

UPPER CLATFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH MARCH 2024
AT 8.00 PM IN
THE KING EDWARD VII MEMORIAL HALL

Councillors	Clerk	TVBC + County Councillors	Others
P Heslop (Chairman) R Bennett (Vice Chairman) R Hydes R Hawkins C Williams C Eyre P Littlehales N Freemantle	E Attwood	M Flood D Drew	2

Please note the meeting was delayed by half an hour due to the Annual Parish meeting taking a little longer than expected.

1.	Apologies for Absence: Borough Cllr Hasselmann
2.	To receive and accept declarations of interest: None.
3.	Public Participation: - None
4.	<p>Borough Councillors Report – Councillor Flood congratulate the Parish Council on the Annual Parish meeting and reported on the following: See appendix A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TVBC budget is financially stable, and no money will be taken from the reserves. £5 band increase on a Band D property. • Successful prosecution of a fly tipper who was fined £1200. • TVBC oppose SWA pumping wastewater into the River Test and the Pan Parish Forum meeting on Saturday 16th March in Abbots Ann Village Hall. • Water testing kits have been purchased using grant from Cllrs fund. • Resilience Forum 20th April in Kings Somborne. Cllr Hyde will attend. • Green Campaign – Tackle climate change
5.	<p>County Councillors Report- See Appendix B</p> <p>He reported the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Pan Parish Forum to stop pollution in the River Test so that the Parish Councils can work together to hold SWA to account. • Local Plan – more homes needed for the younger people to be able to live in their home villages together with smaller homes for retired people to downsize. • Peaceful protest on Monday 18th March advertised on Stockbridge website to stop pollution. • 5% increase in HCC tax. • More fly tippers prosecuted resulting in a criminal record. • HCC trading standards have prosecuted a rogue trader for roofing fraud . <p>Cllr Drew was asked whether the Andover museum was under threat, and he responded by saying HCC will have some difficult choices and urged everyone to complete the Have your Say consultation. Hampshire County Council Future Services Consultation About the Council Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)</p>

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6.	<p>To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th February 2024</p> <p>Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Eyre Seconded: Cllr Hyde</p> <p>Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting of the Parish Council held on the 6th of February be confirmed and signed as a true record.</p>
7.	<p>The Clerks report since the last meeting held on 6th February 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No news on the Chalk Pit dilapidations but the Parish Council will consider legal action to recover the costs from ANT Structures. • Clerk has e mailed SSE to advise them that the PC will pay standing charges, but they are not responsible for outstanding electric invoices, and this must be pursued through ANT Structures. No address provided only e mail address. No response received from SSE to date. HALC have advised they should be pursuing ANT for debt. • FOI answered about village vegetation and trees. Tree report shared with Parishioner. All information could be found in the minutes. • Register of interest forms to be completed. • VAT ready to be submitted. • Clerks remind councillors that invoices need to be in UCPC name to reclaim VAT. • Sports Field being used 19th May for football event insurance and risk assessment will be provided. • Auditor expected 24 & 25 April 2024 • ROSPA Playpark inspection due May • Awaiting invoice for use of Goodworth Clatford's Village Hall for February's meeting.
8.	<p>Planning - Review of decisions, applications, and responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 24/00269/FULLN St Vincents Salisbury Road, Andover 3rd March – Objection the building's location is outside the Upper Clatford settlement boundary and within the Local Gap. Its size in relation to the existing building are key reasons that Upper Clatford PC object to the application. b) 23/03188/FULLN Farleigh School Stockbridge Road Red Rice Upper Clatford - No Objection c) Local Plan comments submitted by March 28th please it is Easter weekend. d) 24/00363/VARN Curry Cottages Stockbridge Red Rice -Increase in size of house to improve insulation – Cllrs discussed size and scale of dormer windows, increased visual impact on the landscape. e) 24/00532/FULLN Cricklade Nurseries Foundry Road – Awaiting site visit date. f) V24/00504/CLPn 18 Brook Way Anna Valley Andover – No objection to the garden room. g) 24/00615/TREEN 5 Bury Hill Farm Upper Clatford – No objection <p><u>Previous applications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 24/00036//TREEN Trees Crook and Shears. Beech to remove low and overhanging branches to raise crown. No objection – Permission b) 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

