

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL

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All Parish Councillors

Dear Councillors,

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL - NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY 21st September 2023, at 7.30pm IN UPLOWMAN VILLAGE HALL

The next meeting of this Council will be on **THURSDAY 21st September 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.

Cllr Westerman and I attended a meeting to discuss opposition to the proposed landfill at Greenway. I attach a letter of objection sent by the group to DCC for your information.

The following meeting dates are arranged for 2023: 16th November. Also, I have booked the hall for the following dates in 2024 (all Thursdays): 18th January, 21st March, 16th May, 19th September, and 21st November.

Sadly, the 'usual' date for our July meeting, which should be 18th July, has been booked for over a year by a Caravan Club. **Lynne says UPC can have the 17th or the following Thursday (25th)**. We can discuss which you would prefer at the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Robert

Robert Hodgson (Clerk to Uplowman Parish Council)

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MEETING on THURSDAY 21st Sept 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
2. Reports from DCC and MDDC.
3. Minutes of last meeting (20th July 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 :		£17,042.11
Income since last meeting		£0.00
Expenditure authorised on 20 July 2023:		£11,620.00
Current balance:		£5,422.11

- 4.2 Payments for approval:
 - Payment for sign, £300, to be confirmed
 - R Hodgson, expenses + salary (£17.10 + £750.00, as budget)
 - Redwoods Inn, grass cutting (£214.10p)
 - UHRA, Hire of Hall May to Sept (£48.00)
 - Mid Devon District Council, Uncontested election (£127.35)
5. Planning
 - 5.1 23/00684/PIP: Land at Stonebridge, 2 self-builds, UPC objected, decision awaited
 - 5.2 23/00354/FULL: Willow Barn, erect holiday cottage. UPC objected, decision awaited
 - 5.3 23/00498/FULL: Beer Down, erect shed –No objection, MDDC approved 15/08/23
 - 5.4 23/00974/HOUSE. Fair oak, erect shed. UPC no objection, MDDC approved 01/09/23
 - 5.5 23/00948/LBC: School – temporary classroom. MDDC decided LBC not required 18/8/23
 - 5.6 DCC/4358/2023: Greenway landfill. UPC objected on grounds of access. Decision awaited
 - 5.7 23/01358/FULL: Uplowman House, erect 1 residence. To be discussed
 - 5.8 23/00919/FULL: Cott farm, erect 2 shepherd’s huts for holiday let, to be discussed
6. Community Projects and matters.
 - 6.1 Village signs need to be finished and erected (Cllrs Westerman & Adcock).
 - 6.2 Broadband update – Airband to make presentation in November
 - 6.3 Proposals for use of £275 from Parish Magazine plus £250 held from 2022-3 (Cllr Adcock)
 - 6.4 New coordinator needed for Book Swap
 - 6.5 Request to trim trees on green.
7. Environment & Healthy living
 - 7.1 Taking a lead on reducing Uplowman’s carbon footprint
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
 - 10.1 Review and finalise output from working group
11. Parish Roads/Paths.
 - 11.1 Timing of Whitnage road repairs.
 - 11.2 Snow Wardens and salt bins
 - 11.3 Signage to reduce use of Whitnage Lane by large vehicles
 - 11.4 Speeding at Crossways
12. Date of next meeting (Thursday 16th November 2023).

CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING (20 July 2023)

5. Finances

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
908	13/09/23	Redwoods	Invoice for grass cutting	
909	14/09/23	UHRA	Invoice for Hall hire	

6. PLANNING & LICENSING

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
993	18/07/23	MDDC	23/01137/FULL: Uplozman House variation to 1 house	27/07/23
994	28/07/23	MDDC	23/01057/PNAG: The Beeches shed extension: withdrawn	
995	01/08/23	DCC	DCC/4358/2023: Planning app for Greenway landfill	22/08/23
996		MDDC	23/00948/LBC: Up School Temporary class, UPC no objection	02/08/23
997		MDDC	23/00974/HOUSE: Fair oak erect shed. UPC no objection	02/08/23
998	15/08/23	MDDC	23/00498/FULL: Beer Down shed, approved	
993B	31/08/23	A Elliott	Info on Greenway landfill and meeting – circulated to parish	
997B	01/09/23	MDDC	23/01137/FULL: Uplozman Hse variation to 1 house withdrawn	
999	01/09/23	MDDC	23/00974/HOUSE: Fair oak erect shed. MDDC approved	
1000	07/09/23	MDDC	23/01358/FULL: Uplozman House, erect 1 residence	
1001	11/09/23	MDDC	23/00919/FULL: Cott fm, erect 2 shepherd's huts	
	12/09/23	MDDC	Training in Class Q on 19 Oct - forwarded	

