

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL

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15 March 2026

All Parish Councillors

Dear Councillors,

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL - NOTICE OF MEETING THURSDAY 19th March 2026, at 7.30pm IN UPLOWMAN VILLAGE HALL

The next meeting of this Council will be on **THURSDAY 19th March 2026 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. It includes a preliminary set of accounts for the current year that will be finalised after the year end for approval in May.

I have set up new email addresses for all current councillors and have circulated details to each of you in separate emails. You should have each had two emails, one general one with info on how to log in and one with your unique password. Please let me know if there's any problem.

The following dates are booked for 2026: 21 May, 16 July, 17 Sept, and 19 Nov (all Thursdays).

Yours sincerely,

Robert

Robert Hodgson (Clerk to Uplowman Parish Council)

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MEETING on THURSDAY 19th MARCH 2026
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 Co-option of new councillor to replace Mr K Baugh. Mrs E Egan proposed.
2. Reports from DCC and MDDC.
3. Minutes of last meeting (15 January 2026).
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 :	£5396.14
Income since last meeting (trimtrail donation):	£20.00
Expenditure authorised on 15 Jan:	£328.80
Current balance :	£5,087.34

Parish online cheque not cleared at 05/03/26

- 4.2 Payments for approval:
UHRA, Hire of Hall 2025-6, (£162.00)
AP Hayman, grass cutting, £32.50
R Hodgson, Clerk's salary (£850.00) plus expenses (£31.47 for 6 months).
- 4.3 Review of UPC income and expenditure, 2025-6
5. Planning
 - 5.1 24/01033/MFUL: Hill Farm, erect dairy cattle shed. UPC raised no objection. Decision awaited
 - 5.2 25/01266/FULL: House at 3 Crossways. Revised application received, UPC objected, decision awaited.
 - 5.3 25/01366/FULL: Land at Stonebridge. Erect two self-build houses. UPC objected, decision awaited
 - 5.4 25/01439/HOUSE: Grasshoppers extension. UPC no objection, MDDC approved.
6. Community Projects and matters.
 - 6.1 Parish Website – Update – no further news
 - 6.2 Registration of gov.uk domain and emails – Councillor emails set up.
 - 6.3 Planter on the green update
 - 6.4 Neighbourhood planning. Report on SP meeting and consideration of proposals for housing survey
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. Parish Roads/Paths.
 - 10.1 Signage to reduce use of Whitnage Lane by large vehicles.
11. Date of next meeting: Annual Meeting on Thursday 21st May 2026.

RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING (15 Jan 2026)

5. Finances

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
979		MDDC	Precept Request sent	16/01/26
980	04/02/26	Nat West	Statement, bal=£5259.34	
981	06/03/26	Nat West	Statement, Bal = £5279.34	
982	12/03/26	UHRA	Invoice for hire of hall for past year (£162.00).	

6. PLANNING & LICENSING

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
1063	15/01/26	MDDC	25/01366/Full: Land behind Stonebridge, revised. UPC Object	27/01/26
1064	19/01/26	MDDC	25/01439/HOUSE: Grasshoppers extension approved	
1065	21/01/26	SPPC	Slides from Neighbourhood Planning eve - forwarded	
1066	09/02/26	MDDC	26/01266/Full: 3 Crossways revised parking. UPC Obj	02/03/26

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

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
442	08/02/26	Cllr N Raleigh	Seeking more details of Whitnage Lane	12/03/26

7.2 LOCAL PLANS & SURVEYS, including HRA

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
353	26/02/26	SPPC	Invitation to work on Housing Needs survey – forwarded, TBD	
354	09/03/26	Halberton PC	Examples of Neighbourhood Priority Statements - forwarded	12/03/26

7.3 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
1745		MDDC	Informing of Cllr Baugh's resignation	19/01/26
1746	24/02/26	Glasdon	Advertising street furniture	
1747	25/02/26	MDDC	No call for election. UPC can co-opt. Forwarded.	
1748	01/03/26	Cllr Westerman	Proposing Mrs E Egan for co-option	
1749	03/03/26	C&C D	Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter	
1750	03/03/26	MDDC	Requesting contact info update	12/03/26
1751	04/03/26	Mr J Curd	Info about this year's 10k race on 25 May. Will come to meeting	04/03/26
1752	09/03/26	MDDC	Invitation of Annual Clerk's evening - accepted	12/03/26
1753	11/03/26	Parish Online	Email accounts set up. Forwarded to each councillor	11/03/26

7.5 Village projects.

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
393	12/03/26	UHRA/L Veen	No recent contact regarding website	

UPDATES AND DECISIONS NEEDED

Item 4.3: Draft Income/Expenditure analysis

This is presented for information. Income and Expenditure are unlikely to change before the year end but the reconciliation could do so, depending on which payments clear before then. This is an opportunity for UPC to take stock before the need to finalise and agree the figures at the May meeting.

Item 6.1: Parish Website

For anyone who may not know what it looks like at the moment, please find the website at this link: <https://uplowmancreative.wixsite.com/uplowman-parish>

UHRA report no progress.

Item 6.2: gov.uk domain

Emails have been set up for all current councillors and another will be added following co-option of Kevin Baugh's replacement. Each councillor needs to check into their address asap and change the password. There are various features available with these addresses – you should be able to access them either online or using a desktop app like Outlook. Please use them for any PC emails – they should not be used for private correspondence because they will be lost should you cease to be a councillor. When all are working, the addresses will be put into the Membermojo system, which will function just as it does now with replies going to all on the list.

Item 6.3: Planter on Green

Planter bought but not yet erected. Cllr Westerman to establish this soon.

Item 6.4 Neighbourhood planning & Housing needs

Cllrs Moore and Westerman attended a meeting on neighbourhood planning in Sampford Peverell in January.

Arising from that, Devon Communities Together are proposing a joint survey of housing needs covering SP, Burlescombe, Halberton and Uplowman parishes, for which funding is available from Mid Devon. Details were circulated on 26 Feb and more information is here: <https://www.devonhousinghub.org.uk/rural-housing-services/housing-needs-surveys/>. The currently available housing needs data, based, we understand, on desk-top research, is attached.

Decisions needed:

- Should Uplowman participate?
- Is more information needed to make a decision?
- Who will be the point of contact?

11.1 Whitnage Lane signage

No progress..

Small Parish Council UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL ESTIMATED

Summary Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2026

Prev. Year 2024/25	Curr. Year 2025/26
RECEIPTS :	
3950.00	4750.00
Precepts	
DCC Locality/other grant for Trimtrail	
Interest on investments	
Hall lettings	
National Lottery for trimtrail	350.00
Grants from Parish Magazine	
Playing field lettings	175.00
Support for trim trail maintenance	
Capital moneys – Sect 106	
Other receipts 1st Aid training	360.00
VAT reclaim	
6055.60	5635.00

691.18	755.85
1600.00	1700.00
100.00	127.50
95.00	95.00
738.00	
350.00	141.48
200.00	350.00
116.00	360.00
96.00	202.97
762.00	96.00
412.80	899.60
281.48	162.71
5160.98	4728.40

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Summary	£.p
Balance brought forward 1st April 2025	3008.68
Add : Total Receipts	5635.00
	<u>8643.68</u>
Less : Total Payments	(4728.40)
Balance carried forward 31st March 2026	3915.28

These cumulative funds are represented by :
Current Account £.p 3915.28

Add : After date bankings	
Less : unpresented cheques	
Net Bank Balance	3915.28
Other Deposits/Investments	Nil

RECONCILIATION

DRAFT 3915.28

Signed : (Responsible Financial Officer)
(Chairman)

Date : Date :

Uplowman Parish Council

THESE ACCOUNTS ARE DRAFT AND SUBJECT TO AUDIT



Devon Community
Housing Hub

Parish Profile 2025 - Uplowman



• **Strong Indicators of Affordable Housing Need**

- 3.5% of properties are social rented tenure
- 88.5% of properties are 3+ bedrooms
- 91.7% of properties are under occupied
- 90% cannot afford to buy at market prices

• **Medium Indicators of Affordable Housing Need**

- 3.7% of economically active residents are unemployed
- 23.8% of residents are struggling renters of working age

“Average property price was £580,000 (2020-2024), requiring an annual income of £149,143”.

Affordable homes needed:

Based on available data it is likely that **Uplowman needs 2 new affordable homes annually**

* This is a snapshot of rural affordable housing need taken from secondary data. More detailed information can be provided by our Rural Housing Enabler