

UPPER CLATFORD PARISH COUNCIL
 MINUTES OF THE MEETING
 HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE 2023
 AT 7.30 PM IN
 THE KING EDWARD VII MEMORIAL HALL

Councillors	Clerk	TVBC + County Councillors	Others
Cllrs P Heslop (Chairman) R Bennett (Deputy Chairman) R Hydes R Hawkins C Williams	E Attwood	Cllr Flood David Drew	

Prior to the meeting Derek Ray Vice Chairman Trustee of Village Hall was invited to discuss the Village Hall Committee's future relationship with the Parish Council.

- Cllr Heslop said the Village Hall was an integral asset of the village.
- There is no longer a Parish Councillor representative on the committee
- Suggested that a previous Cllr who has volunteered could continue to be the representative and attend PC meetings
- It was reported that the Village Hall is short of committee members
- Discussed the use of the car park by residents. This can cause issues when the hall and car park is let for larger events.
- VH constitution states assets have to be adequately rewarded and car park has to be available for people who rent the hall.
- The committee should be 14 but is managed by 9 people with 6 being trustees and they are currently looking for more volunteers.
- It was suggested that any item the VH Committee would like to share can be e mailed to the Clerk.
- Derek Ray explained two projects they are currently investigating; one is installing solar panels and the 2nd one is creating a paved surface with a BBQ.
- He is also mentioned that the surface of the car park needs to be redone.
- The Chairman said the PC would like to continue to stay in touch & support the committee.
- The Chairman complimented the Village Hall trustees on the running of the facility and thanked Derek Ray for attending the meeting.

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs C Eyre and Borough Cllr S Hasselmann
2.	To receive and accept declarations of interest: None reported
3.	Public Participation: None
4.	To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th May 2023 Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting Proposed Cllr Bennett, Seconded Cllr Williams, members agreed. Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting of the Parish Council held on the 18th of May be confirmed and signed as a true record
5.	To receive the Clerk's progress report since the last meeting held on 18th May 2023.

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Clerks Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The audit has been sent to BDO and notices added to noticeboards and website. • Receipts for the coronation deposited with Andy Pilley, await Invoice for the amount to be returned. • Online banking chased for outstanding Cllr needed to contact branch • Register of interest forms scanned for TVBC website will be added to our website when available • Founds electric report circulated – no action required • Gas boiler serviced • Awaiting news on training date for Cllrs • TVBC requested to empty bin • Website Governance documents & Highways tracker updated • Gas, electric and water readings provided by UCYFC • Fallen tree removed by One two tree at Balksbury Bridge Park • ROSPA report circulated • Ongoing discussions with Borough Councillor about public bins including TVBC including ensuring bins are on the new Bury Hill Meadows site and the walking routes to these areas. • Travellers descended on Water Meadows Watery Lane, landowner was advised, and they left site after approx. three days. • Tenancy at Will signed by tenant, have reminded solicitors that the tenant has been paying the same amount of rent and now the increase since 1st Dec is outstanding. Also ask them to remind tenant about repairs.
6.	<p>Planning- Review of decisions, applications, and responses:</p> <p>6.1 23/01006/LBWN - Norman Court Barn - Installation of solar panels to the barns. The application was discussed in particular highlighting that the NDP, Local Plan and NPPF all seek to protect the heritage and character of Grade 2 listed buildings, which despite the mitigations is a compelling reason for objection give that this is a Grade 2 listed barn in the Conservation Area. Cllrs who have not yet responded were asked to consider the application.</p> <p>6.2 23/01213/FULLN – Cob Barn Cottage - front entrance porch, conversion, and alteration of garages to provide bedroom, shower room, utility/boot room and alterations to rear elevation fenestration. No objection submitted by PC. Decision awaited.</p> <p>Resolved: Parish Councillors had no objection to this application.</p> <p>Update on previous decisions</p> <p>6.3 23/01033/FULLN - Tyne Cottage - No objection submitted. Tree planting scheme resulted in ‘no objection’ by TVBC Trees on 25 May. Decision awaited</p>

