

UPPER CLATFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2024
AT 7.30 PM IN
THE VILLAGE CLUB GOODWORTH CLATFORD

Councillors	Clerk	TVBC + County Councillors	Others
R Bennett (Vice Chairman) R Hydes R Hawkins C Williams C Eyre	E Attwood	S Hasselmann	0

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs P Heslop, N Freemantle & P Littlehales, Borough Councillor M Flood. <i>Post Meeting: County Councillor D Drew</i>
2.	To receive and accept declarations of interest: None.
3.	Public Participation: - None
4.	<p>Borough Councillors Report – Councillor Hasselmann reported on the following: See appendix A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hasselmann that PC Glen Dawber was the long term named PC for the area with support from a PCSO. • Local Plan consultation has been circulated and it was advised to look at the Local Gap and settlement boundaries and read the policies which will remain in place until 2040. No live and work unit policy so this would not be allowed at Chalk Pit. • SHEELAS is the greatest concern. • Hampshire hospital consultation for building a new hospital Home :: Hampshire Together • Cllr Eyre thanked Cllrs Flood & Hasselmann for allowing the unused Chalk stream grant from TVBC to be redirected towards the Chalk Pit proposals.
5.	County Councillors Report- See Appendix B
6.	<p>To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2024 Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. Proposer: Cllr Hyde Seconder: Cllr Eyre Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10th be confirmed and signed as a true record. This includes keeping appendix C confidential for legal reasons until the dilapidations have been settled.</p>
7.	<p>The Clerks report since the last meeting held on 10 January 202</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £16.90 donation towards the Easel gift • Insurance has now been purchased on cheapest policy Fire, Lightening Explosion and Earthquake with Public Liability. • £4000 paid from ANT Structures towards site clearance. • Although disconnection was approved it was based on no cost. Quote to disconnect Water £750; Quote to disconnect Electric minimum cost £245 more depending on the type of connection. • UCFYC Service agreement signed, with representative attending May's meeting.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E mail addresses on website and should be used for all council business A payment of £5000 has been confirmed to be paid to the Parish Council by Equinox (Solar Farm.) 																																		
8.	<p>Planning - Review of decisions, applications, and responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24/00146/FULLN Replacement of Kitchen window Clatford Cottage – Resolved: No Objection 24/00011/FULLN Paddock House Upper Clatford - Resolved: No Objection Orchard Hill Farm Views - Cllrs discussed the latest information submitted on flooding and highways which included an increase of daily vehicles visiting the site to 40-50 instead of the same amount weekly . Resolved: No objection wit the comment there is concern over the increased traffic and noise from additional grinding. Local plan 2040 has been circulated. The consultation ends at 12noon on the 2nd of April. <p><u>Update on previous decisions.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23/03153/FULLN Balksbury Hill dog walking area Change of use. No objection requested that visual impact is considered as part of application. Permission granted. 24/00036//TREEN Trees Crook and Shears. Beech to remove low and overhanging branches to raise crown. No objection – No Decision HCC/2023/0211 Orchard Hill Farm TVBC No objection subject to National Highways and Lead local flood Authority, both of whom have sought additional information. No objection submitted with comments on 5 Sep 23. No decision 23/02961/TPON. Oak at 26 Brook Way. Reduce branches from side of house and remove epicormic growth. No objection from UCPC. Decision awaited. 																																		
9.	<p>9.1 Finance - To receive and approve the Financial Statement 1st January 2024 – 31st January 2024. The Clerk had circulated financial statements prior to the meeting.</p> <table data-bbox="319 1388 957 1568"> <tr> <td>Bank Reconciliation</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2754.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurers Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£24,199.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fixed term deposit</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£35,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing Balance as of 31 Jan 24</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£61,954.53</td> </tr> </table> <p>Resolved: That the financial statements between 1st January – 31st January were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman.</p> <p>9.2 Payments for approval - January 2024</p> <table data-bbox="319 1724 1292 2016"> <tr> <td>PV82</td> <td>E Attwood Clerks Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£619.93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PV82</td> <td>HMRC - Clerks Tax</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£8.