

UPPER CLATFORD PARISH COUNCIL
 MINUTES OF THE MEETING
 HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH 2023
 AT 7.30 PM IN
 THE KING EDWARD VII MEMORIAL HALL
 Draft minutes until approved

Councillors	Clerk	TVBC + County Councillors	Others
Cllrs P Heslop (Chairman) R Bennett (Deputy Chairman) H Folkard-Tapp S Kennedy, C Williams N Shah	E Attwood	Cllr Flood David Drew	5

1.	Apologies for Absence: C Crosthwaite- Eyre, A Lockhart, D Coole, A Wilson	
2.	To receive and accept declarations of interest: None reported	
3.	Public Participation: Members of the public brought the following to the council's attention. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue with school bus being rerouted due to obstructions in the road on a daily basis • Access for emergency services could get stuck 	
4.	To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th February 2023. Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8th of February be confirmed and signed as a true record	
5.	To receive the Clerk's progress report since the last meeting held on 8th February 2023. 18. Annual Parish Meeting two invitees attending confirmed via e mail 1. PCSO Spirydon Mouzakis 2. Maggie Shelton Hampshire and Isle Wight Wildlife Trust - complete 4.1 Environmental Health TVBC Complete 16.3 23/2/2023 Meeting with contracts manager TVBC re grass cutting quote - complete 10.1 Roundabout seat on order at a cost of £110.72	
6.	Planning- Review of decisions, applications and responses: 6.1 23/00401 TREEN 1 Lovell Cottages Fell 2 Conifers No objection request replacement tree planted 6.2 23/00565/CLP 40 Brook Way Anna Valley Andover- Remove existing rear conservatory and erect a single storey rear extension. 6.3 Discussions about future planning application meetings. This has been deferred until after the elections. 6.4 Hampshire County Council new draft guidance on Planning obligations and Infrastructure guidance - Public consultation ends 31 st March	

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7.	<p>Borough Councillors Report</p> <p>1. Cllr Flood reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65 Million redevelopments for Andover • TVBC only raising council tax by £5. • Vulnerable people can have help of £65 • Still money in the cost-of-living TVBC fund. • Parish Pan Forum. Cllr Flood will share details with Clerk for Goodworth Clatford. 																																																													
8.	<p>County Councillors Report See appendix A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Drew has spoken with the Highways Officer HCC about the buses having to be being rerouted because the buses cannot get through the street due to inconsiderate parking. Parking is the responsibility of HCC. • Thatch Cottages Bollards on private land and not HCC responsibility. • Concern was expressed by member of public over PCSO's having 55 parishes to look after. • The heritage post has been repaired- thanks were expressed to HCC • Wooden safety barrier on bridge at Watery Lane needs to be repaired- Cllr Drew will investigate. 																																																													
9.	<p>1. Finance - To receive and approve the Financial Statement 1st January 2023 – 31st January 20223 & 1st February 2023 – 28th February The Clerk had circulated financial statements prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Resolved: That the financial statements between 1st January until 28th February were approved and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>2. Payments for approval</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Business stream (Pav water)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PV72</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2270</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£22.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Emmett (Salary)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PV73</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2271</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£567.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC (PAYE)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PV74</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2272</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£139.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TVBC (GM Jan)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PV75</td> <td style="text-align: center;">DD</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£864.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SSE (Pav Electric)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PV76</td> <td style="text-align: center;">DD</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£28.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robert Bryan (Cheque returned)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PV77</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2273</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Heslop refund see note</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PV77</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2275</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E Attwood refund filing cabinet</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PV78</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2276</td> <td style="text-align: right;">**£165.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post Office - FOI recorded delivery</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PV80</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Card</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3.45</td> </tr> </table> <p>**It had been noted that cheque 2276 had been processed as £165.63 making the accounts 10p adrift. The bank has been informed and asked to carry out the correction.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>British Gas</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PV79</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2277</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£26.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ROB'S paving</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PV81</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2278</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E Attwood</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PV82</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2280</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£468.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PV83</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2279</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£117.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TVBC</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PV84</td> <td style="text-align: center;">D/D</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£864.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southern Electric</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PV85</td> <td style="text-align: center;">D/D</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£24.85</td> </tr> </table>	Business stream (Pav water)	PV72	2270	£22.86	C Emmett (Salary)	PV73	2271	£567.81	HMRC (PAYE)	PV74	2272	£139.60	TVBC (GM Jan)	PV75	DD	£864.50	SSE (Pav Electric)	PV76	DD	£28.04	Robert Bryan (Cheque returned)	PV77	2273		Peter Heslop refund see note	PV77	2275	£1,500.00	E Attwood refund filing cabinet	PV78	2276	**£165.53	Post Office - FOI recorded delivery	PV80	Card	£3.45	British Gas	PV79	2277	£26.48	ROB'S paving	PV81	2278	£1,200.00	E Attwood	PV82	2280	£468.00	HMRC	PV83	2279	£117.00	TVBC	PV84	D/D	£864.50	Southern Electric	PV85	D/D	£24.85	
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	<p>Resolved: Payments for January & February 2023 were approved.</p> <p>3. Confirmation of grass cutting contract for village. Resolved: Councillors approved both contracts for grass cutting & maintenance as listed below.</p> <p>Contract A £2951.94 includes all maintenance at the sports field area including pitch marking and preparation for UCFYC. (Agreed with UCFYC committee.) This will be repaid to the council less grass cuts for June, July and August which will continued to be paid by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Contract B £7614.58 Maintenance and grass cutting of Parish Council owned land.</p> <p>4. Confirmation of Bin emptying quote. Members agreed Resolved: Councillors approved the bin emptying quote by TVBC £212.62 per bin. Total £1063.10</p> <p>5. Online Banking The form was completed and signed. Resolved: Councillors approved online banking in accordance with the current bank mandate (two signatories per transaction)</p>	
10.	<p>Playing Fields</p> <p>1. To report the Monthly Monitoring of the Play Park Equipment Cllr Wilson has inspected the play equipment at Balksbury Bridge Playing Field and there were no concerns. <i>Post meeting: Cllr Williams inspected park on 10th March and there were no concerns. Although the top part of the park had no grass and was a muddy mess due to sledges.</i></p> <p>2. Coronation Field (Anna Valley Playing Field) No problems with play equipment. Replacement roundabout seat ordered.</p> <p>3. Balksbury Bridge Playing Fields No problems with play equipment reported.</p>	
11	<p>Trees and Open Space The following was reported.</p> <p>1. 7 Taskers Drive – One Two Tree have been awarded the contract being the cheapest for trees works on Parish Council land adjoining the property.</p> <p>Resolved: Parish Councillors approved the tree works on their land by one two three.</p> <p>2. Stump Grinding Brook Way Resolved: Parish Councillors did not approve the work at Brook way. Cllr Folkard-Tapp will bring alternative ecological suggestions to next month's council meetings.</p>	<p>Clk</p> <p>Cllr FT</p>
12	<p>Footpaths Highways Pillhill Brook & Bins</p> <p>1. Right of Way UC4 AROUND Bury Hill– Cllr Bennett is engaged with landowner, HCC, TVBC AND Historic England to seek approvals to restore the north eastern quadrant of footpath around the Scheduled Monument. Intention is for work to be completed using grant funding and Hampshire Countryside Services resources and volunteers, with no cost falling to the Parish Council.</p>	Clk

