

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL

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All Parish Councillors

Dear Councillors,

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL - NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY 25th July 2024, at 7.30pm IN UPLOWMAN VILLAGE HALL

The next meeting of this Council will be on **THURSDAY 25th July 2024 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.

I have booked the hall for the following dates in 2024 (all Thursdays): 19th September and 21st November. I have also asked Lynne to book the following dates in 2025: 16 Jan, 20 March, 15 May, 17 July, 18 Sept and 21 Nov and await her confirmation.

Yours sincerely,

Robert

Robert Hodgson (Clerk to Uplowman Parish Council)

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MEETING on THURSDAY 25th July 2024
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 Succession planning for Chair 2025-6
2. Reports from DCC and MDDC.
3. Minutes of last meeting (16 May 2024).
 - 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 :	£5,939.06
Income since last meeting (VAT reclaim)	£1930.60
Expenditure authorised on 16 May	£464.18
Current balance:	£7,405.48

4.2 Payments for approval:

Paul Hayman, grass cutting (£192.00)

R Adcock, mounting map (£738.00)

Mrs M Norman, refreshments for Celebrating Uplowman, (£200.00)

R Hodgson, Clerk's expenses, (£113.55 or £10.70)

Note: Clerk's May cheque was banked but has not been received or debited from UPC. Assumed lost.

- 4.3 Annual Audit paperwork has been submitted to the auditor and report is awaited. Period for Public consultation is completed.

5. Planning

5.1 DCC/4358/2023: Greenway landfill. UPC objected on grounds of access. DCC decision awaited.

5.2 23/00684/PIP Land behind Stonebridge, Permission in Principle for 2 self-build houses. MDDC refused the application and an Appeal has been made against the refusal.

6. Community Projects and matters.

6.1 Supporting the Redwoods Inn development. Application to register as Asset of Community Value has been made.

6.2 Village map project completed. Reflections on Village celebration on 5th July

6.3 Thorn tree on Green is showing stress

6.4 Grass cutting arrangements

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

9.1 Condition of foot bridge

10. Emergency Planning & Neighbourhood Watch

10.1 Completion and distribution. Estimate for printing has been circulated.

11. Parish Roads/Paths.

11.1 Signage to reduce use of Whitnage Lane by large vehicles

11.2 Speeding at Crossways,.

12. Date of next meeting (Thursday 19th September).

CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING (16 May 2024)

5. Finances

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
923	28/06/24	PKF Littlejohn	Accounts have been received	
924	06/07/24	M Norman	Refreshments for Celebrating Uplowman, £200.00	
925	11/07/24	NatWest	Statement, bal= £7508.33	
926	15/07/24	R Adcock	Invoices for mounting map, total £738.00 inc VAT	

6. PLANNING & LICENSING

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
1024	30/05/24	MDDC	Presentation on Class Q & enforcement, circulated	
1025	28/06/24	DCC	Greenway Landfill not to be discussed on 17 July	
1026	03/07/24	MDDC	23/00684/PIP Land behind Stonebridge: refusal appealed	

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

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
417	07/06/24	DCC NHO	Rough road surface near A361 is scheduled for repair	07/06/24
418	27/06/24	Devon Air Am	Asking when pitch would be clear.	28/06/24
419	28/06/24	Devon Air Am	Thanks and informing site open again for use.	

7.2 LOCAL PLANS & SURVEYS, including HRA

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
340	10/07/24	Brightsea printers	Quote for printing Emergency plans. 200 off= £116	
341	13/07/24	MDDC	Consultations on licensing and gambling, circulated	
342	17/07/24	MDDC	Grand Western Canal conservation area consultation, circulated	

7.3 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
1749	05/06/24	DALC	Newsletter – info on .gov.uk domains	
1750	23/06/24	R Clark	Thorn tree on green needs attention forwarded	23/06/24
1751	26/06/24	Cllr G Westcott	Apologies for absence on 25 th - forwarded	
1752	27/06/24	C&CD	Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter	
1753	11/07/24	Tristan Donald	Proposing update village website – referred to T Milner	11/07/24

7.5 Village projects.

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
374	30/05/24	MDDC	Registration of Redwoods as Asset of CV received	
375	03/06/24	Redwoods Pub Pr	Grants have been suspended due to election	
376	05/06/24	Anja Fields	Offering use of drone for celebration	

UPDATES AND DECISIONS NEEDED

Item 4.2 Payments

The Clerk's May expenses cheque (£102.85) was paid in via the Post Office in Tiverton but has not been either debited from the UPC account or credited to the destination account after 8 weeks. UPC can decide whether to add the May total to the July total (to make a payment of £113.55 or to wait in case the missing cheque appears and pay just July's expenses (£10.70).

Item 5.1: Inert Landfill & Waste recycling at Greenway

DCC has not given any further indication of when this matter will be heard by their planning committee. UPC was informed that it would not be dealt with in July because the applicant needed more time to make representations.

Item 5.2: Land behind Stonebridge 23/00684/PIP

This application was refused by MDDC. An appeal against the refusal has been made. Any further representations to the Inspector are required by 6th August. UPC to decide on any further representation it may wish to make.

Item 6.1 Redwoods Inn

Awaiting further information on possible funding streams post election.

Item 6.2 Mounting map in Hall and Annual Parish Meeting/ Celebrating Uplowman and Whitnaga

Both now completed.

Item 6.3: Thorn Tree on Green

Mr Clark, neighbour to the Green, has noted that the thorn tree is becoming overgrown and is showing signs of stress. He asks that consideration be given to pruning or removing it.

Item 6.4: Grass cutting

Paul Hayman has continued to cut the grass. Update on progress with investigating alternatives.

Item 10.1 Emergency Plan

The household plan has been typeset and was presented at the Celebrating Uplowman and Whitnaga event. A quotation has been received for printing this on 190g card (thicker than the samples), including folding, from Brightsea Ltd (Andrew Jackson) as follows (printing is zero-rated for VAT):

Quantity	150	175	200
Cost	£104	£111	£116

1, Decision needed on how many. We have approximately 150 households in the parish. It might be useful to have some spares and the marginal cost of a further 50 is very little so 200 is proposed.

2, Arrangements for and timing of distribution to be agreed.

11.2 Whitnaga Lane signage

Police advise that they can support the process of classifying the lane as unsuitable but DCC must make decision. Contact has been made with the relevant officer at DCC. No progress since May.

11.3 Speeding at Crossways - Signs

Update