p>2. <u>Adjournment - Police Report</u> - Richard Barratt was not present but had submitted a report - rogue traders were reported to be operating in the area and residents were advised not to open the door to them or to allow them to do any work and also not to keep large amounts of cash in the house and to keep purses and wallets away from windows and doors and never allow 'traders' to take them to the bank to take out money to pay them. Advice, help, guidance and support can be gained from - Wiltshire Police - 999 in an emergency, all other enquiries - 101, Age Concern Wiltshire - 01380 727767/Age Concern Swindon - 01793 692166. The damage to the phone box at Down View was being investigated. A trailer being towed by a tractor had caused damage to a property in the village. It had also been reported that youths had been throwing a concrete fence stand around on the pathway between Avon Square and Casterley Close. Residents were requested to report nuisance behaviour by dialling 101 or emailing police at - pewsey@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk There had also been a burglary at Honeystreet.</p> <p>- <u>Army rebasing news</u> - public consultations had started across Wiltshire. Final development plans will be produced in May. More information can be found at - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/militarycivilianintegrationpartnership.htm</p> <p>- <u>Chicken Farm Development</u> - A planning application had not been received and there was no further communication from the developers. A community consultation had been held and concerns noted but it was not possible to proceed further until the application was made.</p>	
<p>3. <u>The Minutes of the meeting 19.2.14</u> were signed.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Matters Arising</u> - dealt with under other items.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Planning/Development Control</u> -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 14/101070 - 2 Finches Cottages & 14/01132/TCA - 34 High Street - tree works - no objections - - 14/02513/TCA - 34 High /Street - fell palm - no objections - - '<u>Chicken Farm</u>' development - see above 	
<p>6. <u>Parish Plan & Projects</u> - also see attached 'Tracking Table'.</p> <p><u>Additional notes</u> - <u>Defibrillators</u> - Jon Mulroy reported that a donation of £400 had been received and a further donation of £500 may be made by the Area Board. He was awaiting details regarding installation, maintenance and training from the ambulance service.</p> <p><u>Noticeboards and maps in the bus shelter</u> - Julie Swansborough was organising this and maps were to be obtained.</p> <p><u>Footpath from Riverside</u> - The legal processes were still ongoing. Paul Oatway was still awaiting a reply from Wiltshire legal department which he would chase. Paul Cowan had also spoken to Caroline Brailey and the solicitor's office. Decisions</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">JM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JS/JC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">PO</p>