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	<p>2. Potholes have been marked ready for repair; some have already been repaired.</p> <p>3. Bin lid repaired on Village Green</p>	
13	<p>External Committees and Events</p> <p>1. Report on upcoming events at the Village Hall Cllr Kennedy reported that Annual meeting would take place on Monday 13th March. The Last Film story by Emily Bronte will be shown this month.</p>	
14.	<p>Correspondence and E mails (circulated)</p> <p>02/03/23 Enquiry use of sports field CB 30th April Awaiting UCFYC</p> <p>02/03/23 Request use Sports Field Charity Match 3rd June DC replied</p> <p>24/02/23 Enquiry about History Club forwarded to SK</p> <p>22 /02/23 Confirmed football club meeting with PC</p> <p>23/02/23 RB restoration of heritage signpost</p> <p>21/02/23 Resident looking to see if allotments are available yet – reply sent</p> <p>22/02/23 Person looking for Parish hall booking sent to Chris Baxendale.</p> <p>21/02/23 Commonwealth Flag raising – TVBC forwarded to Peter</p> <p>20/02/23 John Murray re Audit – advised audit already booked and council were having a change of auditor.</p> <p>18/02/23 Fence by Brook house request to get tree stumps grinded and Ivy removed- after discussion with RB quotes have been requested</p> <p>17/02/23 Change of Address confirmed by Insurance co</p> <p>19/02/23 FOI from Parishioner- The PC have spent a lot of money on Subs in January – Replied that is the budget document and listed the subs payable throughout the year</p> <p>19/02/23 Daily mail wanting a comment with regards the planning application response at Cowdown. Deadline 8am Mon sent on a Sunday – no response sent</p> <p>14/02/23HALC – VAT advice should not be passed onto sports groups no longer classed as business</p> <p>14/02/23 – Resident at Above Town wants to move Gas meter and needed permission – Referred to TVBC Planning dept</p>	
15.	<p>Projects & Parish Plan</p> <p>1. Gates and footpath at Sports Field- Cllr Bennet reported that a grant of £750 has been approved by TVBC. Two permissive signs have been provided by HCC and are ready for collection from HCS Basingstoke. Signs will be fitted to gates stating dogs must be kept on leads at all times.</p>	RB