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

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
395	19/07/23	Devon AA	Air ambulance may land at night using own lights	
396	22/08/23	C Marlow	Informing truck stuck Whitnage and request signs	22/08/23
397	24/08/23	L Phillips	Concern at speeding at crossways. Sign needed?	25/08/23
398	25/08/23	DCC HO	Highways officer inspected Whitnage la- will sort it	
399	07/09/23	R Clark	Cut back hawhorn on Green, please	07/09/23
400	13/09/23	DCC HO	Whitnage Rd assessed. Timing to be advised by UPC	

7.2 LOCAL PLANS & SURVEYS, including HRA

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
335				

7.3 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
1725	26/07/23	Airband	Accepting invitation to Nov meeting	
1726	30/08/23	C Marlow	Resigning as book swap coordinator – no time!	
1727	30/08/23	MDDC	Chair's invitation to annual Civic Service - forwarded	
1728	30/08/23	MDDC	Councillor training available at Tiv TC. Forwarded.	
1729	06/09/23	C&CD	Clerks & Councils Direct magazine	

7.5 Village projects.

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
359			Various correspondence re. Trim trail	

UPDATES AND DECISIONS NEEDED

3.1 Matter arising - Railings by leat

DCC have put them on the list for action but concede that it might be some time. UPC could take emergency action. Cllr Westerman inspected and considers nothing practical is possible beyond full replacement.

Item 5.6: Inert Landfill & Waste recycling at Greenway

A planning application is now under consideration, expected decision 25th October. UPC has objected to the proposal on ground of the limited access for heavy vehicles. Cllr Westerman represented UPC at a meeting of the group opposed to this project on 23 August. Group's letter of objection attached.

Item 6.1: Village signs:

As agreed at last meeting, these need to have lettering coloured and to be oiled for protection before mounting them on the existing poles. **Cllrs Westerman and Adcock to action.**

Item 6.2: Broadband Update

Airband (Faye Cross, Communit Liaison Officer) will attend UPC November meeting to present their plans for broadband roll-out. No further news of the Openreach network development.

Item 6.3: Use of grants from parish magazine

The SP & U parish magazine has generously sent us £275 as our grant this year. £250 remains unspent from last year. **Cllr Adcock to inform meeting of proposals for sound system in Hall for decision.**

Item 6.5: Trees on green

Richard Clark writes: 'Could we draw attention to the big shrub on the Green, Hawthorne I think? It's quite a picture in the Spring with lovely pink flowers. It is becoming somewhat overgrown with dead areas appearing in it and could possibly require professional pruning and bringing down in height. Should the PC decide to do this, we also have a self seeded elder appear from nowhere which can spread like weed and it may be worth considering what to do with that "while we are at it." Alternatively this is something I may be able to remove myself.' **UPC to agree on appropriate action.**

Item 10.1 Emergency Plan

Draft plan was circulated by Cllr Moore on 30 August (attached for convenience) with suggestions for updates. Cllr Westerman is producing a map of the flood risk areas in the parish. **Agreement on finalising the plan is required.**

11.1 Whitnage road repairs

Repairs will take 2 days to prepare and up to 5 days to complete, during which time the road will be closed. UPC has been consulted and responded that those most critically affected will be Locks Farm and Whitnage Farm as milk lorries need to access at no more than 48 hour intervals. DCC has been informed and asked to liaise. Latest info is that work is planned for the February half term.

11.2 Salt bins

It was agreed to discuss replenishment of salt bins at this meeting. DCC has a 'Snow Warden' scheme through which these matters are arranged and UPC may wish to participate in the scheme, which is explained at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/opportunities/snow-warden-scheme> **UPC to agree appropriate action.**

11.3 Whitnage Lane signage

On 21st August a large articulated lorry attempted to pass up Whitnage Lane from Sampford Peverell. It reached past Marigold Cottage, before finding itself unable to continue. Extraction of this vehicle required heavy equipment and took almost a day, resulting in damage to the banks and road surface as well as disruption to many journeys. UPC has been asked to consider funding 'unsuitable for large vehicles' signs if DCC are unable to do so. There is a wider question about sat-nav routing – we understand that commercial sat-navs are supposed to avoid unsuitable routes. **UPC to agree appropriate action.**

11.4 Speeding at Crossways

Lee Phillips writes: 'I live at number 5 crossways. just wondering if it's possible to get a slow down sign or speed sign installed outside of our property somewhere? Cars are speeding more and more recently past our house. my children come out the bottom of our drive on their bikes onto the road and it scares me still the thought of them being hit'. **UPC to agree appropriate action.**