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PV83</td> <td>King Edward V11 Hiring Hall</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PV84</td> <td>Business Stream</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£27.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PV85</td> <td>British Gas</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£66.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PV86</td> <td>TVBC Ground Maintenance Dec & Jan</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,655.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PV87</td> <td>OneTwo Tree</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6,120.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PV88</td> <td>R Bennett refund C & M</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£26.20</td> </tr> </table>	Bank Reconciliation		Business Account	£2754.80	Treasurers Account	£24,199.73	Fixed term deposit	£35,000.00	Closing Balance as of 31 Jan 24	£61,954.53	PV82	E Attwood Clerks Salary	£619.93	PV82	HMRC - Clerks Tax	£8.40	PV83	King Edward V11 Hiring Hall	£30.00	PV84	Business Stream	£27.80	PV85	British Gas	£66.80	PV86	TVBC Ground Maintenance Dec & Jan	£3,655.00	PV87	OneTwo Tree	£6,120.00	PV88	R Bennett refund C & M	£26.20
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10	<p>Playing Fields - To report the Monthly Monitoring of the Play Park Equipment</p> <p>10.1 Coronation Field (Anna Valley Playing Field) – Cllr Williams reported that there were no concerns with the equipment. Dog excrement had been left on a seat in the play park.</p> <p>10.2 Bawksbury Bridge Playing Field – Cllr Williams reported that she will check the park once the swans have departed the area. It was also noted that a dog was in the park when dogs are not allowed in the children’s area.</p>
11	<p>Trees and Open Space.</p> <p>12.1 Trees Village Green Red Rice Road: Cllr Bennett reported that these had now been cut back as per arboriculture recommendations. The tree surgeon reported that the trees were not in decent shape and life expectation was no more than 10 years. It was suggested they are felled and replanted in stages.</p> <p>12.2 E mail from resident: A resident had requested permission at Taskers Drive to cut back a hedge behind his garden. Resolved: The Clerk will advise the resident permission is granted.</p>
12	<p>Footpaths & Highways</p> <p>12.1 Hedge Red Rice Road – Cllr Hyde reported that this has now been cut by HCC.</p> <p>12.2 Water Lane / Barlows Lane - A HCC Highways representative met with Cllr Hydes. Items that were discussed included the culvert on Watery lane which needs the tree root removed and the mud left under the bridge at Barlows lane.</p>
13	<p>Pavilion & Sports Field</p> <p>14.1 Service Agreement – Cllr Hawkins reported that the service agreement was now signed. A UCYFC representative will attend the May meeting for a yearly update. Cllr Hyde will speak to TVBC and ask when the hedge will be trimmed back along the sports field.</p>
14	<p>External Committees and events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hyde is attending a TVBC Countryside Services event. • TVAPC meeting is to be held in Long stock on the 7th of March.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Plan is available for viewing on the 26th of February at Picket Twenty Sports Ground or the Guildhall on the 12th of March between 3-7pm Hampshire Association Parish Councils Annual Conference 20th March.
15	<p>Correspondence received for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Parishioner parking in Village Street – Cllrs discussed the ongoing issue but as Highways and the bus arrangements both belong to Hampshire County Council it was decided that the letter should be forwarded to County Cllr Drew. All Saints Arts Festival – Cllrs requested further details of the event. Pan Parish Forum funding for water monitoring equipment request of £92.14 - Cllr Eyre updated the meeting to say that Cllr Flood was investigating the possibility of a joint parish grant from TVBC to fund the water monitoring equipment between all seven Parish Councils .Cllr Eyre will add a link to the Upper Clatford website to the updated Pan Parish Forum information on the Monxton website.
16	<p>Register of Interest Forms – It was requested that Cllrs update their register of interest forms in light of latest information provided by the legal dept at TVBC.</p>
17	<p><i>A resolution has been passed in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussion of the Chalk Pit until the dilapidations & Outstanding SSE invoice have been settled. See appendix.</i></p>
18	<p>The Annual Parish Council meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 6.30pm directly followed by the Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Bennett will put together PPT for Annual Parish meeting Cllr Hawkins will arrange a banner to advertise the meeting