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	<p>2. Progress report on Water Monitoring kit fundraising £156 in earmarked funds.33% is required to match grant funding.</p> <p>3. Approval to request Electrical report for the Pavilion The Clerk will arrange for an electrician to check the electrics at the Pavilion.</p> <p>4. Approval of service agreement terms and conditions with UCFYC UCFYC have accepted the conditions of the service agreement for one year. The Chairman expressed his thanks.</p> <p>5. Discussion about consultation of Sports Field The Chairman explained that as not all Cllrs were present discussions would be deferred.</p>	
16	<p>Allotments The PC is currently continuing to look for suitable land for allotments. The Chairman invited the audience to make suggestions via the Clerk.</p>	Cllrs
17	<p>Coronation Celebrations Basic plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street closure from 12.00 to 19.00. (Parish Clerk to apply) • Street party along the Street between Watery Lane and Village Hall • Tables (and chairs) to be borrowed from May Fayre. • Funding: Grant from TVBC for £500 has been applied for • Advertise/communicate plans: • Entertainment/Music: Pub will be open, hope to have live music • Insurance co have confirmed they will cover. • Coronation Cake • Decorations will be put up along The Street. <p>Resolved; The Clerk will apply for the road closure and prepare letters to advise that the street closure has been applied for.</p>	Clerk CE
18	<p>The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on 12th April 2023</p>	

Appendix A

Majority of Hampshire pupils offered preferred choice of secondary school

More than 97 per cent of parents in Hampshire have been offered a place for their child, at one of their three preferences for a secondary school in September 2023.

Of those who applied for a Year 7 place (for September 2023) by the application deadline, 90 per cent have been offered a place at their first preference school. The County Council received 15,400 on-time applications this year – an increase of 418 applications compared to the number received for places in September 2022 (14,982).

A set of Frequently Asked Questions to answer queries parents may have after receiving their offer have been published on the Admissions webpages.

The Admissions Team is now busy processing primary school applications with school place offers due to go out to parents on 17 April 2023.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230301secondaryadmissions>

Hampshire to increase payments for all Homes for Ukraine hosts

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The Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Rob Humby, has today announced that the Local Authority will be increasing the payments made to all Hampshire residents hosting Ukrainian guests as part of the Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme from £350 to £500 per month from March

This goes beyond the Government's recent decision to increase the thank-you payments for certain hosts only – those housing Homes for Ukraine guests who have been in the UK for 12 months or more. The new host payments will be funded via the Government grant paid to upper tier local authorities to specifically support implementation of the Homes for Ukraine scheme locally. This funding is ring-fenced and cannot be used for any other purpose.

The county of Hampshire has welcomed the third highest number of Ukrainian nationals in England. Comprehensive ongoing support has been provided throughout the past 12 months.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/230223Ukraine>

Hampshire County Council approves £2.6 billion spending on services to Hampshire residents in 2023/24

£2.6 billion of public spending on the ongoing delivery of important local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents in 2023/24 has been approved by Hampshire County Council.

County leadership is also acutely aware of the very difficult decisions Hampshire residents face in their own household budgets to make ends meet, but reluctantly, in order to help deliver a balanced budget for 2023/24, we have no other choice but to increase the council tax precept. This is a decision we have not taken lightly. But even after this increase, we are still left with a £50.8 million shortfall in our revenue budget which we will have to fill using our reserves – built to buffer this and next year's anticipated budget shortfalls.

Hampshire County Council's council tax precept for the financial year beginning 1 April 2023, will increase by a total of 4.99%, of which 2% will go specifically towards adults' social care. This equates to an annual charge of £1,460.25 for a Band D property – an increase of £69.45 per year or approximately £1.34 a week. The increase will generate £37m of vital extra income towards the delivery of crucial, quality services to the people of Hampshire in 2023/24, and still means that Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/23022023Budgetdecision>

Fun-packed campaign challenges children to 'defeat' veg at mealtimes

Hampshire schoolchildren are once again being encouraged to tuck into their 'monstrous' vegetables as part of the 'Eat Them To Defeat Them' campaign

During the Spring term, Hampshire County Council's school catering team HC3S will be offering themed lunchtime menu options, as well as games and educational resources that make eating vegetables more fun at school and at home.

The annual campaign, now in its fifth year, has resulted in more infant and primary-age children getting extra vegetables in their diets. According to the findings of [Veg Power](#) – the not-for-profit organisation behind the campaign – 59% of children in the schools' national programme say it makes vegetables more fun and 83% of schools say it is more popular than other healthy eating initiatives.

Further details about how school catering teams will be integrating the campaign into school meals can be found on the [HC3S website](#).

Visit the official website for more information about [Eat Them To Defeat Them](#).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/210223eatthemtodefearthem>

Reminder: Hampshire Highways does not give permission to third parties to plant trees on the highway.

I have received a reminder that individuals and organisations aren't allowed to plant trees or other plant on the highway. I've helped a couple of parishes get HCC to plant suitable trees on highways land, which will no doubt enhance the local environment.

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Hampshire County Council is committed to tackling climate change and tree planting is a key part of the [Council's Climate Change Strategy](#). Trees bring profound social, economic, and environmental benefits to all. Highway tree planting is particularly beneficial. As such, we proactively survey areas with low canopy cover and/or which suffer higher pollution levels for future tree planting.

If residents would like to request highway tree planting, they can do so via the following link.

[Request Highway tree planting | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Cllr [David Drew](#)

[Test Valley Central Division, HCC](#)