

UPLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a virtual Zoom meeting of Upleadon Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 March 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr H Dunn (Chair), Cllr Mrs P Cooke, Cllr M Manning, Cllr Mrs P Turner, Cllr E Wood

Public participation

None

8.00 Apologies

Apologies from Cllr Mrs Fabian – family reasons

8.1 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

8.2 Approval of Minutes – Council meeting 3 December 2020

Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting of 3 December 2020 was proposed by Cllr Wood, seconded by Cllr Mrs Turner and unanimously agreed.

8.3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

8.4 Approval of Minutes – Council meeting 17 December 2020

Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting of 17 December 2020 was proposed by Cllr Mrs Cooke, seconded by Cllr Mrs Turner and unanimously agreed.

8.5 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

8.6 Approval of Minutes – Council meeting 20 January 2021

Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting of 20 January 2021 was proposed by Cllr Mrs Cooke, seconded by Cllr Mrs Turner and unanimously agreed.

8.7 Matters Arising

8.8 Finance/Sundry Payments

Finance/Sundry Payments were agreed as follows:-

Payments made since last meeting:

Chq no. 439 Printerland - Replacement toner	£81.20
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Chq no. 441 Defib Store – replacement battery	£264.00
Payments for consideration	
D Morley - purchase of stamps	£9.50
D Morley - Salary 2020/21	£1065.00
HMRC	£266.20

#### 8.9 Bank reconciliation

Members were furnished with a bank reconciliation as at 15 January 2021 which was noted.

#### 8.10 Business

##### 8.10.1 To give consideration to planning application in neighbouring Hartpury parish – P0162/21/FUL Agricultural Shed, Mount Olivers Meadow, Blackwells End, Hartpury. Change of use from agricultural (i.e forestry) to outdoor leisure activities (ie shooting archery)

Members were advised that a parishioner of Hartpury had written to the Council requesting it make an objection to the planning authority. In addition the CPRE had also urged the Council to object for the following reasons:- “This concentration and amount of shooting will hugely affect the peace and quiet of this area with substantial noise pollution to local residents, pets and local wildlife. The woods directly in front of Mount Oliver’s Meadow are home to a plethora of beautiful wildlife, including wild roe and muntjac deer. The Hartpury Heritage Trust, National Perry Pear Centre with wetlands is directly behind this site and contains many ducks, nesting geese and swans. Herons, egrets, bats and swallows swoop over the water with damsel flies and dragonflies. Many visitors enjoy this peaceful and stunning location which links some lovely walks and footpaths.

There is also the impact of lead shot at this volume, which can break down into soluble sulphates and affect a substantial surrounding area, leaching into surrounding soils and water courses such as Colliers Brook, which runs all around the site at Mount Olivers Meadow, feeding into the river Leadon. The whole pellets are also commonly eaten by birds and other wildlife causing lead poisoning.”

Cllr Mrs Turner proposed an objection based on the published comments that Rudford and Highleadon Parish Council had made to the Planning authority. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Cooke and agreed by four votes in favour, 1 abstention.

##### 8.10.2 To consider updating and re-adopting Standing Orders

Members considered updating and re-adopting draft Standing Orders 2018 (Revised 2020)

Cllr Manning proposed the updating and re-adoption of Standing Orders 2018 (Revised) 2020 seconded by Cllr Mrs Cooke, all in favour.

### 8.10.3 To consider updating and re-adopting Financial Regulations

Members considered updating and re-adopting draft Financial Regulations.

Cllr Mrs Turner proposed the updating adoption of Financial Regulations, seconded by Cllr Mrs Cooke, all in favour.

### 8.10.4 Footpaths – 1. To give consideration to maintenance of public footpath between Gloucester road and Forge Lane and 2. Possible assistance to improve signage and promotion of footpaths in the area – Cllr Mrs Turner

Cllr Mrs Turner spoke of the poor condition of the footpath surface between Forge Lane and Gloucester Road (footpath GU11) and that this made it unusable in winter, and also in summer it was overgrown with stinging nettles.

Members considered various options with regard to resurfacing and that Cllr Dallow who was not present at the meeting, may be able to help in this regard.

Cllr Mrs Turner also suggested that may be the Parish Council could offer small grants for the maintenance of signage on footpaths and possibly maintenance of stiles. This to be taken up with Public Rights of Way to ascertain responsibility for such.

Cllr Mrs Turner suggested maps showing the footpaths in the area could be produced by the Parish Council which would be an aid to walkers. Discussion took place with regard to how the maps could be produced and that a licence would be needed for reproducing Ordnance Survey information. An alternative might be to hand draw the footpaths – this to be looked into further.

Cllr Wood lost connectivity and left the meeting.

### 8.10.5 To give consideration to re-siting Parish noticeboard

Members considered re-siting the Parish noticeboard from its current site to under cover in the bus shelter at The Cross, due to water penetration and condensation making notices within it difficult/impossible to read. Given that the condition was much worse during the winter months it was agreed to purchase some gel crystals to assist with the condensation problem and to move the noticeboard to the bus shelter by the autumn. This was proposed by Cllr Manning, seconded by Cllr Mrs Cooke, 4 in favour.

Cllr Wood re-connected to the meeting.

### 8.10.6 To give consideration to current website WCAG2.1 compliance, draft Accessibility Statement and proposition from Cllr Mrs Cooke that the Council consider having its own website.

Members were advised that the Upleadon Parish Council's website framework owned by Town & Parish websites had advised in writing that the site was compliant to WCAG 2.1 accessibility regulations and the builder for Hartpury Parish Council's new website had examined and agreed the pages of Upleadon Parish Council's website was also compliant to WCAG 2.1 accessibility regulations. As such an

Accessibility statement had been drafted confirming such. Cllr Wood proposed acceptance of the statement, seconded by Cllr Mrs Turner, all agreed.

Cllr Mrs Cooke withdrew her proposition that the Council consider having its own website.

8.10.7 To give consideration to advice from Glos Assoc Parish and Town Council re-instating face to face meetings from 7 May 2021

Members agreed to hold its Council meeting in May on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May (avoiding the clash of date on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> with the local Elections) via Zoom at 7.00 pm and to follow this with the Annual Parish meeting again via Zoom directly afterwards.

8.10.8 Highway matters

Cllr Manning reported that the kerb at the War Memorial had not been repaired. The Clerk advised an email had been received confirming this had been completed. To be checked.

Cllr Mrs Cooke reported pot hole near to Madams had not been repaired – this to be chased.

Cllr Mrs Cooke advised of the poor visibility at Eden's Hill cross roads and considered this could be improved by the introduction of suitably placed mirrors. It was agreed to enquire with County Highways if this might be possible.

8.10.9 Date of next meeting

The Council's Annual General meeting to take place on Wed 5 May at 7.00 pm followed directly afterwards by the Annual Parish meeting for the parishioners.

8.10.10 Any Other Business (for information only)

There were no items of any other business

The meeting was declared closed at 8.40 pm.