

**UPAVON PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
15TH JANUARY 2020 AT 1900 HRS IN UPAVON VILLAGE HALL**

	Action
<p>19/028. Present.</p> <p>a. Council Members and ‘In Support’. Bob McDonald (BM) (Deputy/Acting Chairman), John Cabra (JC), Paul Cowan (PC), Andrew Flack (AF), Mike Parr (MP), Mandy Wernham (MW), Paul Oatway (PO) (County Councillor), Jon Mulroy (JM) (Scribe).</p> <p>b. Members of the Public. There were eight members of the public present.</p>	
<p>19/029. Apologies. Apologies were received from: John Tighe (JT) (Chairman), Lieutenant Colonel Grant Ingleton (Commanding Officer, Trenchard Lines), Bee Barff (Clerk).</p>	
<p>19/030. Updates, Questions, and Queries from the Public.</p> <p>a. Update from County Councillor (PO).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Paul Oatway spoke about the woeful state of the major road routes across his area of responsibility, and his engagement with senior members of the County Council in order to realise improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The works on the A345 had not been completed in 2019 as promised. The resurfacing work is now due to commence in February 2020. The necessary drainage works will take place at the same time. ○ The A342 is also in a dreadful state. Paul will be dealing with ‘responsible officers’ directly in order to agree a priority of works. ○ It is considered that Wiltshire Council’s Freight Strategy is in need of review. Paul will also raise this issue appropriately in due course. – Paul also mentioned the success of the Blue Bus Youth Club facility, and was determined that this would continue to be funded appropriately. This issue would also be discussed later during the Meeting. – Finally, Paul briefed on the re-instatement of the Police Mobile Road Camera Unit, which is to be deployed County-wide in support of Speed Watch Teams. <p>b. Trenchard Lines. Lieutenant Colonel Ingleton was unable</p>	

<p>to attend the Meeting and had nothing to report.</p> <p>d. Members of the Public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was some discussion about the recent closure of Permissive Footpaths across the local area. It was thought that this had been brought about for the following reasons: the presence of young, newly hatched birds; members of the public trespassing/straying off the marked paths; dogs being out of control and a danger to livestock, etc. - There was a question about Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Payments. It was agreed that this would be discussed later during the Meeting. 	
<p>19/031. Minutes of Previous Meeting. The Minutes of the previous Meeting, dated 20th November 2019, were read and signed as a true copy.</p>	
<p>19/032. Updates and Matters to Follow.</p> <p>a. Chairman’s Remarks. The Acting Chairman made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening Remarks. He wished all present a ‘Happy New Year’! - Old School Office. The project to clear the UPC documents and property from the Old School Office has not started yet: once the PC receives the keys from Wiltshire Council work will commence. Concurrently, options for storage of PC documents, etc, will be pursued. - Village Christmas Tree. The Village Christmas Tree was successfully erected and taken down at the end of the festive season. Thanks to all who assisted, and special thanks to Acorn Housing who were particularly helpful – including the provision of a piece of decorative astro-turf! Plans were discussed for next year’s Christmas Tree. - The Blue Bus Youth Club. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Blue Bus Youth Club came to the Village in December, and will re-appear this evening (15th January). o The Bus provides youth activities – age group 11-16 – as well as refreshments. o The Bus has been advertised through the Village Magazine, Facebook, and bespoke posters placed around the Village. o The Bus will return on the following dates: 12th February, 11th March, 22nd April, 13th May, 10th June, 8th July, 9th 	

September, 14th October and 11th November.

- **Flood Signs.** Further 'FLOOD' signs have been acquired, and are stored in the farm buildings on the Andover Road.
- **Geese.** The issue of 'geese feeding' now seems to be under control and is not causing a significant problem.
- **Grit Bins.** The damaged Grit Bin on Fairfield has been replaced, and all Grit Bins have been replenished.
- **Vandalised Bench – Avon Square.** The old bench at Avon Square that had been vandalised has been removed in order to prevent further injury/damage.
- **Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership.** The PC has now 'signed up' as a member of the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership, the organisation that successfully promotes tourism across Pewsey Vale.
- **Salvation Army Clothes Bank – Down View.** The old clothes bank at Down View has been replaced: the new Salvation Army clothes bank is being well utilised – and is earning a small sum of money for the PC.
- **Remembrance Curry Lunch – November 2019.** A most successful Curry Lunch was held in the Village Hall on Remembrance Sunday 2019. The impressive sum of £810-00 was raised for SSAFA. A 'Thank You Letter' was received from SSAFA in early December 2019.
- **Village Centre AED.** The AED cabinet in the Village Centre has been replaced, and the AED is 'up and running'.
- **Dirt Bike Racing Circuit.** The Chairman has been in contact with the operator of the Grass Racing Track at Widdington regarding individuals using the track when there is no event on. The Chairman has been assured that the issue is recognised, and that efforts will be made to secure the track between events.
- **The Silent Soldier.** It was agreed that the 'Silent Soldier' would be taken down and stored, and would reappear during November 2020 as part of the Village's Remembrance.
- **A345 North Newnton Road – Resurfacing.** This issue was covered earlier during the Meeting.

