

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL

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All Parish Councillors

Dear Councillors,

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL - NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY 20th July 2023, at 7.30pm IN UPLOWMAN VILLAGE HALL

The next meeting of this Council will be on **THURSDAY 20th July 2023 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, UPLOWMAN**, starting at 7.30pm.

I attach a list of updates and proposals for decision, which I hope will be useful.

The following meeting dates are arranged for 2023: 21st Sept, and 16th November (all Thursdays).

Yours sincerely,

Robert

Robert Hodgson (Clerk to Uplowman Parish Council)

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MEETING on THURSDAY 20th July 2023
To be held in Uplowman Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm

The meeting will start with an open session, when parishioners may raise matters of concern.

1. Attendance & Apologies for absence.
 - 1.1 Proposals to fill vacancy arising from uncontested election & election of Vice Chair
2. Reports from DCC and MDDC.
3. Minutes of last meeting (18th May 2023).
 - 3.1 Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting not covered elsewhere.

4. Finance and procedures

4.1 Current position :

Bank balance at last meeting :		£22,838.07
Income since last meeting (*)		£5,128.97
Expenditure authorised on/since 18 May 2023:		£10,924.93
Current balance:		£17,042.11

*Income = VAT reclaim, grant from DCC for Trim Trail and trim trail support payment

- 4.2 Payments for approval:
 - Playquest, balance of Trim Trail (£11,490.00)
 - Redwoods Inn, grass cutting (£130.00)
 - Payment for sign, £300, to be confirmed
 - 4.3 Certificate of Exemption from Limited Assurance Audit has been submitted
5. Planning
- 5.1 23/00684/PIP: Land at Stonebridge, 2 self-builds, UPC objected, decision awaited
 - 5.2 22/01345/FULL: Chamberlains, relocate equestrian building. UPC no object, Permitted 30 June
 - 5.3 23/00385/FULL: Hill farm erect shed, MDDC Permitted 17 May
 - 5.4 23/00354/FULL: Willow Barn, erect holiday cottage. UPC objected, decision awaited
 - 5.5 23/00472/FULL: Widhayes: Cattle Shed, UPC no objection, MDDC permitted 22 May
 - 5.6 23/00541/HOUSE: Sanctuary Fm Hse convert garage. UPC no objection, permitted 30 May
 - 5.7 23/00498/FULL: Beer Down, erect shed –No objection, decision awaited
 - 5.8 23/00974/HOUSE. Fair oak, erect shed. To be discussed
 - 5.9 23/00948/LBC: School – temporary classroom to be discussed
 - 5.10 Consultation about proposed tip at Greenway.
 - 5.11 MDDC Consultation on Meeting Housing Needs (Affordable housing policy)
6. Community Projects and matters.
- 6.1 Village signs need to be erected.
 - 6.2 Broadband update
 - 6.3 Trim Trail update. Now complete and in operation
 - 6.4 Use of £275 from Parish Magazine plus £250 held from 2022-3
 - 6.5 Suggestion to install bus shelter for Uffculme students behind Redwoods
7. Environment & Healthy living
- 7.1 Reducing Uplowman's carbon footprint proposals
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
 - 8.4 Village projects
9. Hall & Recreation Association Report
10. Emergency Planning & Neighbourhood Watch
11. Parish Roads/Paths.
- 11.1 Railings by leat at Redwoods.
 - 11.2 Request to smooth grass in front of Council houses.
12. Date of next meeting (Thursday 21st Sept 2023).

CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING (18 May 2023)

5. Finances

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
900		Community First	Sent annual Insurance premium	20/05/23
901		PKF Littlejohn	Submitted Certificate of exemption from Audit	24/05/23
902		HMRC	VAT Reclaim (£2046.87)	31/05/23
903	06/05/23	DCC	£3,000 from Growing Communities Fund	
904	09/07/23	Nat West	Tiverton Branch to close Oct 10 th .	
905	11/07/23	PlayQuest	Final invoice for Trim Trail (£11490.00)	
906	12/07/23	The Redwoods	Invoice for grass cutting (£130.00)	
907	12/07/23	Nat West	Statement, balance =£17042.11	

6. PLANNING & LICENSING

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
981	17/05/23	MDDC	23/00385/FULL: Hill Farm shed, granted	
982	22/05/23	MDDC	23/00528/FULL: Beer Down Fm cottage chimney granted	
983	22/05/23	MDDC	23/00472/FULL: Widhayes cattles shed granted	
984		MDDC	23/00684/PIP: Stonebridge self build, UPC objected	22/04/23
985	30/05/23	MDDC	23/00541/HOUSE: Sanctuary extension granted	
986		MDDC	23/00498/FULL: Beer Down Shed, UPC no Objection	07/06/23
987	08/06/23	A parishioner	E Mere Farm planning application - circulated	
908	12/06/23	MDDC	23/00482/CLU: Uplowman House Cert of Lawfulness	
909	13/06/23	MDDC	22/01345/FULL: Chamberlains shed, granted	
910	08/07/23	MDDC	23/00948/LBC: School – temporary classroom TBD	
911	12/07/23	MDDC	23/00974/HOUSE. Fair oak, erect shed. TBD	
912	13/07/23	MDDC	23/00482/CLU: Uplowman House Cert of Lawfulness issued	

7.1 ENVIRONMENT, including Sewerage, Recycling, Roads & rivers, Healthy living

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
393	25/05/23	USL	Road will be closed at Staplegate Cottages 18 Aug	
394	31/05/23	DCC HO	Does not consider drains needed at Whitnaga	

7.2 LOCAL PLANS & SURVEYS, including HRA

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
334	13/07/23	MDDC	Consultation on affordable housing policy 17 Jul-25 Aug	

7.3 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
1723	03/07/23	Royal Mail	Not looking to reopen Uplowman PO	
1724	08/07/23	C&CD	Clerks & Councils Direct magazine	

7.5 Village projects.

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
357	25/05/23	Airband	Attend UPC Meeting? Replied with dates	
358	various	various	Correspondence regarding trimtrail.	

UPDATES AND DECISIONS NEEDED

Item 1.1 Proposals to fill vacancies

A cooptee is needed soon!

Item 5.1: Self build homes at Stonebridge

UPC objected. Nothing further heard.

Item 5.10: Inert Landfill & Waste recycling at Greenway

No further news of this. No application received. Halberton PC has been consulted.

Item 5.11: Meeting Housing Needs: MDDC Affordable housing policy consultation.

Details were circulated by email. MDDC's consultation will run from 17 July to 25 August. UPC to consider whether a corporate response is needed.

Item 6.1: Village signs:

Are made. Plan for finishing and erecting them is required. We understand they could be erected as they are and allowed to weather or they could be oiled to enhance the natural colour, The letters could be painted in. U-bolts will be needed to attach them to existing poles.

Item 6.2: Broadband Update

Airband requested to meet with PC. They are unable to make either this meeting or the September date.

Item 6.3: Trim Trail

Is now completed and officially opened. One outstanding invoice of £11490.00 to be paid. Bank statement confirms that VAT refund has been received and funds are thus available.

Congratulations to all who organised this so efficiently.

6.4: Use of grants from parish magazine

The SP & U parish magazine has generously sent us £275 as our grant this year. After paying for the village signs, there will be £250 remaining from last year's grant, making £525 available for discretionary spend. **Decision required on how to use this money.**

6.5: Bus shelter by leat

Paul at the Redwoods asked if UPC might consider a shelter for the Uffculme school students who wait for their bus beside the Leat.

11.1 Railings by leat

Are now completely rotted in places. I have emailed the Highways Officer and will report what he says. Would UPC consider funding replacement?

11.2 Grass in front of Council Houses

Paul at Redwoods asks if the grass area could be levelled/smoothed to facilitate mowing. It is not UPC's property so consultation with MDDC would be needed.