

UPPER CLATFORD PARISH COUNCIL
 MINUTES OF THE MEETING
 HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL 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 A Wilson C Williams N Shah C Crosthwaite- Eyre	E Attwood	Cllr Flood David Drew	3

1.	Apologies for Absence: , A Lockhart, D Coole, S Kennedy, David Drew	
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. None The Chairman welcomed two newly elected Cllrs who attended the meeting.	
4.	To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th March 2023. Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting Proposed Cllr Bennett, Seconded Cllr Shah, members agreed. Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8th of March be confirmed and signed as a true record	
5.	To receive the Clerk's progress report since the last meeting held on 8th March 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees at Taskers drive have been felled and £100 has been received from adjoining resident as contribution. • Seat for roundabout has arrived – waiting for installation??? • Street closure applied for awaiting out come • Grant money £750 received for permissive sign • Grant money for £433 received for water testing equipment • CW & PH have both applied for online banking so that payments can be approved by the Clerk • Founds will complete electrical on 20th April 	
6.	Planning- Review of decisions, applications, and responses: 6.1 22/03267/FULLN Anaerobic digester – ongoing further consultation documents are now on TVBC website.	

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	<p>6.2 23/00575/FULLN 179 Bury Hill Close, Anna Valley, Andover – Single storey rear flat roof extension with lantern roof light - No objection</p> <p>6.3 23/00126/TPON Paddock House Upper Clatford Andover T1 Ash Refused. It was reported that the owner is trying to prevent the roots from going underneath his property and another application is expected.</p> <p>6.4 22/01880/FULLN Curry Cottage, Red Rice. Demolition of two dwellings and the erection of one dwelling . Ongoing</p> <p>6.5 Tyne Cottage made enquiries about a perspective planning application which Cllr Shah has been in contact with the owner.</p>																																	
7.	<p>Borough Councillors Report</p> <p>Cllr Flood reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept of energy have allocated £20,000 to make council buildings carbon neutral • Full TVBC have begun procurement process to buy appropriate vehicles and bins ready for the change in recycling policy. • There is an 80-page document for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the TVBC website. (Public Pack)Agenda Document for Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 19/04/2023 17:30 (testvalley.gov.uk) • A resident reported to Cllr Flood that a fence had been deliberately damaged at Bury Hill Meadows, the culprits have been identified as rabbits. • One Cllr asked why TVBC do not insist on solar panels on industrial buildings. Cllr Flood said that Planning Authority did not have any legal powers. 																																	
8.	<p>County Councillors Report See appendix A</p>																																	
9.	<p>9.1 Finance - To receive and approve the Financial Statement 1st March – 31st March 2023 The Clerk had circulated financial statements prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Resolved: That the financial statements between 1st March – 31st March was approved and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>9.2 Payments for approval</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>E Attwood refund Stationary from Wilko</td> <td>PV86</td> <td>2281</td> <td>£12.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TVBC- Dog bins</td> <td>PV87</td> <td>2282</td> <td>£1,275.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Maps Online</td> <td>PV88</td> <td>2283</td> <td>£120.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cartridge save</td> <td>PV89</td> <td>Card</td> <td>£72.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerks Tax HMRC</td> <td>PV90</td> <td>2284</td> <td>£117.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E Attwood Salary</td> <td>PV90</td> <td>2285</td> <td>£468.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TVBC - Grounds Maintenance</td> <td>PV91</td> <td>D/D</td> <td>£864.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One Two Tree</td> <td>PV92</td> <td>2286</td> <td>£720.00</td> </tr> </table>	E Attwood refund Stationary from Wilko	PV86	2281	£12.00	TVBC- Dog bins	PV87	2282	£1,275.72	Parish Maps Online	PV88	2283	£120.00	Cartridge save	PV89	Card	£72.98	Clerks Tax HMRC	PV90	2284	£117.00	E Attwood Salary	PV90	2285	£468.00	TVBC - Grounds Maintenance	PV91	D/D	£864.50	One Two Tree	PV92	2286	£720.00	
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	<p>Resolved: Payments for March 2023 were approved.</p> <p>9.3 Approval of End of Year Accounts</p> <p>Resolved: That the end of year accounts between 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023 was approved and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Approval to transfer funds between Treasurers account and Business account to maximise interest.</p> <p>Resolved: That the bulk of the PC funds should be kept in the interest-bearing account.</p>	
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 no problems with play equipment. Replacement roundabout seat had now arrived. The grass field is still very muddy, and the grass has yet to reappear</p> <p>10.2 Balksbury Bridge Playing Fields Cllr Wilson reported the grass had been cut and there were no problems with the play equipment. He suggested moss killer may preserve the safety surface .A suggestion was made that training for safety checks could be undertaken during the annual ROSPA safety check for an extra fee.</p>	
11	<p>Trees and Open Space The following was reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gates recreation ground – The contractor unable to carry out the installation to date. Cllr Bennett will collect the permissive signs from HCC • Bury Hill Meadows – It was reported that the car park, dog bins and benches are now complete. Just waiting for a height restriction gate to be installed. • TVBC refuse to put in pedestrian gate • Discussions took place about how best to manage the council owned land near Brook House. Cllr Folkard-Tapp provided three options and the recommendation was disease resistant little Elms, Hawthorn, and Hazel. The Chairman asked for a sketch of the area to be considered. It was suggested that the stumps could become seating. 	Cllr FT
12	<p>Footpaths Highways Pilhil Brook & Bins</p> <p>12.1 Footpath No 4 – HCC Countryside perceive this as their big project for the year. They have consent in place to restore the footpath around the historical monument and will be able to improve the path using the correct wood and soil.</p> <p>12.2 Highways – Watery Lane - Cllr Heslop reported that he had received an e mail from Hampshire Highways who are working on new signing and road marking proposals and liaising with the highway maintenance team regarding marker posts for the bridges. As soon as the site assessment has been completed and proposal plans are finalised they will make sure the Parish Council have sight of the plans for comment</p>	