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	<p>c) 23/02961/TPON. Oak at 26 Brook Way Reduce branches from side of house and remove epicormic growth. No objection from UCPC. Consent</p> <p>d) 24/00146/FULLN Replacement of Kitchen window Clatford Cottage – Resolved: Permission</p> <p>e) 24/00011/FULLN Paddock House Upper Clatford - Resolved: No Objection – No decision TVBC.</p>																																			
9	<p>9.1 Finance - To receive and approve the Financial Statement 1st February 2024 – 29th February 2024. The Clerk had circulated financial statements prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Bank Reconciliation</p> <table><tr><td>Business Account</td><td>£1,301.33</td></tr><tr><td>Treasurers Account</td><td>£27,231.28</td></tr><tr><td>Fixed term deposit</td><td>£35,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Closing Balance as of 29th February 24</td><td><u>£63,532.61</u></td></tr></table> <p>Resolved: That the financial statements between 1st February – 29th February were approved and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>9.2 Payments for approval - February 2024</p> <table><tr><td>91</td><td>TVBC Ground Maintenance Feb</td><td>£1,827.50</td></tr><tr><td>92</td><td>E Attwood - Salary</td><td>£619.93</td></tr><tr><td>92</td><td>HMRC - Clerks Tax</td><td>£8.40</td></tr><tr><td>93</td><td>Stationary - Asda</td><td>£7.50</td></tr><tr><td>94</td><td>SSE</td><td>£17.94</td></tr></table> <p>Payments for March</p> <table><tr><td>95</td><td>E Attwood – Salary</td><td>£619.93</td></tr><tr><td>96</td><td>HMRC – Clerks Tax</td><td>£8.40</td></tr><tr><td>97</td><td>King Edwards VII Hall</td><td>£30.00</td></tr><tr><td>98</td><td>Parish Online</td><td>£120.00</td></tr></table> <p>Approval fee for UC Village Club meeting in Feb</p> <p>Approval for C Eyre to attend course with HALC £10.00</p> <p>Approval for Invoice to be paid to TVBC for bin emptying at the sports Field.</p> <p>Resolved: Payments for February 2024 & March 2024 were approved.</p> <p>9.3 Quarterly Statement Check</p> <p>Resolved: Cllr Eyre carried out a balance check against the statement of accounts.</p>	Business Account	£1,301.33	Treasurers Account	£27,231.28	Fixed term deposit	£35,000.00	Closing Balance as of 29th February 24	<u>£63,532.61</u>	91	TVBC Ground Maintenance Feb	£1,827.50	92	E Attwood - Salary	£619.93	92	HMRC - Clerks Tax	£8.40	93	Stationary - Asda	£7.50	94	SSE	£17.94	95	E Attwood – Salary	£619.93	96	HMRC – Clerks Tax	£8.40	97	King Edwards VII Hall	£30.00	98	Parish Online	£120.00
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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 had nothing to report.</p> <p>10.2 Balksbury Bridge Playing Field – Cllr Williams reported a sign had fallen off a post and had been placed in a tree. Cllr Hydes offered to use his power washer to try and remove the algae There is also a tree in the river. A hedge opposite Balksbury Bridge playing fields is encroaching on to the pavement and covering the post box. It was discussed whether the swans were a hazard, but Cllrs agreed it was nature.</p> <p>Resolved: The Clerk will write to the owners of the property and ask them to cut back the hedge.</p>																																			
11	<p>Trees and Open Space. - Nothing to report.</p>																																			

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12	<p>Footpaths & Highways</p> <p>12.1 Footpath No 2 above Mount Villas – The Clerk was asked to write to the resident about the green waste being thrown over the fence onto a public footpath.</p> <p>12.2 Public footpath No 2 from the field – The Clerk will write to the landowner as green waste; an oil drum and a washing line have been dumped in a hedgerow. Green waste has been placed on the PC side of the footpath.</p>
13	<p>Pavilion & Sports Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Hawkins reported that UCYFC has observed that the driveway into the sports field has pot holes which need repairing. Cllr Bennett suggested that Rock Recycling may be able to provide materials and agreed to investigate.
14	<p>External Committees and events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Bennett attended the TVAPTC meeting which was focussed on the draft Local Plan 2040 and an overview of Development Management the Planning process, which were presented by Head of Planning Policy and Economic Development & Head of Planning and building. It was a valuable meeting which highlighted policy developments and current planning process.
15	<p>Correspondence received for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Parishioner re dog faeces on land owned by Aster beside Waterloo terraces. The Parishioner has provided a bin which he empties but is asking for the council – The Clerk will write to Aster and ask them to provide a dog bin on their land. All Saints Arts Festival – The Parish Council are happy to advertise the event on the website. Toads Church Lane – A lady wrote to the council about Watery Lane and Church Lane asking the PC to put up toad crossing signs. Cllr Hyde has requested signs which will be in place when it is toad mating season along Church Lane which is a registered area. Sam Whites Hill – A volunteer cleared Footpath debris. Cllr Hydes said HCC will consider double yellow lines if alternative parking can be found for the pinch points to allow the school bus through the village. Cllr Hydes discussed ideas to increase parking for the pub. One suggestion was to ask the May Fayre Committee for a grant to provide parking.
16	<p>Chalk Pit</p> <p>Dilapidations - The Parish Council is considering legal action to recover cost of the dilapidations to the Chalk Pit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roof repair - Resolved: Ryan Tilley quote was approved to repair the roof of the Chalk Pit building. <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 C.</i></p>

