UPLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Upleadon Parish Council held on Thursday 10 September 2026 at Upleadon Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr H Dunn, Cllr M Manning, Cllr P Dallow, Cllr Mrs W Fabian

Apologies: Cllr T Rickard, Cllr Mrs P Turner

District Cllr P Burford, County Cllr Mrs G Moseley and one Member of the Public were present

2.1 Approval of Minutes of the Council meeting on 5 May 2026

Cllr Mrs Fabian proposed approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting of 5 May 2026 which was seconded by Cllr Manning and unanimously agreed after minor amendments.

2.2 Matters Arising

Min ref; 1.5 Atlas Tower – re phone mast to improve mobile coverage

Cllr Manning advised that he had not heard from Atlas Tower since May when he has given information with regard to location of a potential site near the Reservoir. It was agreed not to chase this further.

2.3 Finance sundry payments/Bank reconciliation

There were no sundry payments. Members had prior to the meeting been furnished with the latest Bank reconciliation up to August 2026. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Dallow, seconded by Cllr Manning and unanimously agreed

2.4 Correspondence

2.4.1 Forest of Dean District Council – to give consideration to supporting the Armed Forces Covenant

Members gave consideration to supporting the Armed Forces and discussed the merits of doing so and what would it involve. Cllr Mrs Fabian proposed the Council sign up to it, which was seconded by Cllr Dallow and all agreed

2.4.2 Forest of Dean District Council – Elections 2027 potential costs, for budgeting purposes

Members were furnished with detailed potential costings of the forthcoming Elections in 2027 depending on varying circumstances. The figures were noted.

2.5 Business

2.5.1 To give consideration to road safety in the Parish

A long discussion ensured with regard to road safety in the Parish. The Clerk advised she had tried to make enquiries with Highways regarding an enquiry received re road signage which was not applicable to Fix My Street and there appeared to be no telephone number to make an enquiry, the long standing existing number now being for emergency calls only. County Cllr Mrs Moseley advised she was following this up. The Clerk further advised that she had

walked around the village and observed and noted that the thirty mile per hour signage was in place at the entrances to the crossroads with additional "Slow" road markings and warning signs showing narrowing of roads. A discussion took place regarding the speed of traffic which appeared in many cases to ignore the limits in place and it was agreed to make enquires of the implications of possibly hiring a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign from other nearby Parishes and what the cost of doing so would be. It was also agreed to look into the criteria re hiring a Police speed gun. Cllr Mrs Moseley referred Members to the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council who had a Road Safety toolkit on their website which may be helpful. The Clerk advised that whilst walking around the village it appeared that much of the white road lines were very faint in places and needed repainting – County Cllr Mrs Moseley advised she would address this with Highways. She would also ask if it were possible to obtain a post to put camera on if successful in hiring.

2.5.2 Council laptop – to give further consideration to upgrade to Windows 11

The Clerk advised that GMT Solutions had advised by email that as discussed Windows 10 is now out of support and unlikely that current laptop would be able to run Windows 11 which has particular hardware requirements which do not feature in older laptops.

GMT Solutions advised they could provide a replacement laptop and were currently supplying Dells, and would recommend a refurbished or "scratch and dent" laptop. These are manufacturer refurbished by Dell, would be at a maximum of one yar old and with the scratch and dent models, may have minor cosmetic marks that do not affect the workings of the laptop. They come with a full 1 year Dell warranty.

They further advised that software transferring – requiring the Council to provide licence codes/logins to do this. This would be at a cost of £66.00.

GMT Solutions suggested a good medium spec with Intel 15th gen processor (max 1 year old) 8GB memory and 512GB storage – a recently quote for one was £522.00 plus vat. Should a new laptop be required it was suggested a budget for just over this amount to allow for fluctuations in price.

Cllr Mrs Fabian proposed that a refurbished laptop be sought with a specification and price as suggested. This was seconded by Cllr Manning and unanimously agreed.

2.5.3 Cllr Burford updated Members on the FoDDC Local Plan which has been withdrawn and advised that the Council was starting again with a 'gateway' process. He declined to vote on this because he thought there was sufficient evidence in the legal process to prevent settlement at Glynchbrook and Churcham.

Cllr Burford gave an update on Village Halls and disposal of its waste in black bins. As Village Halls can be let for commercial purposes, District Councils are no longer allowed to collect its waste.

Cllr Mrs Moseley gave details of Waste sites in the area, now that the Gloucester site was closed for refurbishment.

2.5.4 Date of next scheduled meeting

It was agreed the next scheduled meeting would be on Thurs 10 December 2026 at 7.30 pm, however it was agreed there would be a further meeting on Thus 24 September 2026 at 7.00 pm to discuss a recently received Planning application.

This concluded the business of the meeting and it was declared closed at approx. 9.15 pm.