

## UPPER CLATFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

### MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH 2023 AT 6.30 PM IN THE KING EDWARD VII MEMORIAL HALL

#### Present speakers:

- Cllr P Heslop (Chairman)                      Minute: E Attwood
- Cllr Bennett
- Cllr Hydes
- Cllr Hawkins
- Cllr Eyre
- 34 Members of public and 3 other Councillors

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the format for the night. A power point presentation was undertaken with the following subjects.

- 2023/24 Progress update Cllr Heslop including.
- Finance – Cllr Eyre explained the reasons for the precept increase to Parishioners.
- Chalk Pit update by Cllr Bennett who explained future options currently being explored.
- Local Plan 2040 Cllr Bennett explained the importance of the local gap and conservation area.
- Cllr Heslop updated everyone about the Pan Parish Forum, Southern Water Authority, Pillhill Brook, the new operations manager, and Southern Waters Pathfinder project relining sewers to prevent groundwater leaks and sealing private laterals.
- Upper Clatford Youth Football Club – Cllr Hawkins explained that an agreement had been signed for three years and costs are now paid by the football club. A new permissive footpath has been installed for safer walking to Goodworth Clatford.
- Cllr Hydes provided an update about the two school bus situations. Parking on the road at two pinch points are making it impossible for the Clatford school bus to get through so it has been rerouted. HCC are currently writing to the landowners who own trees which are too large to allow the Peter Symonds double decker bus a safe route through the village.

#### **Question time**

- Comment that stagecoach comes through the village so why can't the other buses.
- Comment 47 children use the school bus to Clatford School, suggestion the bus operator uses a more appropriate size bus.
- A Parishioner concerned about dog faeces outside some land beside his property. has requested a dog bin be funded to prevent a health hazard.
- It was suggested the Chalk Pit could be turned into a Village Club with a caretaker for snooker, table tennis in a new updated facility for the Village.
- It was asked whether any suitable land has been found for village allotments.
- Budget – This will be loaded onto the website.
- Local plan – queried why Upper Clatford Parish Council has been placed in the same tier as GCPC. The tier system was explained, and Parishioners were advised to respond as individuals and outline their approval for the Local Gap.
- A Parishioner thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work.
- It was suggested more affordable housing and small retirement homes were needed in the Parish.
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Mayfayre at Balksbury Bridge Playing field theme is planet earth.

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