

UPLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Upleadon Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 April 2024 at Upleadon Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Cllr M Manning, Cllr E Wood, Cllr Mrs P Turner, Cllr H Dunn, Cllr T Rickard

Also present: 6 Members of the public

8.0 Apologies and approval for absence – Cllr Mrs Wendy Fabian who was unwell. County Cllr Mrs G Moseley

8.1 Declarations of Interest

A declaration of Interest was declared by the Chair - Cllr Manning in Agenda item 3.1 Appeal by Pathfinder Clean Energy (PACE) UK dev Ltd – Land north of Stream Lane, Upleadon.

8.2 Cllr Wood proposed that Agenda item 3.2 be brought forward – Consultation Dymock Neighbourhood Development Plan and Design Guide which was unanimously agreed.

8.3 Correspondence – Forest of Dean District Council – Consultation Dymock Neighbourhood Development Plan and Design Guide.

Members had been furnished with the comprehensive documentation appertaining to the Plan. Cllr Manning proposed No comment which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Turner and unanimously agreed.

Cllr Manning left the meeting at this point.

8.4 **Appeal by:** Pathfinder Clean Energy (PACE) UK Dev Ltd

**Site:** Land North of Stream Lane, Upleadon, Gloucestershire, Grid Ref Easting: 374583, Grid Ref Northing: 226406

**Development:** Installation of a ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) farm along with continued agricultural use, ancillary infrastructure, security fencing, landscaping provision, ecological enhancements and associated works.

**Planning Inspectorate ref:** APP/P1615/W/23/3331416

The Forest of Dean District Council advised that all representations made to them on the original application had been forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate and that these will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal. Any new comments or change/withdrawal of previous representation can be made online or to the Planning Inspectorate at its Bristol address.

Members of the public who were present were invited to make comments/representations.

Concern was made that since the Appeal had been made, another planning application for a Solar farm had been approved in the near area, a further one was in the pipeline. Why was there need for a further one If this appeal is allowed, it will

open up the opportunity for it extend to land beyond its current boundaries. Other concerns were that of flooding and the narrowness of the country lanes which were unsuitable for heavy traffic and which was used by the many walkers, horse riders and cyclists in the area. The applicant had stated there were only three properties affected by the proposed Solar farm – yet photographs had been taken all around the site from distanced locations at varying times and it was clear that the Solar farm would be very visible to many.

Cllr Wood proposed that the Council respond to the Planning Inspectorate with the comments that had been made by the public. A vote was taken resulting in all in favour.

This concluded the business of the meeting and it was declared closed at 7.48 pm.