



Upavon Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 18th September 2024 7pm

Village Hall, Andover Road, Upavon

MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

24/051	Absence apologies and Declaration of Interests (CLB) Present: Chairman Charles Leigh-Bennett (CLB), Anthony Gallagher (AG), Tom Bradshaw (TB), Bee Barff Clerk (BB) and 6 members of the public. Apologies: Apologies were received from Grant Ingleton Lt Col, Andrew Flack (AF), Rosalind Ayling (RA), Rebecca Lamb (RL), Paul Oatway WCC (PO).	
24/052	Minutes of previous meeting (CLB) The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17 th July 2024 were approved and signed as a true copy by the Chairman. (CLB).	
24/053	General Updates I. Updates from PO Updates were provided by CLB, PO had no significant updates other than drawing a line under the long negotiations for a pathway on the riverside of Riverside Park. They are now looking into creating a pathway from the opposite side of Riverside Park, running alongside the main road and connecting with the existing pathway. Surveys and costings are currently underway. II. Trenchard Lines – no report submitted. III. Village Hall Lesley was not present to give a report; however, a member of the Village Hall Committee provided a brief update. The Bingo Night was successful, and the funds raised were donated to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. More details and final figures will be available next week.	
24/054	Recruitment of Councillors CLB proposed that Phil Garside be accepted as a new member of the Council, seconded by AG and agreed by TB. Phil Garside was then invited to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form, which was also signed by BB.	
24/055	Finance Bank reconciliation 10 th September 2024 has been shared and approved.	
24/056	Councillor updates of work undertaken since last meeting: I. SIDs police reporting (AF) - The two new posts for SIDs on Pewsey Road have been installed. AG explained that for some unknown	

	<p>reason, the contractors installed the ground mountings for both signs but only one pole. This issue is currently being addressed. AG also reported on AF's conversation with Sarah Holden from the Devizes police force. They require a traffic survey in addition to the SIDs evidence, which AF believes is redundant. However, they insist on the traffic survey, which will assess traffic volume, direction of travel, time, and speed, to determine the deployment of enforcement officers on Devizes Road, Pewsey Road, and Andover Road.</p> <p>II. Potential raised pavement (current white line only) corner of Jarvis Street (AF) - This issue is still under discussion and will be further reviewed at the next LHFIG meeting.</p> <p>III. Rights of Way & Landmarc update (TG/CLB) - Two footpaths coming off Andover Road towards the golf course need clearing of summer debris to make them more walkable. Landmarc has been approached, and a job number has been assigned. This task is expected to be completed within the allocated timeframe.</p> <p>IV. CIL money – Playground updates, Boules court – The playground has been updated with new equipment, and the open-air gym is now complete. We are currently awaiting a quote for the boules court. Once this is in place, the table tennis area will be further developed as part of the recreation area with two more circular picnic tables.</p> <p>V. Community Centre / Blue bus – We are currently seeking fundraising for the community centre, starting with a small project to build changing facilities and storage at the football field. This would greatly enhance the usability of the land.</p>	
24/057	<p>Issues for discussion</p> <p>I. Remembrance Sunday – CLB is awaiting a quote from Goa. Once received, it will be discussed whether they will be selected as the food provider for the event. The Village Hall has a capacity of 45 people, and further details for the event will be posted in due course.</p> <p>II. WC Rural Play area transfers –Recently, WC offered to transfer the Farrier's Field playground, allotment, and Alexander Fields to UPC. This transfer would include a play area contribution of £12,907.52 and S106 revenue funds of £6,636.40. The proposal requires confirmation of land boundaries and ownership details. A meeting with WC will be arranged to clarify these matters and discuss the next steps.</p> <p>III. Village Hall donation – BB will organise a meeting with the Village Hall committee to discuss this matter.</p> <p>IV. Church toilet – Currently awaiting further details regarding the requested funds from the Church committee.</p> <p>V. Whistledown pathway – UPC received a few complaints and BB has reached out to Redcliff to find out about the current situation with its maintenance and any future plans.</p>	
24/058	<p>Clerk's Report & Correspondence</p> <p>BB has reported that all payments for the maintenance of the grounds and the updates of the playground have been completed. A meeting with Craig, the Street Scene Manager from WC, has been arranged</p>	

	regarding the transfers for the WC Rural play area. In addition, with the welcome of the new councillor, training for all councillors is scheduled for Wednesday, 30th October. Invitations have also been sent to the other local parish councils. Winter preparations are ongoing, and the requirements for the grit bin and new gear will be reported to WC.	
24/059	<p>Reports from other bodies –</p> <p>I. Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) - none</p> <p>II. Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) - The next meeting is scheduled for October 17th, in the evening. CLB and AG will attend.</p> <p>III. Pewsey Area Board - none</p>	
24/060	<p>Questions and queries from the public</p> <p>A member of the public requested a restock of the dog poo bags, which was agreed to be arranged.</p> <p>Another member of the public raised concerns about the suitability of the table tennis table in the lower play area, questioning whether it would remain there due to its exposure to the elements. CLB responded that it is a standard design commonly found in parks throughout the country and is expected to be used appropriately by villagers.</p> <p>Additionally, a member of the public inquired about the overgrown path at the end of Vicarage Lane, which leads to the right, past AF's house. CLB acknowledged that this path needs attention and that the landowner must be identified to establish responsibility.</p>	
24/061	<p>Close</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.03pm.</p>	

Bee Barff
Clerk to Upavon Parish Council

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Dates of future meetings all at 7pm
Wednesday 20th November 2024