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17	<p>The next Parish Council meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 7.30pm. Items to be included on the agenda from the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog waste bin • Village Club at Chalkpit • Allotments • Affordable Housing
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Appendix A Borough Councillor Hasselmann and Floods Reports

Budget and Precept for 2024/ 25 The budget for Test Valley Borough Council was approved at the Council meeting on 29th March 2024. It is a balanced budget without the need to draw from reserves to cover ongoing costs. This is the result of sustained efforts to control costs and the continued income from property and cash investments. To protect front-line services and in order to remain in a stable financial position, an increase in council tax by £5 for an average band D property, to £163.91, for 2024/25, was approved. This is a rise of 3.14%, and below current inflation levels. This represents less than 9% of the total Council bill people in the Test Valley will pay in 2024/ 25. Although TVBC collects the Council tax, most of it is distributed to other authorities, including Hampshire County Council, Police, Fire and Parish and Town Councils. In addition, to protect its most vulnerable residents, the Council recently approved its Council Tax Support scheme, for low-income households, to minimise the impact of the proposed increase.

Finance portfolio holder, councillor Maureen Flood, said: "Local authorities across the country have had a difficult few years, and Test Valley Borough Council has been no exception. However, thanks to our hard work, and being careful with our money, we find ourselves in a strong financial position. "Any increases made to council tax are always difficult but are important to make sure that we are able to keep providing our vital services to the public, including bin collections, maintaining green and open spaces, housing and homelessness, planning and much more. It will also help with our ambitious plans to regenerate both Andover and Romsey town centres. At an increase of 3.14%, we are still below the national inflation rates and believe it provides excellent value to our residents."

Motion to oppose pumping of wastewater Following an in-depth debate where several speakers provided evidence and information to Council members about the impact of river pollution, a motion by Cllr Drew and Cllr Hasselmann was approved unanimously by Test Valley Borough Council on 29th February 2024. The motion read: 'This Council strongly opposes Southern Water pumping wastewater into the River Test or its tributaries. The Council is therefore calling on Southern Water to fix the problem by improving its infrastructure more widely and at greater speed, and work with Ofwat and the Environment Agency to enable the required investment funding to be released. In addition, we are calling on all parties to inform and closely engage with affected communities and relevant agencies. Water quality must be monitored, and transparency must be maintained by publishing all testing data promptly.' Your Councillors and Caroline Nokes MP are working to put further pressure on Southern Water to resolve the many issues/ problems in our area. At the same time there is a move to replicate some of the structures set up for the pan-parish forum elsewhere.

Test Valley Community Resilience Forum The next Test Valley Community Resilience Forum will take place at King's Somborne Village Hall on Saturday 20 April 2024. The

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normal 'resilience' breakfast of sausage/bacon rolls and pastries will be on offer from 9.45am with the session beginning at 10am. The event will, in part, comprise of a power outage exercise, a risk faced by all of our communities. The event will also look at other risks facing our communities, including the increasing threat of wildfires. Finally, there will be a presentation about the outcomes of the LRF's work on community resilience. A final agenda will be circulated closer to the time. For more information and to RSVP to this event, please contact: gbloss@testvalley.gov.uk

Greening Campaign – Information Events for Communities The Greening Campaign is a scheme designed to help communities to consider how to tackle climate change, including measures to reduce energy use, health impacts related to climate change, waste prevention, promoting biodiversity and growing your own food. National Lottery funding has been awarded to help 20 communities in Hampshire to support their journey in relation to climate change through this scheme. Eighteen communities are already signed up across the county, so there is funding available for a further two communities. A small number of free information events have been organised for those who want to find out more, with the final events comprising an online session on Tuesday 12 March at 7pm and an in-person event at Romsey Town Hall on Tuesday 26 March at 7pm. Alternatively you can get in touch with the Greening Campaign using the details below. For more information contact the Greening Campaign on hello@greeningcampaign.org to ask questions or go to the website www.greening-campaign.org.

Appendix B Cllr Drew

Have your say - Household Waste Recycling Centre proposals.

A statement from Councillor Rob Humby, Leader of Hampshire County Council, encouraging residents to give their views on the Future Services Consultation, including proposals on Household Waste Recycling Centres:

Fly-tipping is a big concern for Hampshire residents and appreciate that it is an issue that is being linked to the County Council's current Future Services Consultation. The consultation sets out 13 cost reduction proposals which could help towards closing a £132m budget shortfall we expect by April 2025. Like many councils nationally, Hampshire County Council is also facing huge budget pressures in future as costs go up and more people need local services - particularly social care to protect children at risk of harm or abuse, supporting more older people and children and adults with disabilities and additional needs.