b. **Speed Watch.** Community Speed Watch was last carried out in late December 2019, and would take place again towards the end of January. An additional volunteer has joined the Team and is soon to undergo training. It was reported that Speed Watch is continuing to have a positive effect on traffic calming through the Village.

<p>c. Speed Indicator Device (SID). The second SID has been purchased and is working well. As a result of some negotiation, it has been agreed that Upavon would have the device for an additional few weeks during the year. The original SID is still [just about] working, but requires constant attention.</p> <p>d. UPC Office in Old School Building. Covered above under Chairman's Remarks.</p> <p>e. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The issue of CIL payments is becoming a little clearer, but there remain significant 'uncertainties':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It has been indicated that the PC should receive about £1700-00 in CIL payments for the Garage Site – timings to be confirmed. - The amount of CIL payments in respect of Whistledown Farm has yet to be decided. - CIL payments will be paid directly in to the PC's bank account: detailed records of CIL expenditure will be essential. CIL payments can take a significant amount of time to materialise. - CIL monies must be spent on projects to benefit the community: this now includes expenditure on replacement and maintenance projects. - Once the CIL payments in relation to Whistledown Farm are known, a Public Meeting will be convened, in order to decide how those monies can be most effectively used. <p>f. Annual Precept – 2020/21.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Acting Chairman briefed Councillors on the recent Meeting of the Finance Committee, at which it was decided to increase the Precept for FY 2020/21 to £31,000-00. - This increase was proposed by The Acting Chairman, seconded by Mandy Wernham, and agreed by a majority vote (five in favour, one against, one abstention). - This requirement is to be passed on to Wiltshire Council before the deadline of 24th January 2020. - Further, the Acting Chairman agreed to put together a short article for Together Magazine and the Village Website, explaining why the increase was considered necessary. 	
<p>19/033. Planning and Development Control.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning Application 18/12071/FUL – Proposed new dwelling at the land South East of Little Thatch, 1 Jarvis Street, SN9 6DU. Notification of Full Planning Permission was issued on 10th January 2020, subject to various 	

<p>planning conditions. Details can be found on the Wiltshire Council Website.</p> <p>Further details of all Planning Applications can be found at the Wiltshire Council Website.</p>	
<p>19/034. Finance.</p> <p>a. Financial Statement. The Parish Clerk had circulated a completed Bank Reconciliation Form and an updated Financial Statement to all Councillors on 8th January 2020. There had been no follow-up questions.</p>	
<p>19/035. Reports from Representatives on Other Committees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) Meeting. There had been no PCAP Meeting since November 2019. The next Meeting is to take place on 30th January 2020. – Community Area Transport Group Meeting (CATG). There had been no CATG Meeting since November. The next Meeting is to take place on 5th February 2020. – Pewsey Area Board. January’s Area Board Meeting had been postponed and is now scheduled to take place on 9th March 2020. <p>Minutes of the Pewsey Area Board Meeting and all supporting Meetings can be found at the Wiltshire County Council Website, or via the ‘Pewsey Our Community Matters’ weekly newsletter.</p>	
<p>19/036. Items for Website/Magazine. As detailed above – an explanatory note explaining the increase in Precept for 2020/21 will be submitted to the Village Magazine and posted to the Website.</p>	<p>BM/Fin Cttee</p>
<p>19/037. AOB. The following issues were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Conduit Pipes Below River Avon Bridge. Paul Cowan briefed the Meeting that the conduit pipes below the River Avon Bridge, Andover Road, were becoming dis-connected and potentially dangerous. The issue will be reported via the MyWiltshire app and, if necessary a note would be passed to Paul Oatway for his assistance. 	
<p>19/038. Date of Next Meeting. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th March 2020 in the Upavon Village Hall.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>19/039. There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 2026 hours.</p>	