<p>needed to be made regarding the boundary wall/fences/hedges and the type of surface for the 'path' alongside Grey Flags. The grant from the Area Board would be held over. Russ Appleton and Bob Greatorex had met with Mark Stansby. Peter Williams was preparing another application to the Lottery Fund. The owner of Grey Flags might be prepared to pay toward the boundary wall alongside his property.</p> <p><u>UCG</u> - Jon Mulroy reported that the intention was that the group would no longer be and 'executive arm' of the Parish Council and be expected to buy and maintain play equipment etc. at the Upper Playing Field, which would be provided by the Council. The group would be expected to pay a monthly 'rent' (to be paid by BACS) of about £100 which would be used to provide and maintain the equipment and buildings. It would still be expected that they maintain accounts which should be annually audited.</p> <p><u>106 grant</u> - Paul Cowan reported that there had been a meeting of the 'working party' who had started work on the play equipment. A quotation had been received for the new equipment and the potential suppliers were prepared to receive payment in 2 stages if necessary.</p> <p><u>Highways & Street Scene</u> - 'No Entry' had been painted in the road beside Triangle House and further signs were being considered. Branches were to be cut back in front of the 'Give Way' signs. 'Cat's eyes' on the High Street would not be replaced when re-surfacing was done. 30mph signs would be painted on the surface. The surface at the junction of A345 and A342 had been repaired but was cracking up. Paul Cowan and Bob Greatorex agreed to write to Wiltshire Council. The fallen tree on Andover Road needed to be cleared.</p> <p><u>Business Plan and Budget 14 - 15</u> - the increase to the Precept application had been agreed.</p> <p><u>Emergency Plan</u> - the plan was still ongoing - storage for 'Flood stores' needed to be located.</p> <p><u>Speedwatch</u> - there had been a successful 'watch' on the 18th and there were now 3 volunteers taking part.</p> <p><u>Activities for the elderly</u> - Julie Swansborough reported that a series of 'talks' were being organised.</p> <p><u>Gas Lamp at Avon Square</u> - work was still ongoing.</p> <p><u>20mph speed limit</u> - would not be possible on Pewsey Road but might be considered for Chapel Lane when (and if) the proposed development took place.</p> <p><u>Playing Fields</u> - see above. The new fencing had been damaged and repaired. The FIT grant had been processed.</p> <p><u>Damaged sign at Widdington layby</u> - Paul Cowan had ordered a new sign.</p> <p><u>Watson Close street lighting</u> - Wiltshire Council were considering this.</p> <p><u>Watson Close sign re house numbering</u> - Ralph Hilliard had contacted Aster Homes who were considering this.</p> <p><u>Mowing areas</u> - some maps seemed to be missing from those circulated. Bob Greatorex had asked Steven Mathews to check. It was suggested that some of the areas such as the verges were mown by Highways.</p> <p><u>Village Maintenance</u> - The Jubilee Post needed attention - Julie Swansborough agreed to repair it. The village 'gates' were also due to be painted when the weather was suitable.</p>	<p>PC/RA/BG</p> <p>PW</p> <p>JM</p> <p>PC</p> <p>BG</p> <p>PC/BG</p> <p>JM</p> <p>JS</p> <p>BG</p> <p>JS</p>
<p>7. <u>Church Fete</u> - the Parish Council would not be involved this year.</p>	
<p>8. <u>Reports from representatives on other committees</u> - <u>PAC</u> & <u>PCAP</u> - The Pewsey Campus was going ahead with involvement of young people. It was stressed that the Parish Council needed to be represented. Amongst items being discussed were the</p>	<p>JM</p>

effects of re-basing on transport, roads, schools and safety (particularly for cyclists), the numbers of HGVs using the roads and the inclusion of young people.	
9. <u>Web site</u> - John Cabra reported that good responses were being received regarding recent information posting.	JC
10. <u>Finance</u> - Cheques for payment were - (468) P. M. Eyre - Clerk's Allowance & expenses - £274.40 (469) Fred Needham (March) - bins 80.00 (470) J. Swansborough (Village Maintenance & Litter Picking) 78.94 (471) Balfour Beatty (grass cutting June- Aug. 13) <u>952.15</u> <u>£1385.49</u> <u>Bank balance</u> after payment of above will be £10,496.50 (It should be remembered that balances shown include £5000 grant held for UCG towards hire of the school). Paul Cowan agreed to call at Lloyds Bank to arrange signatures of the new mandate for the Charities account. It was agreed that the Council cheques would remain subject to two signatures.	
11. <u>Clerk's Notes/Correspondence</u> - it was agreed that the information file should be retained.	PE
12. <u>Items for the Magazine/web site</u> - notice regarding the 2 vacant 1/2 plot allotments to be included.	PE
13. <u>AOB</u> - the proposed changes to the Connect 2 bus service were discussed. It was felt that there could be implications for Upavon residents. Paul Oatway reported that there would be a briefing regarding WWI commemorations at the theatre in Tidworth and that he would inform Council of the date. It was felt that there should be some 'contribution' from Upavon/Trenchard Lines. Jon Mulroy agreed to contact Trenchard Lines regarding this. Paul Cowan asked whether it would be possible to obtain an 'enforcement order' of some kind regarding a property in Avon Square which had remained unoccupied for two years. Paul Oatway agreed to let him know who to contact.	JM PC/PO
<u>The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.</u>	

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**NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 16th APRIL 2014
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