

UPLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Upleadon Parish Council Annual Assembly held at Upleadon Village Hall on Thursday 7 April 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr M Manning (Chairman), Cllr D Leighton, Cllr P Dallow, Cllr E Wood, Cllr Mrs A Bassett

Apologies: Cllr H Dunn (illness), Cllr Mrs A Woolfrey (holiday)

Also Present: District Councillor P Burford

There were no Members of the public present

1.0 Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Assembly meeting - 26 March 2015

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Assembly meeting of 26 March 2015 was proposed by Cllr Manning and unanimously agreed.

1.2 Matters Arising

1.3 Concern raised by a member of the public regarding speeding traffic in Forge Lane within 30mph limit/consideration to flashing warning lights

The Police had undertaken a speed check and had stopped several motorists and had issued a ticket to one offender.

Mr Richard Waters, Highways Manager at Glos County Council advised that flashing signs or VAS signs fall into two main categories, either fixed or moveable. The fixed signs are subject to GCC assessment policy to ensure that they are not overused and are only located at areas where there is evidence based road safety problem. Requests for fixed signs are assessed with respect to four main criteria:-

1. Traffic volumes (must be over a set threshold)
2. Traffic speeds (above a threshold related to the speed limit)
3. Accidents (evidence of recorded personal injury accidents)
4. Community concerns (such as the presence of a local school, playing fields etc)

The County Council has a modest budget for these signs and any qualifying sites are then prioritised for potential inclusion within a programme. The moveable signs are more flexible but require input from the Town or Parish Council. They are normally co-funded (50-50) by GCC and the Town or Parish Council through their Community Offer scheme but are then managed and operated by the Town or Parish Council. The signs are battery powered and are moved between a number of sites in the Parish, spending perhaps a week at each. The Parish take control of the sign, charge the batteries, insure it as one of their assets and deploy the sign at agreed locations to meet local concerns. These signs cost around £3500.

Members considered it was not appropriate to pursue this at the present time.

1.4 Knot in wood of new noticeboard

Cllr Manning advised that he had asked the person who had made the noticeboard to look at Cllr Wood's concern but it was felt that the knot was not causing any undue concern.

1.3 To receive questions from the public regarding the Council's activities during the financial year 2015/16 and any issues relating to parish matters

There were no members of the public present.

1.4 Any Other Business

There were no items of any other business.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm