

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL

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All Parish Councillors

Dear Councillors,

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL - NOTICE OF MEETING **THURSDAY 18th July 2019**, starting at 7.30pm in Uplowman Village Hall

The next meeting of this Council will be on **THURSDAY 18th July 2019**, starting at 7.30pm in Uplowman Village Hall with any comments from the public. Draft Minutes of the last meeting have been circulated and can be found at <https://parish.middevon.gov.uk/Uplowman>.

Our first action will be to formally welcome Mrs Nicky Branton and confirm her co-option as a councillor.

I attach a letter from Mr Andy Bolt regarding planning for Crosses Farm Field. This was circulated previously and I enclose it again for convenience, as Mr Bolt asked for it to be considered at the meeting.

I receive a number of emailed newsletters and updates. I circulate some and not others, according to what I perceive to be your interests. I attach a list of all the ones I get and would appreciate guidance on what you would like to see – can we go through the list at the meeting and cross off all the ones you don't wish to have circulated, please.

John Veen has been maintaining the leat as requested by UPC. He says that the section between Waterside and the Redwoods is not being maintained on the far side as it should be done by the riparian owners. I have added an item to consider this.

The following dates are booked for 2019 (all Thursdays): 19th Sept and 21st Nov. I will soon be booking our meeting dates for next year and assume that you are all happy with the present arrangements for meetings on the third Thursdays of each second month.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Hodgson (Clerk to Uplowman Parish Council)

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AGENDA FOR MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, UPLOWMAN, ON THURSDAY 18th July 2019 at 7.30pm

The evening will start with an open session at which parishioners may raise matters of concern. All are welcome to observe the council meeting.

1. Attendance.
 - 1.1 Welcome and cooption of Mrs N Branton as councillor.
2. Procedural matters, including reports from DCC and MDDC:
 - 2.1 Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of last meeting (16 May 2019)
4. Matters arising from Minutes of last meeting not covered elsewhere
5. Finance and procedures
 - 5.1 Current position :

Bank balance at last meeting :	£7,331.29
Income since last meeting (VAT reclaim)	£92.56
Expenditure authorised on 16 May:	£360.61
Current balance:	£7,063.24
 - 5.2 Payments for approval:
 - R Hodgson, Clerk's expenses (£10.36)
 - W J Veen, grass cutting (£221.25p)
 - 5.3 Clerk's Biennial appraisal
6. Planning
 - 6.1 Crosses Farm development: Letter from Mr A Bolt
 - 6.2 19/0976/House: Fair Oak: Veranda & Carport. UPC had no objection.
 - 6.3 19/1067/House: School House: Erection of extension & Balcony. To be discussed
7. Parish Planning
 - 7.1 Update on progress of Parish Planning group. Nothing to report.
8. Correspondence (See attached list plus any correspondence received after this notice)
 - 8.1 Environment, SWW, etc:
 - 8.2 Local Plans and Surveys.
 - 8.3 General Correspondence
 - 8.5 Village projects
9. Hall & Recreation Association
 - 9.1 Report.
10. Emergency Planning & Neighbourhood Watch
 - 10.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report. No crimes reported in Uplowman during May
11. Community Projects and matters.
 - 11.1 Maintenance of Leat by riparian owners.
 - 11.2 Bus shelter progress
 - 11.3 Parish noticeboard requires attention
 - 11.4 Proposals for projects for the coming year.
12. Parish Transport/Paths.
 - 12.1 Update
13. Date of next meeting (Thursday 19 Sept 2019, to be confirmed).

CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING (16 May 2019)

5. Finances

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
490		HMRC	Submitted VAT claim for past 2 years (£92.56p)	12/05/19
491	24/05/19	Cllr Slade	Details of DCC grants and funding	
492	07/06/19	PKF Littlejohn	Aknowledging receipt of Certificat of Exemption from Audit	
493	10/07/19	NatWest	Statement. Balance = £7063.24p	
494	12/07/19	J Veen	Invoice for grass cutting etc (£221.25p)	

6. PLANNING

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
660	24/05/19	Cllr R Radford	With reply to TM queries about permitted development	04/07/19
661	29/05/19	Mr A Bolt	Development at Crosses Farm – circulated to UPC	
662	14/06/19	MDDC	19/0976/H: Fair Oak: Veranda & Carport	
663	28/06/19	MDDC	19/1067/H: School House: Extension & Balcony	

7.1 ENVIRONMENT, including Sewerage, Recycling, Roads & rivers

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
334	21/06/19	DCC	Confirmation of adoption of Whitnage Lane as bridleway	

7.2 LOCAL PLANS & SURVEYS, including HRA

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
314			Nothing	

7.3 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
1607	17/05/19	Glasdon	Bins & gates: street furniture catalogues	
1608	19/08/19	HAGS	Playground stuff	
1609	01/07/19	Creative Play	Play equipment	

7.5 Village projects.

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
336			Nothing	

Plus about 252 incoming emails. Support for councillors: <http://www.ntselearning.co.uk> for information and on-line courses.

Dear Parish Councillor

29/5/2019

I am writing this email to you as courtesy to say that there will be another application for development at Crosses Farm Uplowman in with Mid Devon planning department shortly. There are many reasons for this but mainly this is down to the changes to the new NPPF 2019, J27, still no 5 year plan and permission granted recently in Uplowman for 2 new houses.

The new NPPF 2019 focuses on allowing communities to grow. The LPA Mid Devon has no 5 year housing plan and this has been the case for some years and it looks as if the Inspector is not happy with their new proposed plan as it concentrates too much on the Cullompton area and the LPA have to address the short fall for the next 5 years leaving great weight to be given to "presumption in favour of sustainable development"

Secondly the use of Brownfield sites of which Equestrian land is Brownfield land. Thirdly the new NPPF gives great encouragement to sites of less than 1 hectare that are available to be used which can accommodate less than 10 houses. All of the above is laid out in the government white paper and at a recent housing seminar in Exeter Kit Malthouse MP (housing Minister) made it clear that the LPA have a duty to look strongly at brownfield sites in their area and should give them great weight towards development.

Crosses farm is a brownfield site it is less than 1 Hectare and the new app is for 8 houses so adheres to all of the above, it is vacant land with no issues and ready for development.

Since the original application was turned down at Crosses Farm because there is no shop 2 new house application just outside of Uplowman have been past, (18/00283/out and 17/01108/out) proving that the new NPPF is as mentioned.

When Phil Adcock and myself started the Football team almost 30 years ago and then I came up with the idea of a New Village hall and called the first village meeting there were many people that said that the village hall would be a white Elephant but as you have seen this is not the case so as a resident of Uplowman village for 37 years I ask you to look at the great merits of passing this application and the great benefits it will bring to the village and help sustain the future of our Pub, School, Post Office, Hall, Church etc which most residents consider to be the heart of the village and the main reasons for living in such a thriving village as Uplowman , and as the village is fortunate to have a great amount of facilities it also supports surrounding villages as well.

This new application at crosses farm illustrates clearly what a great site it is for development having all the services on site and as there were no objections from highways and any professional bodies in the old application this must make this new application a very sound proposal, along with significant contributions to Uffculme school, the village recreation area and on top of this the developer is prepared to negotiate the building of a new shop/post office in the village for the village but as you are aware if the application goes to an appeal and is past then there will be no obligation for the developer to fulfil these obligations along with any contributions.

Many thanks Mr & Mrs A Bolt

P.S. We are happy to discuss any of the above on site with any of the parish councillors if you so wish, to organise this please ring Andy on 07831 104 894.

EMAILED NEWSLETTERS/correspondence/etc. For meeting of 18 July 2019

For discussion at meeting: Please confirm which of the following UP Councillors would like to receive.

From Mid Devon:

Planning Applications will be circulated according to our procedures. Regular mails include:

Agendas for committees, eg
 Planning
 Scrutiny
 Audit
 Licensing
 Regulatory ... and others

Town & Parish Newsletter (monthly)

Press releases / public news items

From Devon CC

Press Releases with info on DCC policies etc.

From National Association of Local Councils (NALC)

Newsletters with onfo about national local council issues

CEO bulletins

From Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC)

Monthly newsletters with onfo on training, local events and topical advice

From Healthwatch Devon

monthly E-bulletins on health issues in Devon

Also a hard copy version available from time to time

From Rural Services Network

Monthly bulletins of information on national rural events and activities

Monthly Rural funding digest with info on grants and funding opportunities

From Citizens Advice (Torridge, Mid, North & West Devon)

Monthly newsletter

From Clerks & Councils Direct (by snail-mail)

A useful monthly magazine with news of local councils across the country and handy legal advice.