Appendix A Borough Councillor Hasselmann and Floods Reports

Draft Local Plan 2040 (Regulation 18 Stage 2) Public Consultation

Public consultation on the draft Local Plan 2040 (Regulation 18 Stage 2) will take place for eight weeks between Tuesday 6 February and Tuesday 2 April 2024 (closing at noon).

During the public consultation period the draft Local Plan and supporting documents will be available on the TVBC website (www.testvalley.gov.uk/localplan2040), hard copies of the draft Local Plan will be made available at Council Offices:

Paper copies of the draft Local Plan will be available at the following addresses:

- Test Valley Borough Council Offices, Beech Hurst, Andover, SP10 3AJ
- Test Valley Borough Council Offices, Former Magistrates Court, Romsey, SO51 8AQ
- Andover Library, 53 Chantry Street, Andover SP10 1LT
- Romsey Library, Station Road, Romsey SO51 8DN
- North Baddesley Community Library, All Saints Church, Church Close, Rownhams Road, North Baddesley, SO52 9EQ
- Chandlers Ford Library, Oakmount Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh SO53 2LH
- Lords Hill Library, Lordshill District Centre, Lordshill, Southampton SO16 8HY

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- Abbotswood Community Centre 14 Abbotswood Common Road, Romsey SO51 0BX Tuesday 20 February 3.30pm to 7.00pm
- Picket Twenty Sports Pavilion Picket Twenty Sports Ground, Sports Pavilion, Telegraph Rd, Andover SP11 6UF Monday 26 February 3.00pm to 7.00pm
- Valley Park Community Centre Pilgrims Close, Valley Park, Chandler's Ford, SO53 4ST Wednesday 28 February 3.00pm to 7.00pm
- Memorial Hall Andover Road, Ludgershall, Andover, SP11 9LZ Monday 4 March 3.00pm to 7.00pm
- Crosfield Hall Annex Broadwater Road, Romsey, SO51 8GL Tuesday 5 March 3.00pm to 7.00pm
- North Baddesley Village Hall Botley Road, North Baddesley, Southampton, SO52 9DT Saturday 9 March 10.00am to 1.00pm
- The Guildhall Andover, High Street, SP10 1NT Tuesday 12 March 3.30pm to 7.00pm
- Nursling and Rownhams Village Hall Joe Bigwood Close, Nursling, Southampton, SO16 0YL Wednesday 13 March 3.30pm to 7.00pm From Tuesday 6th February, comments on the draft Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 2 will be able to be submitted: • Using the consultation survey or comments from • In writing to Planning Policy and Economic Development, Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, Hampshire, SP10 3AJ, or • Emailed to planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk

Appendix B Cllr Drew

Hampshire County Council champions National Apprenticeship Week 2024

Hampshire businesses are being offered practical advice and support to ensure their workforce is equipped with the skills that will be needed for the future by accessing funded training and in developing high quality apprenticeships

Apprentices learning in a work setting

During National Apprenticeship Week (5 to 11 February), Hampshire County Council is hosting 'Skills for Business' sessions at a range of venues as well as online to help employers grow their business and secure employment opportunities for residents.

As well as providing support to local businesses, Hampshire County Council also supports individuals and parents looking to find out more about [apprenticeship opportunities](#) in Hampshire.

As a major employer, the County Council champions one of the largest local authority apprenticeship programmes in the country. This has seen more than 2,000 people enrol onto 130 different career paths since 2017.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240131NAW>

Hampshire County Council sets out £2.6bn spending plans for local services in 2024/25

Spending proposals for 2024/25, totalling £2.6bn, to keep delivering hundreds of local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents will be considered by Hampshire County Council's Cabinet next week

At their meeting on Tuesday 6 February, the Authority's Executive Members will review spending proposals for the coming financial year which aim to continue to deliver important public services while supporting the most vulnerable children and adults in Hampshire.

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Setting a responsible, balanced budget for the year ahead is one of our key duties, ensuring we make the most of taxpayers' money to deliver important local services to the people of Hampshire. However, these remain challenging times for everyone, including across local government nationally, as we have to keep finding ways to stretch the budgets that we have available, to meet inflation pressures and increased costs associated with higher numbers of the most vulnerable children and adults who need our help – which in Hampshire will cost an extra £152m from April.

The proposed three-year programme includes:

- £173m to safeguard the long-term viability of the Older Adult care estate.
- £192m investment in new and extended school buildings to provide school places for children in Hampshire - delivering a further 5,312 school places and giving a total of 19,989 new school places by September 2027.
- £163m for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges.
- £73m of Integrated Transport Plan schemes including £43m of schemes focused around walking and/or cycling improvements.
- £76m to address condition-based enhancements to schools.

A final decision on the County Council's budget for 2024/25 will be made by the full County Council on 22 February 2024.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/30012024Cabinetbudgetproposals>

Advice for staying safe and well during the cold snap

UKHSA and the Met Office have issued an Amber Alert for cold weather, which is expected to continue until this Friday (19 January). Severe cold weather has the potential to affect anyone, not just more vulnerable people

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During this period of inclement weather, the advice is for residents to follow a few simple steps to help keep themselves and others safe and well.

Follow these top tips to help yourself and others stay well during the cold snap:

Keep warm

- A cold home can increase the risk of health impacts, particularly for more vulnerable people.
- Try to heat rooms you spend a lot of time in, such as the bedroom or living room, to at least 18°C (65°F), day and night - and keep bedroom windows closed. You may prefer your main living room to be slightly warmer.
- Wear several layers of thinner clothing rather than one thick layer – this will help keep you warmer.
- Use a hot water bottle to keep warm in bed.
- Draw curtains at dusk and block out draughts

...plus many more. See here:-

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/240115coldweather>

Household Support Fund community grants available for the final time

Hampshire County Council is inviting community organisations to apply this month for a share of £285,000 to help local people cope with the cost of living

This will be the final opportunity for Hampshire groups to apply for grants from the government's Household Support Fund, with the application window open until 26 January.

For the financial year ending in March 2024, the County Council set aside a total of £1.3 million for community grants from its settlement of more than £14 million from the fund. This included £800,000 for district-based organisations to create initiatives tailored to local need helping to provide vulnerable households with food, utilities and to keep warm. The figure available is the remainder of this, plus £60,000 for organisations to deliver advice services.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240104communitygrants>

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