

UPAVON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1st May 2019 at 7.40pm

UPAVON VILLAGE HALL

Minutes

Present:

Council Members and 'In Support' John Tighe (JT) Chairman, Bob McDonald (BM) ViceChairman, John Cabra (JC), Paul Cowan (PC), Andrew Flack (AF), Amanda Wernham (AM), Mike Parr (MP), Paul Oatway (PO), and 8 members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7.40pm

19/001	Absence apologies and Declaration of Interests Apologies were received from Bee Barff, (BB) the Upavon Parish Council Clerk. There were no conflicts of interest declared.	JT
19/002	Updates, questions and queries from the public I. Updates from PO i. Councillor Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, leader of Wiltshire Council, will be standing down later in the year. ii. The Armed Forces Weekend will be held from 28 th to the 30 th June 2019, in Salisbury, with a program of exciting events, such as a live entertainment, military village, historic flypasts, military parades, firework displays and much more. iii. PO mentioned that all Parish Councils will need to adopt a standardised code of conduct, Upavon Parish Council has already adopted the current Wiltshire Council Code of Conduct. iv. PO has been working on getting Wiltshire Council to agree that the road between North Newnton and Upavon needs resurfacing, he has had assurances that the road will be done before the end of 2019. v. PO said that he is challenging Wiltshire Council on where heavy freight traffic is currently going, and is trying to get Wiltshire Council to reevaluate its Freight Strategy. vi. PO mentioned the planning application for Little Thatch, 1 Jarvis Street, Upavon, (18/12071/FUL). PO has called this application in and it will be brought up at a Wiltshire Council planning meeting, PO stressed that not only do Parish Councillors need to attend this meeting to give support but also parishioners affected by the plans.	

	<p>II. Councillor resignation and New Councillor announcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Gerry Ward resigned from Upavon Parish Council on April 16th 2019, due to his accountancy/Legal schedule, and family commitments, we thank Gerry, very much, for all of his work over the years and we wish him well for the future. ii. Jon Mulroy, ex Councillor and Clerk of Upavon Parish Council, has kindly consented, once again, to become a Parish Councillor and has been co-opted on to the council. <p>III. Members of the Public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Emma and Neil who are currently working to start a new Playschool at the Old School in Watson Close, taking over the playschool run by Busy Bees, were telling us their plans for the future and their Ideas for future uses of the rest of the school, they are looking to get the Playschool up and running by September 2019. 	
19/003	<p>Minutes of Meeting 20th March 2019 were signed by the Chairman as a true copy</p>	
19/004	<p>Updates and Matters to Follow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Chairman's remark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The abandoned car at the junction of High Street and Jarvis Street has now been removed. ii. Complaints about the area around the seat near the road bridge over the River Avon, have been received, and the Parish Council are looking in to this. iii. The Parish Council has been asked if the Salvation Army can place a clothes bank in the village, it was decided to place it next to the existing clothes bank in the car park opposite Downs View. iv. WCC have said that they cannot continue to pick up the 2 black bins by the bus shelter because they are not associated to a house number, these bins are where our contractor puts the dog waste from the bins in the upper and lower parks. We have arranged with Idverde, a waste contractor used by WCC, to pick up the dog waste directly from the bins in the upper and the lower park, weekly during the summer and fortnightly during the winter, there will be an extra cost of £400 per annum to the Parish Council for this. v. The Chairman stressed the importance of members of the public who will be affected by the planning application for Little Thatch, 1 Jarvis Street, Upavon, (18/12071/FUL) please attend the Wiltshire Council Planning Meeting when it is announced. vi. After contact with the current owners of Grey Flags ideas for a permissive footpath along the edge of their property have been discussed. 	

	<p>vii. The Parish Council have had some conversations with Wiltshire Council about the future of the old school. One plan would be for Upavon Parish Council to take over the school and its grounds, this was discussed, it was agreed that a public meeting needs to be held sometime in July to discuss the possibilities.</p> <p>viii. With Gerry Ward's resignation, JT and BM met the Parish Steward, on 30th April 2019 to discuss responsibilities and ways of working for the future.</p>	
19/005	<p>Planning and Development Control</p> <p>I. Planning Application 19/02839/REM, Whistledown Farm, more detailed plans for the farm development have been issued, and although the Parish Council is mainly in agreement with them, there are still some queries, that have been put to Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>II. Planning Application 19/03245/VAR, which is a change to a previous planning application 16/04058/FUL for Trenchard Lines. We have no objections to this application.</p> <p>III. Planning Application 19/03163/FUL, for a Garden Room at no 2 Vicarage Lane, Upavon, the council had no objections, but did comment on the choice of colour, which is black.</p> <p>IV. The responsibility for the Lane behind bus shelter, is still ongoing.</p> <p>V. Footpath on A345 from Grey Flags to Riverside Park, was discussed during the Chairman's remarks.</p> <p>VI. Redcliffe Development – Chicken Farm Road Naming, was once again discussed, we have had some ideas from the public, and have put a form on the website for people to fill in with their Ideas, and put together a facebook article asking for ideas.</p> <p>VII. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Payments for the Whistledown Farm development were discussed, we have estimated that we may receive about £38,000 in CIL payments for the development. There are restrictions on what this money can be spent on, and it was stated that when we have more information about the amount and when we will receive these payments that we will have a public meeting to discuss possible uses for this money.</p> <p>VIII. Progress on the Garage site has slowed because of planning permission changes needed to change the foundations of the new houses.</p>	PC/All

19/006	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Annual Return - The Annual Governance Statement was approved by all the councillors. II. The internal audit on the Upavon Parish Council accounts has been completed. III. The paperwork for the external audit (AGAR) has been prepared and signed, and will be sent to the auditors later in June. IV. A VAT claim has been made. V. The Bank reconciliation, up until the end of April 2019 was approved by all councillors. 	
19/007	<p>Committee Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. PCAP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The next meeting will be 18th July 2019 at Easton Royal Village Hall. II. CATG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is not known when the next CATG meeting will be held III. Pewsey Area Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There has been no meeting since the one on the 11th March 2019, the next meeting will be on the 20th May 2019. 	

The meeting closed at 9:35pm

Bob McDonald
Vice Chairman, Upavon Parish Council

06/05/19

Dates of future meetings all at 7pm

- Wednesday 17 July 2019
- Wednesday 18 September 2019
- Wednesday 20 November 2019