

## UPLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Upleadon Parish Council held on Thursday 02 December 2021 at Upleadon Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr H Dunn (Chairman), Cllr Mrs P Cooke, Cllr E Wood, Cllr Mrs P Turner, Cllr P Dallow, Cllr Mrs W Fabian, Cllr M Manning

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### Public Participation

There were no Members of the public present.

#### 6.00 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from District Cllr P Burford

#### 6.1 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

#### 6.2 To give approval of Minutes of Council meeting – 02 September 2021

Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting of 02 September was proposed by Cllr Dallow, seconded by Cllr Mrs Fabian and unanimously agreed.

#### 6.3 Matters Arising

P.9 Support to Kempley Parish Council's Climate Biodiversity resolution. Cllr Mrs Turner advised that the speaker at the last meeting had advised support for the Forest Rural Action Group's work re Climate change/biodiversity had been endorsed by Kempley, Hartpury, Pauntley, Dymock & Redmarley Parish Councils.

P.9 Visibility issues at Upleadon Cross – it was reported that the Highway mirror had now been obtained and erected.

P.9 Alternative larger aperture Post box at Upleadon Cross – the Clerk advised that Royal Mail had refused to install a larger aperture Post box as requested.

#### 6.4 To give approval of Minutes of Council meeting (Planning) – 04 November 2021

Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting of 04 November 2021 was proposed by Cllr Mrs Turner, seconded by Cllr Mrs Cooke and unanimously agreed.

#### 6.5 Finance/Sundry Payments/Bank reconciliation

The Clerk advised that an agreed payment had been made since the last meeting to the Workplace Depot for an External Highway Mirror at £27.48 plus vat to aid visibility to traffic and pedestrians at the Cross.

Payments for consideration were:-

##### 1. Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – Poppy Wreath

It was agreed to pay £75.00 to include cost and donation, proposed by Cllr Manning, seconded by Cllr Wood and unanimously agreed.

## 2. Campaign for the Protection of Rural England - Subscription

Cllr Dallow proposed payment of £36.00, seconded by Cllr Wood and unanimously agreed.

### Bank Reconciliation

The bank balance was reconciled to the Bank Statement as at 15 Oct 2021 and currently stood at **£5,537.10 cr.**

## 6.7 Correspondence

### 6.7.1 County Cllr Mrs Gill Moseley – Covid Recovery Fund

Members considered the correspondence sent by Cllr Mrs Moseley regarding the Covid Recovery Fund. Members did not identify any specific need for funding and agreed to look into what other Parishes had identified for potential funding in order to give further consideration to this matter in due course.

## 6.8 Business

### 6.8.1 To give consideration to Planning applications:-

P1819/21/FUL The Glades, Eden's Hill, Upleadon – Erection of a pool building with associated works

Cllr Mrs Fabian proposed No Objection, which was seconded by Cllr Dallow and unanimously agreed.

P1771/21/FUL Edenfield, Forge Lane, Upleadon – Proposed rear single store extension

Cllr Manning proposed No Objection, which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Turner and unanimously agreed.

### 6.8.2 To give consideration to Cllr Mrs Turner/Mrs Cooke's assessment and recording of distinctive features in Upleadon to feed back to FoDDC which can be highlighted and taken into account in future planning applications (following FoDDC Character & Design webinar).

Cllr Mrs Turner reported that following templates, she and Cllr Mrs Cooke had begun this work and had concentrated on the approaches to the Village and had firstly undertaken the two longest ones – from Gloucester Road and from Forge lane. They had recorded what they saw in terms of property types, hedge lines, trees etc and had made notes and taken photographs along the way. They had made note of the plants/flowers identified and had built a picture of the landscape which would be useful knowledge in determining future planning in the village.

### 6.8.3 Footpath GUP11 Gloucester Rd to Forge Lane – costings to improve path surface

Suzanne Hopes Public Rights of Way Officer had advised that a latest quotation she had received for the path surface improvements had come in at £6300 ex vat. The works to include re-grading the path surface, laying 100 mm depth of type 1 stone all

along the path on top of a geotextile membrane and topping with 30 mm depth of finer stone rolled into the surface. Where the path is narrow, this would be infilled with extra stone to raise and level the path. County Cllr Mrs Moseley has agreed to contribute £2000 and PROW would contribute £1000 which if the Council accepted the cheaper quotation of £3700 would possibly be affordable for the Parish Council to pay the balance.

Members agreed that they wished to proceed with the cheaper quotation and that the balance would be the Parish Council's contribution, of which £325 was available as a contribution from the proceeds of the Rally taking place through the Village in September. Cllr Mrs Fabian proposed the Council proceed on this basis, seconded by Cllr M Manning and unanimously agreed.

#### 6.8.4 To give consideration to Budget and setting of Precept for 2022/23

Members considered the Budget and setting of the Precept for 2022/23. The Clerk gave an anticipated balance of funding as at 31 March 2022 together with anticipated income and expenditure for the forthcoming year. Members acknowledged that the Council due to healthy balances last year, reduced the Precept considerably for 2021/22. Now that surplus funds had been utilised and there was expected expenditure to improve a significant footpath in the village, in addition to the forthcoming Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations next year, it was agreed that the Precept should this year be increased accordingly.

Cllr Mrs Fabian proposed that the Precept for 2022/23 be set at £3,000 which was seconded by Cllr Wood and unanimously agreed.

#### 6.8.5 Potential highway visibility issues – Eden's Hill - Cllr Dallow

A discussion took place with regard to recent boundary maintenance to a property at Eden's Hill which had resulted in the planting of young fast growing trees. Concern was given that the trees would, without stringent control, soon impede visibility on the highway and cause potential damage to passing vehicles given the narrow road width at this point. Cllr Dunn offered to visit the householder to discuss the concerns, but it was agreed that in the first instance the matter should be referred to the Highway Authority and for them to establish that the trees, given they were planted beyond the wooden fence line, were/were not within the property boundary.

#### 6.8.6 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be on 3 March 2022

#### 6.8.7 Any Other Business

1. It was agreed to report a large pothole beyond Leachfoot Bridge.
2. Cllr Mrs Turner advised that Mr Tim Rickards had highlighted Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust project via the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs Green Recovery Challenge Fund where funding was available to introduce to landowners/farmers to work in a eco-friendly way.

The meeting closed at 20.30 pm.