

UPLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Upleadon Parish Council held on Thursday 05 September 2024 at Upleadon Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Cllr E Wood (Deputy Mayor) Cllr Mrs W Fabian, Cllr Mrs P Turner, Cllr P Dallow, Cllr T Rickard, Cllr H Dunn

Apologies:- Cllr M Manning – prior engagement

Also County Councillor Mrs G Moseley

There were no Members of the public present

3.0 Business

3.1 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

3.2 To approve Minutes of Council AGM – 09 May 2024

Approval of the Minutes of the Council AGM was proposed by Cllr Wood, and unanimously agreed after the following amendment:-

P. 1 1.1 Cllr Manning was duly elected Chairman for the 2024/2025 period of Office

3.3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

3.4 To approve Minutes of Council meeting – 18 July 2024

Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting of 18 July 2024 was proposed by Cllr Wood, and unanimously agreed after the following amendments:-

P.5 Cllr Rickard was present at the meeting, Cllr Wood was not present at meeting.

3.5 Bank Reconciliation /Finance/Sundry Payments

Members noted the Bank reconciliation. Finance/Sundry payments were approved as follows, proposed by Cllr Mrs Fabian, seconded by Cllr Mrs Turner and unanimously agreed.

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3.6 Business

3.6.1 To give response to National Assoc Local Council's survey on Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other planning reforms.

Members were asked to consider a number of questions and to explain their responses to the Government's proposed updates to the National Planning Policy

Framework. Members concluded that the questions were extremely complex and that they did not have sufficient information or understand the implications for them as a parish. Cllr Rickard proposed a general response – while we acknowledge the good reasons for having a five year land supply, that supply should be linked to local needs and not to global requirements and should always abide by the guidelines for sustainable development. Greybelt land, a new designation, is most likely to be affected by the immediate problems of sustaining any small scale development. For the most part they are likely to be small infill pockets facing the typically awkward challenges of transport and other infrastructure issues.

This was unanimously agreed.

3.6.2 To give consideration to Grant Awarding policy

Members gave consideration and approval to the Grant Awarding policy. Proposed by Cllr Rickard, seconded by Cllr Dallow and unanimously agreed.

3.6.3 To give consideration to revision of Model Publication Scheme

Members gave consideration and approval to the revision of the Model Publication Scheme. Proposed by Cllr Dallow, seconded by Cllr Mrs Turner and unanimously agreed.

3.6.4 To give consideration to giving Clerk delegated access to Bank account for viewing purposes only.

The Clerk explained she currently was no longer able to speak with the Council's bank regarding transactions on the Council's account. The Bank had referred her to the availability of viewing the account as a non-signatory to the account, which needed approval from the Council. Cllr Dallow proposed approval, seconded by Cllr Mrs Fabian and was unanimously agreed

3.6.5 To give consideration to new noticeboard and costings as agreed at last meeting.

Members gave consideration to the purchase of a new noticeboard given the poor condition of the present one. The Clerk had been asked to obtain costings for an outdoor aluminium notice board such as used by a neighbouring Council. The Clerk advised of options in sizing and it was agreed that a notice board be purchased at a cost of £225.19 ex vat. Proposed by Cllr Wood and unanimously agreed.

3.6.6 County Cllr Mrs Moseley reported of Mrs Suzanne Hope's replacement – Mr Will Saunders as Public Rights of Way Officer, also that Mark Hawthorn Lead of the County Council was shortly to resign and would not be standing in the County Council elections next year. Cllr Mrs Moseley also distributed some Highway Information leaflets for Members' information.

3.6.7 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be Thursday 5 December 2024

The meeting was declared closed at 8.19 pm.