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	<p>6.4 21/02343/FULLN - Cricklade Lodge – Objection submitted. Amended site plan submitted by applicant on 12 Jun 23. Entrance now abutting the side of the outbuilding. Decision awaited</p> <p>6.5 22/18080/FULLN - Curry Cottages, Red Rice – Objection submitted by UCPC . Range of additional supporting material submitted by applicant on 17 Mar 23, including amended elevations, woodland statement, biodiversity enhancements, and proposed tree species. TVBC Landscape still objecting 05 Jun 23. Decision awaited.</p>																		
7.	<p>Borough Councillors Report Cllr Flood reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new share and prosperity fund will be launched soon. • Will investigate if the Village Hall’s solar panel project will qualify for funding under the community energy programme. • Sunday 18th June Secret Car Boot Sale in the Andover multistorey car park • Sunday 25th June Wellbeing day in Andover • Will investigate the opening date for Bury Ring Meadows opening date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Valley Borough Council Full Council met 24th May 2023. • Councillor Phil Lashbrook (Bellinger ward) elected as Mayor of Test Valley. • Councillor Gordon Bailey (Blackwater ward) elected as Deputy Mayor. • The Leader of the Council for the next four years Councillor Phil North (Bourne Valley) • Councillor Maureen Flood (Anna ward) – appointed Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources • Councillor Susanne Hasselmann (Anna ward) appointed Vice Chairman of the Audit Committee, and member of the Oversight & Scrutiny Committee 																		
8.	<p>County Councillors Report See appendix A Cllr Drew reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in waste disposal and management. See appendix A • HCC is £132,000,000 in deficit, consultation on HCC website for everyone to complete • Support for families with the cost of living. • Pot hole update see appendix A 																		
9	<p>9.1 Finance - To receive and approve the Financial Statement 1st May – 31st May 2023. The Clerk had circulated financial statements prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Resolved: That the financial statements between 1st May – 31st May was approved and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>9.2 Payments for approval</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">HALC - Membership</td> <td style="width: 20%;">PV5</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">£475.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HCC - Street Lighting</td> <td>PV6</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,488.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P Reynolds - Audit</td> <td>PV7</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TVBC</td> <td>PV 8</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£24.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Test Valley Brass - Coronation</td> <td>PV9</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wicksteed</td> <td>PC10</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£132.86</td> </tr> </table>	HALC - Membership	PV5	£475.25	HCC - Street Lighting	PV6	£1,488.75	P Reynolds - Audit	PV7	£250.00	TVBC	PV 8	£24.00	Test Valley Brass - Coronation	PV9	£150.00	Wicksteed	PC10	£132.86
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	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerks Pay PV11 £585.00 TMF Ellison refund coronation expenditure PV12 £114.53 Southern Electric PV13 £42.61</p> <p>Resolved: Payments for May 2023 were approved.</p> <p>9.3 Bank Statement quarterly check Cllr Williams verified the bank statements to the bank reconciliation.</p> <p>9.4 CPRE renewal Cllrs did not approve renewal of this subscription as they did not feel it was beneficial use of Parishioners money.</p>
10	<p>Playing Fields - To report the Monthly Monitoring of the Play Park Equipment</p> <p>10.1 Coronation Field (Anna Valley Playing Field) ROSPA report Cllr Williams reported that no items were highlighted as needing urgent attention. The conservation group will complete minor works. – Monitor whirlgig bearings, goal post corrosion, grass matting under swing seat</p> <p>10.2 Balksbury Bridge Playing Fields ROSPA report Cllr Williams reported that the fencing wires need attention. Cllr Bennett will tighten the fence. The conservation group will look at the seat repairs, tightening swing bolts and the bouncing board at the jetty. The fallen tree has been removed. The water signage just needs replacing.</p> <p>10.5 Toddler Play Park at Bury Hill Close This information can be added to the to the village website to make Parishioners aware of its location.</p>
11	<p>Trees and Open Space The following was reported.</p> <p>11.1 The Clerk will request a quote for the reinspection of the Parish trees from the arboriculture specialist used by the Parish Council previously.</p> <p>11.2 Red Rice Road – The dangerous tree at Clatford manner has now been removed.</p> <p>11.3 Bury Hill Meadows – The height restriction barrier is now in place.</p>
12	<p>Footpaths Highways Pilhil Brook & Bins</p> <p>12.1 Gates recreation ground – We are still waiting a response from the contractor, no response to his e mails at the moment. Photo with Cllr Flood will be required once installed. It was approved that Cllr Bennett could reclaim his fuel money for collecting the permissive signs from the HCC depot in Basingstoke .</p> <p>12.2 Dog Signs – The “no dog” sign will remain on the Pavilion; it was decided not to put clean up after your dog signs as this will imply this is a dog exercise area rather than a footpath to stay safe.</p> <p>12.3 Highways – The pot hole is now repaired on corner at Sycamores.</p> <p>12.4 Tracking HCC reports. The tracker will be updated on the website.</p> <p>12.5 The Clerk will contact HCC Highways for an update on the traffic calming measures for Watery Lane. The temporary bridge barrier needs replacing alongside a missing rail.</p> <p>12.6 Speed Indicator Device - It was reported that the batteries are only holding charge for five days before they need recharging. The Clerk will get a quote for the price of some new batteries.</p>