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	<p>12.3 Quote for new speed sign – The Clerk will obtain a quote for a second Speed indicator device for approval at the May meeting.</p> <p>12.4 Cllr Bennett will send a list to the clerk for the website of items reported to HCC, so Parishioners are aware.</p> <p>12.5 The Clerk reported that the 40mph sign as you leave Upper Clatford on the left-hand side of the road travelling towards Goodworth Clatford Tracking number 21664134</p>	<p>Clk</p> <p>RB</p> <p>Clk</p>
13	<p>External Committees and Events</p> <p>13.1 12.3 Pilhil Brook – Cllr Heslop attended a SWA presentation to reduce groundwater into the sewage system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further sources of water for the growing population. • No SMART water meters in this area for improving the reduction of leaks. • He reported that it costs £2000 daily per a tanker. • New reservoir in Havant planned but will take 20 years to become functional 	
14.	<p>Pavilion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical inspection will take place on the 20th of April • Cllr Cooles Pavilion keys will be requested, and Cllr Eyre will look at the condition of the cricket equipment. • The roller is still to be disposed of. 	
15.	<p>Correspondence and E mails (circulated)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15/03 /22 resident needing access to home during street closure as family are away – they are at the far end by Church lane – resident advised to be mindful of pedestrians. • Letter from School Governor about the school bus unable to gain access through the village. Discussions took place and it was felt that the access had improved due to building renovations having been completed. It was noted that one car still parks on the yellow lines at one of the pinch points. The Clerk will contact Pikes buses to see if access for the school through the village has improved and whether a site meeting would be useful to identify any remaining access pinch points in the road. • PCSO advised he has requested speed monitoring with speed gun. • Audit information • Chased Diocesan re allotments – no decision made yet • Mayfayre Committee requested TVBC are reminded to cut grass, the week before the event. – done • Resident reported 40mph sign has been knocked down. • E mail from person offering to take the cricket score board. • CPRE AGM Sat 13th to be held at Sparsholt 	
16.	<p>Projects</p> <p>1. Water monitoring kit - Cllr Eyre reported that the May Fayre Committee will donate further £161 pounds to enable the water monitoring equipment to be purchase. This will enable the Parish to monitor the water quality in the Pilhil Brook.</p>	<p>RB</p>

