

UPAVON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1st MAY 2019 AT 7.05 PM

UPAVON VILLAGE HALL

Minutes

Present:

Council Members and 'In Support' John Tighe (JT) Chair, Bob McDonald (BM) Vice Chair, John Cabra (JC), Paul Cowan (PC), Andrew Flack (AF), Amanda Wernham (AW), Paul Oatway (PO) Wiltshire Council, Lt Col Grant Ingleton (GI)

8 members of the public were in attendance.

The meeting commenced at 7.05pm

1. **Welcome & Apologies:** The Chairman welcomed members of the public. Apologies were received from Bee Barff the Upavon Parish Clerk.
2. **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 16th May 2018:** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record
3. **External Reports:**
 - **The Churchwarden's report for 2018:** was read by Rev. Jenifer Totney, it showed a successful year for St Mary's, with more use of the facilities and successful events, the full report can be found on the Parish Council website www.upavonpc.co.uk
 - **Village Hall Committee:** Leslie Dolan, the new Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, presented the report. In October 2018 Leslie took over as Chairman of the Village Hall committee, when Clive Willis, after many years of service, stood down. Leslie and her team have been working hard on raising the profile of the Village Hall and has organised some successful events during this time, including a Table top sale and a Wine and Cheese evening, the Wine and Cheese evening was very well attended and raised £530.00 for the Salisbury Scanner Appeal. The Village hall Committee have also used some of their capital to improve Fire Safety and Lighting by the installation of new equipment, and have had a new front door and a new shed, at the rear for storage.
 - **Trenchard Lines – Commandant's Report:** This covered the plans for the changes happening up at Trenchard Lines due to re-basing, it was mentioned that there was liable to be no new units coming to Trenchard Lines, but there would be a small influx of 60 to 70 people arriving in around August 2019. Lt Col Grant Ingleton thanked the Upavon Community Speedwatch team for the work they had done outside the camp. After a conversation with PCC members it was agreed that the Together Magazine should, once again, be delivered to Trenchard Lines.

4. **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman delivered his report for 2017/2018. The report consisted of the following:
- Donations to other organisations – The Church, The Village Hall Committee, and The Together Magazine.
 - Village maintenance, a major part of Parish Council expenditure.
 - The refurbishment of the Upper Play area, and the cost overspend.
 - The rogue Geese, and the Geese Signs.
 - Repainting of the bus shelter.
 - Resurfacing of parts of the roads in Fairfields.
 - The Whistledown Farm development
 - The Garage Development
 - The successful re-introduction of the Community Speedwatch
 - The Remembrance Day Curry Lunch, which raised £945.00 for SAAFA, the Armed Forces Charity.
 - The Parish precept which has been raised by 8.64% for this year(an annual increase of £3.88 per class D household).
 - Change of Parish Clerk from Tracey Pullen, who has left to follow other career opportunities, to Bee Barff who has been in post since February 2019.
5. **Questions and closure:** Questions were invited from members of the public, discussions took place about the Parish Councils Plans for 2019/2020, the increase in the precept, and links between Trenchard Lines and the Village and whether they can be made stronger.

The Meeting was closed at 7.35

Bob McDonald
Vice Chairman, Upavon Parish Council

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