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	<p>12.7 Conservation Group Cllr Bennett is setting up a bank account to hold funds for ongoing costs for purchasing/replacing equipment. It is also hoped the Mayfayre committee will provide some additional funds. Resolved: A grant of £100 was approved for the Conservation Group under section 137 to support volunteers maintaining the village.</p> <p>12.8 Bury Ring – Cllr Bennett will apply for a HCC grant on behalf of the PC (£5000) for materials to restore the footpath in the name of the PC.</p> <p>12.9 Hillfort Marathon – This will pass through Watery lane 8.00- 8.30am and Sam Whites Hill 8.45 – 10.30am on the 29th of October 2023.</p>
13	<p>External Committees and Event –</p> <p>13.1 Cllr Eyre has had a meeting with Maggie Shelton (Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and project manager of the Watercress and Winterbourne Community Catchment) and Janet Wright (Pan Parish Forum). River pollution testing will take place with volunteer leaders having training from MS & JW. Cost of water testing kits will be met by the project as they have funds available. The project covers the whole Pillhill catchment area to the junction with Anton river.</p> <p>13.2 Cllr Heslop has been invited to view Langford Lakes near Salisbury with the Parish Pan Forum.</p>
14.	<p>Pavilion & Sports field</p> <p>14.1 Cllr Hasselmann has investigated why some bins are charged for and others are not. As the Pavilion is not a rateable building the Parish Council (the bin is on PC owned land) must now pay for the removal of rubbish in a bin that fits TVBC's criteria for emptying. Resolved: Cllrs approved the purchase of a Glasdon Jubilee Litter bin costing £440.92 plus £95.39 installation costs.</p> <p>14.2 Cricket Gear – No home has been found as of yet.</p>
15	<p>Correspondence and E mails (circulated)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E mail from solicitor stating tenancy of will signed • Copied into in e mail sent to TVBC about vegetation that needed cutting back in parish • E mail from Parishioner re tree/vegetation over hanging garden from footpath back of White Oak Way – directed to reported to HCC with photos. • TVBC – Reminded Cllrs to return Nil expenses forms from Elections • Meter readings from UCYFC – Invoices for utilities will be adjusted to reflect – hanging on phone poor use of clerk's time. • Confirmation from Cllr Hyde no conflict of interest with external auditor (as he was not present at meeting) • Over Wallop Neighbourhood plan for comments • Update Cllr Drew re School bus – school transport team HCC in discussion with bus company • Confirmation of removal of Cllrs from bank account • Resident backing onto village hall carpark will be having some fences repaired. Promised no damage to village hall carpark. • Mayfayre Committee thank you e mail to everyone who helped

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17	Chalk Pit rental update - The Clerk reported that the tenancy at will agreement has been signed and that she will ask the solicitor for an update on the outstanding rent and maintenance before the next meeting.
19	Any items for next month's meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects • Sports Field Consultation
20	The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on Wednesday 12th July 2023.

Appendix A

Historic Hampshire records go online in next phase of Ancestry® partnership with County Council

Baptism, burial, and marriage records spanning 400 years of history are now available online due a partnership between Hampshire County Council and Ancestry®. The records will be available to Hampshire residents for free via public libraries and Winchester's Record Office. Prominent Hampshire residents featured in the collection include Florence Nightingale, Jane Austen, and Thomas Lord

Dating back to the 16th century, parish records are some of the longest running records available and are some of the best resources to use when tracing family roots.

The Parish Records are now available on Ancestry®, which covers over 400 years of Hampshire's history. These records hold so much insight about the ancestors of people from Hampshire and will be a great tool in finding out more about the lives they lived.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230526HistoricRecordsAncestry>

Hampshire communities receive climate change action boost

More communities across Hampshire can be empowered to take positive action on climate change over the next three years, thanks to almost £0.5million of National Lottery funding awarded to the Greening Campaign, with support from Hampshire County Council

Following a successful bid, and in partnership with the County Council, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Southampton University, £495,000 of funding will allow The Greening Campaign to work with more communities to make meaningful changes to tackle climate change. This could include improving the energy efficiency of people's homes, reducing CO2, reducing waste, reusing, and repairing, being more sustainable through locally grown produce and providing green spaces for wildlife to thrive.

The Greening Campaign is a structured process, guiding communities to act on climate change and biodiversity locally. Guidance, based on experience gained from working with over 200 other groups across the UK, provides a blueprint for success for each step of the Update from Hampshire County Council – June 2023

way, starting with motivating people in the community to get involved, through to making it fun and rewarding.