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17	Chalk Pit rental update - The Clerk reported that we are still awaiting tenancy agreement to be signed. Solicitor has e mailed to say that tenant has an appointment with his solicitor to sign the contract. The Clerk circulated the Tenancy at Will agreement which Parish Councillor signed.	Cllrs
18	Update Coronation Celebrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant of £450 has been approved • All invoices need to be made out to Upper Clatford Parish Council • The invoices need passing to TVBC by 29th May as a condition of grant • Awaiting street closure approval • Cllr Eyre will get people to sign up at the May Fayre • Risk assessment is now completed. Cllr Eyre will send across to TVBC • Wet weather will use the hall • Letter to all residents in street advising of road closure. 	Clerk CE
19	Any items for next month's meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Folkard- Tapp will continue in the capacity as Environmental consultant. • Cllr Wilson volunteered to undertake monthly Play Park safety check at Balksbury Bridge Playing Field. 	
20	The Annual Council meeting is to be held on Thursday 18th May 2023.	

Appendix A

Hampshire County Council has welcomed additional funding for pothole repairs confirmed in the Government's Spring Budget on Wednesday 15 March. The Chancellor announced a further £200m for the national Pothole Fund to help local communities to tackle this issue with £5,954,400 confirmed for Hampshire.

Over the winter period, HCC have drafted in extra resources to repair more road defects following a dramatic and sustained increase in reported issues. In total over the last three months, we have repaired 16,748 potholes and other road defects.

The Government's extra funding announcement recognises the significant challenges facing highway authorities across the country and goes some way to help us to bridge the financial gap that we face in managing 5,000 miles of road in Hampshire.

In addition to the annual funding received from the Department for Transport for highway maintenance, the County Council invests an additional £10m each year into proactive structural maintenance through our established Operation Resilience programme, designed

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to make roads and footways more resilient to the impacts of weather extremes and heavy use, along with an additional £7m each year for day-to-day maintenance.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/17032023AdditionalFundingPotholes>

Community grants made from the Household Support Fund in Hampshire

A clothing bank in Andover, a community farm in the New Forest and a church near Fleet are among the latest recipients of community grants from Hampshire County Council's connect4communities programme, funded by the Government's Household Support Fund

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/supportforfamilies>

In total, we have approved grants of more than £750,000 in the last six months to local groups, schools and community pantries, who are able to reach those most in need and make a positive difference."

The connect4communities website also includes details of schools and community pantries which have received grants from the Household Support Fund, as well as holiday activity and food clubs for school children (funded by the Department for Education).

The County Council encourages any residents who may be struggling during these difficult times to reach out to their local community groups and charities for support.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230317hsfgrants>

Hampshire County Youth Band to celebrate 60 years of music on a high note

The Hampshire County Youth Band will be taking over The Anvil in Basingstoke for an exciting two-day line-up of performances on 15 and 16 April to celebrate six decades of musical performance and education in Hampshire

The Hampshire Youth Band is part of a network of 60 groups run by the County Council's Hampshire Music Service and brings together over 100 talented young musicians from across Hampshire.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/16032023HampshireYouthBand60Anniversary>

Keeping up momentum - County Council finances top the agenda in ministerial meeting

The severe financial crisis facing county councils nationally in the next few years has topped the agenda of a key meeting at Hampshire County Council with Minister for Local Government, Lee Rowley MP. At the meeting held on 16 March, Hampshire Leader, Councillor Rob Humby restated the mounting pressures facing upper tier authorities across the country and highlighted the unprecedented challenges faced by Hampshire County Council in future years – with a forecast budget shortfall of £132million by April 2025.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/16032023CountywelcomesLocalGovernmentMinister>

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High praise for Hampshire's social workers following Ofsted visit

Hampshire County Council's child and family social workers are 'knowledgeable, confident and child-centred' and ensure that children have a 'meaningful voice' in decisions about their care. This is one of many positive findings highlighted by Ofsted, following a focused visit to Hampshire Children's Services. Local Authorities are required to undergo Ofsted inspections every three years, with a focused visit or Joint Targeted Area Inspection in the intervening two years. A visit was most recently undertaken to Hampshire Children's Services on 31 January and 1 February 2023, focusing specifically on children in care.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230310ofsted>

Cllr David Drew
Test Valley Central Division, HCC