

## UPLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Upleadon Parish Council held on Thursday 12 September 2019 at Upleadon Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Cllr H Dunn (Chair), Cllr M Manning (Deputy Chair), Cllr Mrs W Fabian, Cllr Mrs P Turner, Cllr Mrs P Cooke, Cllr P Dallow

Also present District Cllr P Burford, Mrs C Dunn representing St Mary's Church

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### 3.0 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs E Wood – on holiday

### 3.1 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Mrs Fabian declared an Interest in Agenda item – update on future of Upleadon Village Hall

### 3.2 Approval of Minutes of Council meeting - 16 May 2019

Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting of 16 May 2019 was proposed by Cllr seconded by Cllr Manning, seconded by Cllr Mrs P Cooke and unanimously agreed

### 3.3 Matters Arising

#### P.3 1.12.3 Funding for directional signage to Village Hall

The Clerk advised that confirmation had been received that Cllr Windsor-Clive was indeed the County Councillor for Upleadon. The Highways Area Manager had advised he had placed an order for the directional signage for the Village Hall.

#### P.4 1.12.7 Highway matters

A further request had been made to reinstate the 30 mph road markings at Eden's Hill.

Cllr Dunn reported he had met with the Public Rights of Way Officer regarding encroachment of path between Gloucester Road and Forge Lane. The Public Rights of Way Officer advised the path is cut back every year and added that the neighbouring property had also agreed to cut their hedge back on the other side of the path.

The Clerk advised that Highways had reported that two large dead trees near to the road in Hooks lane at Brass Mill were to be inspected by a local Arboriculturist and that visibility at the junction of Eden's Hill and Forge Lane due to overgrown hedges were to be assigned to the local Highways Safety Inspector.

### 3.4 Approval of Minutes of Council meeting – 8 August 2019

Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting of 8 August 2019 was proposed by Cllr Mrs W Fabian, seconded by Cllr Mrs P Turner and unanimously agreed.

### 3.5 Finance/Sundry Payments/Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk produced a bank reconciliation to 1 August 2019 and advised that a cheque had been raised since the last meeting for the Information Commissioner in the sum of £40.00 for Data Protection fee.

### 3.6 Correspondence

#### 3.6.1 Glos Association of Parish and Town Councils – Election of two Members to Executive Committee.

Advise they have three nominees for the two vacancies on their executive committee and are therefore conducting an election by email. Votes to be received by noon on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Cllr Dallow proposed Cllrs Beard and Penny of Newent and Coleford Town Councils. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Fabian and unanimously agreed.

#### 3.6.2 Forest of Dean District Council – Local Plan 2021-2041 Issues and Options Consultation

Invite the Council to take part in the formal consultation process (between Tues 17 Sept and 31 October 2019). Advise drop-in sessions will be available for members of the public to attend on Wed 25 Sept 5-8 pm at Council Offices Coleford and Thursday 3 October 5-8 pm at Memorial Hall Newent.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Council be held on Thursday 24 October 2019 to give consideration to this matter.

### 3.7 Business

#### 3.7.1 Update on future of Upleadon Village Hall/St Mary's Church

Cllr Mrs Turner reported that it was expected the lease would be extended on the Hall to the end of 2059, this is currently being considered by the Church. A much better year had been had financially although more Committee members were needed. It was hoped that if the lease on the hall is extended this would enable improvements to the facility to be made. Giga-clear are offering free wi-fi at the Hall.

A representative of St Mary's Church was in attendance who was invited to give an update to Members on the future of St Mary's Church.

Members were advised that whilst St Mary's Church came very close to closing, fortunately the position is that it will be staying open. It now has a full and active PCC which is key in remaining open. The building is structurally sound – it having had £25000 spent on it last year. Currently it does not have a Vicar – services as such are reduced to two per month, however Mrs Christine Draper will shortly graduate as a Lay Leader for the Church. Members were pleased to receive this positive news.

### 3.7.2 Highway Matters

It was stated that the hedge was very overgrown from Leaden Farm to Blackwell's End and needed to be cut back. It was agreed to report to the Highways Area Manager for action to be taken to get the hedge cut.

### 3.7.3 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next scheduled meeting would be on 5 December 2019.

### 3.7.4 Any Other Business (for information only)

1. Reference was made to the Car Rally which had taken place throughout part of the Village the previous week. The general consensus of some of the villagers had been there had not been enough information in the village about the Rally and alternative routes. The Clerk advised that Glos County Council were taking comments for review of the event in October.
2. Cllr Mrs Cooke requested consideration be given to repainting the Phone box, now used as a book library. This to be discussed at the next meeting in December.

This concluded the business of the meeting and it was declared closed at 8.30 pm.

NB Minutes are in draft form until approved by the Council at its next meeting.