The Campaign works in rural villages and towns and with Parish and Town Councils, residents' associations, and libraries to also support communities in deprived areas.

For more information and to book a place visit Events – www.greening-campaign.org

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230510GreeningLot>

Learn as you grow - new courses to support Hampshire families throughout the years

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Families in Hampshire can now access free online courses to help parents and guardians build their confidence and better understand the behaviour, development, and mental health of the child or young person they are supporting

Hampshire County Council has partnered with the 'Solihull Approach' – a recognised resource for families designed by psychologists and professionals – to fund the courses, which are tailored to different ages and stages of a child's development, from pregnancy to teen years and beyond. Through a series of interactive sessions, the Solihull Approach courses provide advice and practical tips aimed at anyone caring for a child or young person, including parents, guardians, foster carers and grandparents.

There are different challenges at every stage of looking after a child or young person. It is important that parents and carers are supported throughout this journey to build their resilience and to meet their child's needs as they continue to change and grow over time. As well as families, professionals working with children can also benefit from free courses focusing on understanding trauma, attachment, and brain development.

Visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/solihullapproach> for more information and details of how to register for free, unlimited access to the courses.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230522solihullapproach>

Councillor Patricia Stallard elected Chairman of Hampshire County Council

The County Council's chain of office has passed to Councillor Patricia Stallard who has been elected as Hampshire County Council's new Chairman

Councillor Stallard who represents the Winchester Southern Parishes electoral division on the County Council was elected to the position at the Annual Meeting of the Authority on Thursday 18 May 2023.

County Council to urge more support for Hampshire families struggling with the rising cost of living

Hampshire County Council has pledged to further press Government for more support for Hampshire families with school-age children, in the face of escalating living costs

At the Authority's AGM today (18 May), a formal motion was passed unanimously acknowledging the impacts of ongoing cost of living pressures facing families, particularly Update from Hampshire County Council – June 2023

relating to school meals and children's uniforms. In a planned letter to the Minister of State for Education, the Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Rob Humby, will press Government for a review of the national eligibility criteria for free school meals, to give more children the opportunity to access a healthy school meal needed to fully develop and flourish. Hampshire's MPs will also be urged to lobby Government on this issue.

As schools are responsible for their own school uniform policies, the County Council also committed at the meeting to actively remind all Hampshire schools of statutory guidance in relation to keeping down school uniform costs. This includes minimising the need for branded items, and ensuring clothing is available from suppliers which have evidenced their value for money. In addition, those who do not already have a uniform exchange scheme are encouraged to set one up.

Hampshire residents concerned about their finances are encouraged to visit the 'cost of living and money worries' advice page on the Connect to Support Hampshire website - which signposts to a wide range of local and national support and advice services. Further information is available from the County Council's Help with the Cost-of-Living web pages, which contain advice and information about a range of issues from debt management and finance support to mental wellbeing.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230518costofliving>

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An extra £14 million to help support Hampshire households with the cost of living Hampshire County Council has announced plans for how £14.2million of additional funding will be used to help local households struggling with the cost of food and energy prices. The funding is an extension of Government's Household Support Fund (HSF) until the end of March 2024.

In a change to previous HSF rules, the County Council has now been able to allocate up to £200,000 of funding to provide locally based food and energy advice services, alongside practical help with costs.

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The funding allocations also include:-

Hampshire-wide grants

- £880,500 to Citizens Advice to support households with utility costs;
- £800,000 to support the community pantry network;
- £500,000 in grants for organisations supporting vulnerable residents across Hampshire;
- £440,000 to the Environment Centre to provide guidance and support to households on energy-related issues;
- £361,000 to organisations supporting unpaid carers;
- £240,000 to extend the community wellbeing service for vulnerable older people.

Community grants

- £800,000 in community grants for locally based organisations to support residents.

Grants to District/Borough Councils

- £3,441,870 to provide food vouchers;
- £1,001,000 to support with exceptional housing costs.

Grants through education settings

- £2,845,622 for schools, colleges, and early years settings to offer support at their own discretion to families most in need of help.

Hampshire County Council social care support

- £460,000 in direct fuel support to vulnerable adults;
- £715,000 in food vouchers to foster carers and connected carers;
- £177,400 to supply food vouchers to care leavers.

The connect4communities website brings together information on the Household Support Fund and the Department for Education-backed Holiday Activities and Food programme for children during school holidays. The site includes further details both for households seeking help and organisations looking to deliver support.

The site is currently being updated with the latest news and details. Information on applying for community grants will be added when available.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230511-hsf4>