

UPAVON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

THURSDAY 20th May 2021 at 7.00pm

At Upavon Village Hall

Minutes

Present: Council Members and 'In Support' Graham Newland (GN) Chairman, John Cabra (JC) Deputy, Charles Leigh-Bennet (CB) and Bee Barff (BB) the Clerk and R.F.O., Jon Mulroy (JM), Paul Oatway (PO) Wiltshire Council, Lt Col Grant Ingleton (GI), Bill Coker (BC) ST.Mary's Churchwarden, Lesley Dolan (LD) Upavon Village Hall

5 members of the public were in attendance.

The meeting commenced at 7.05pm.

1	Welcome & Apologies: The Chair welcomed attendees. Apologies were received from Andrew Flack and accepted.	
2	Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 1st May 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
3	External Reports I. Churchwarden's report: was read by BC Churchwarden, it showed a challenging year of 2020 for St.Mary's – The church was open for limited times during this difficult year and has done 3 Remembrance Services, Christmas Eve and carol services. The full report can be found on the Parish Council website – www.upavonpc.co.uk . II. Village Hall Committee: Lesley Dolan, the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, presented the report. Village Hall has been fully refurbished including the flat roof removal and boiler replacement. LD thanked UPC donation towards this refurbishment. Village Hall also got the COVID-19 Government fund of 5K to make the hall COVID-Safe. Village Hall Committee is looking forward to welcoming people again once the circumstances get better, by organising an open day with the groups of different activities at the hall for new joiners. III. Trenchard Lines – Commandant's Report: The camp was not full during the lock down; all working remotely. Army re-basing is not operating yet; the refurbishment of current buildings is taking place early next year and hoping to be finished and ready to use by 2024. The camp is getting ready to re-open with the government guide lines. Army gliding club is also open to public to join. Lt Col Grant Ingleton thanked the Upavon Parish Council for the new SID which has been placed near camp to help people keeping the speed limit on the road.	

4	<p>Chairman's Report: The previous Chairman Jon Mulroy delivered his report for 2020/2021/ The report consisted of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Councillors standing down: Paul Cowan, Mandy Wernham, Former Chairman John Tighe, Former Deputy Bob McDonald, Mike Parr – have been thanked for their hard work for the Council. • Precept was increased to £31,000.00 in order to meet the expected costs of the year- about £23.00 per annum for a Band E property. The Precept for 2021/2022 was unchanged at £31,000.00. • The donations and contributions have been made the same as the year before and will keep support those organisations. • CIL/S106 fund has been received and spent on the Village Hal refurbishment, SID purchase and Allotment borehole. Other plans are in consideration and UPC has a 10-year window for the expenditure of all CIL and S106 funds. • Footpath from Whistledown View to Rushall is an on-going discussion. • Play Area refurbishment: with UPC budget and CIL funds, lower and upper playground refurbishment plan is set and about to happen. • Village maintenance: Rolling maintenance plan has been set and will be passed to the new Council. • Many thanks to the County Councillor, Paul Oatway for his support for UPC and congratulations on his recent re-election to office. <p>The full report can be found on the Parish Council website – www.upavonpc.co.uk.</p>	
5	<p>Questions and closure: Questions were invited from members of the public; discussions took place about S106 funds expenditure rules, the new Council has been advised to approach to the developers in order to request a 'variation' to the Agreement may allow more flexible use of the funds.</p>	

The Meeting was closed at 8.17pm.

Bee Barff
Clerk to Upavon Parish Council

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