

## UPLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Upleadon Parish Council held on Tuesday 15 October 2024 at Upleadon Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

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

Apologies:- Cllr T Rickard – prior engagement, District Cllr C Williams

There were no Members of the public present

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### 4.0 Business

#### 4.1 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

#### 4.2 To give consideration to response to consultation re FODDC Sustainable Economy Strategy 2024-2028

Members considered a proposed draft response to questionnaire as prepared by Cllrs Rickard and Mrs Turner:-

### **Council – Sustainable Economy Strategy (SES)**

#### Consultation Draft 20.09.24 **FEEDBACK QUESTIONS**

1.SES objective is to foster economic prosperity while ensuring sustainability and social well-being over the longer term. What, if anything is missing from this statement?

*All these objectives are important in the short term as well as over the longer term*

2.SES contains 6 local areas of focus. Do you consider these are the right ones & is there anything missing?

*We believe agriculture and forestry should have their own area of focus.*

3.SES SWOT analysis - what, if anything is missing that needs to be addressed?

*This seems to be a comprehensive analysis.*

4.SES SWOT analysis - do you consider there any specific economic threats that need to be addressed?

*Precarious financial security for agricultural and horticultural businesses. Shortage of seasonal and (insert permanent) staff.*

5.How would you like to see the Council measure the success of the Strategy?

*Monitoring successful delivery of your action plan*

6.Any other comments or feedback you would like to make?

*We congratulate you on the production of a thorough analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. However, any resilient and thriving community must enjoy a secure food supply, ideally local and sustainable. This is surely part of our local economy which has an importance beyond its immediate obvious economic contribution.*

*It is interesting to realise the limits of what a local authority is empowered to do.*

Cllr Mrs Turner proposed approval of the draft response, seconded by Cllr Mrs Fabian and this was unanimously agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting and it was declared closed at 7.55 pm