Tough decisions on what we can continue to deliver from April 2025 need to be taken. To ensure we can provide HWRCs that continue to meet people's needs and make the most of public money, please have your say and take part in the public consultation which is open until to 31 March 2024. Visit www.hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation."

Nine out of ten Year 6 pupils offered first preference secondary school in Hampshire.

More than 98 per cent of parents in Hampshire (14,312) have been offered a place for their child at one of their three preferences for a secondary school in September 2024

Of those who applied for a Year 7 place for September 2024 by the application deadline, 90.71 per cent (13,232) have been offered a place at their first preference school. The County Council received 14,587 on-time applications this year – a decrease of 306 on-time applications compared to the number received for places in September 2023 (14,893).

A set of Frequently Asked Questions to help with parents' queries has been published on the Admissions webpages. This includes information on school transport assistance which may be available in certain circumstances, where the national eligibility criteria are met (application deadline 31 May).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240301secondaryadmissions>

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Council Leaders receive assurances from Southern Water

Council leaders in Hampshire have collectively invited Southern Water to meet with them to explain how they are working to improve their services and to ensure reliable water supplies for the county's residents.

At the meeting it was also agreed to set up further meetings between the County Council and Southern Water colleagues to further support the ongoing improvement of services to customers in Hampshire.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240227SouthernWaterMtgLdr>

County Council Trading Standards welcomes successful prosecution of fraudulent roofing trader.

Hampshire County Council has welcomed the successful prosecution of a rogue trader who has been sentenced for roofing fraud to the value of £642,850.320 involving 29 properties across Hampshire, West Sussex, and the Isle of Wight

Following a detailed investigation by the County Council's Trading Standards officers, Lawrence Martin, aged 36, of Burnham Chase in Southampton, was sentenced for five years in jail Wednesday February 21, 2024, at Southampton Crown Court in connection to three counts of fraudulent activity. The Judge also imposed a Criminal Behaviour Order for ten years prohibiting the defendant from undertaking various activities. Mr Martin, trading as CLJ Roofing Limited, as well operating as a sole trader, had pleaded guilty on 20 October 2023 to the crime of fraud by false representation, participating in a fraudulent business, and carrying on the business of a limited company for a fraudulent purpose. The charges related to the provision of roofing and other general building maintenance works carried out at the properties. During the work, Mr Martin made false claims to the homeowners about the necessity of the work being undertaken, the value of the work, and that payments made had been used to purchase materials when they had not.

Learn more about Buy with Confidence: www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240222TradingStandardsCourtCase>

A budget to serve the people of Hampshire - County Council approves £2.6bn spending on local services for residents in 2024/25

£2.6 billion of public spending on the ongoing delivery of important local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents in 2024/25 has been approved by Hampshire County Council.

From 1 April 2024, Hampshire County Council's portion of council tax will increase by a total of 4.99%, of which 2% will go specifically towards adults' social care and supporting the county's higher numbers of older people and adults with complex needs and disabilities - in line with Government policy. This equates to an annual charge of £1,533.24 for a Band D property – an increase of £72.99 per year or approximately £1.40 a week.

The increase will generate an extra £39 million of vital income towards the delivery of crucial services to the people of Hampshire in 2024/25, and still means that Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/22022024HCCBudget2024-25>

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Hampshire's young people encouraged to make their mark through consultation on campaigning issues.

Hampshire's young people are being asked by new Members of the Youth Parliament (MYPs) to let them know what issues matter most to them.

The Forum, on Feb 14, was chaired by a Member of the Youth Parliament, encourages direct dialogue between young people and key influencers, including council leaders and Members of Parliament, and meets three times a year. The Forum, along with local youth councils across Hampshire, is open to all young people aged 11-18 who live or attend school in Hampshire.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240220makeyourmark>

More transport choice and an improved built environment is at heart of new 10-year plan.

A new local transport plan (LTP4) that aims to boost economic prosperity, reduce carbon pollution, help promote healthy lifestyles and build stronger communities is to be considered by Hampshire County Council

Central to LTP 4 are the following two principles, which are intended to guide what the County Council does to improve travel and transport infrastructure for the future:

To widen the choice of travel options that people can use.

To provide a transport system that puts people first and creates high quality and prosperous places.

The plan finds a balance between the movement of vehicles with the needs of people. It sets out frameworks to guide future transport planning and the policies that would be applied to create thriving and attractive places where residents can travel around easily.

Proposed schemes for further development are also included in the plan such as the roll out of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, higher quality bus services in urban areas, better quality cycle facilities, changes to our roads to reduce congestion and improvements to high streets and town centres so they are more accessible and safer for shared use by pedestrians, cyclists as well as those pushing prams and those in wheelchairs.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240208TransportPlan>