

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL

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All Parish Councillors

Dear Councillors,

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL - NOTICE OF MEETING THURSDAY 17th September 2026, at 7.30pm IN UPLOWMAN VILLAGE HALL

The next meeting of this Council will be on **THURSDAY 17th September 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.

The following dates are booked for 2026: 19 Nov. I have also booked the following dates for 2027: 21 January, 18 March, 20 May, 15 July, 16 Sept, and, 18 Nov (all Thursdays).

Yours sincerely,

Robert

Robert Hodgson (Clerk to Uplowman Parish Council)

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MEETING on THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 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.
2. Reports from DCC and MDDC.
3. Minutes of last meeting (21st July 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 :	£8863.52
Income since last meeting (Trim Trail support):	£125.00
Expenditure authorised on 21 July:	£186.49
Current balance :	£8,802.03
 - 4.2 Payments for approval:
AP Hayman, grass cutting and roadworks, £138.90
R Hodgson, Clerk's salary (£900.00) plus expenses (£13.60)
 - 4.3 Four Reg of Interest forms still needed
 - 4.4 Development of IT (and other) policy.
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. Approved
 - 5.3 25/01366/FULL: Land at Stonebridge. Erect two self-build houses. UPC objected, decision awaited
 - 5.4 26/00894 & 895/PNCOU: Whitnage Farm, Approved
 - 5.5 26/00982/FULL: Hayloft, Green End, Change of Use to holiday accomm. UPC no obj, decision awaited
 - 5.6 26/01035/PIP: Little Chace, 1 self-build. UPC Objected, MDDC Approved.
 - 5.7 26/00751/LBC: Uplowman House, Variation of LBC, granted
 - 5.8 Plan Mid Devon meet, Willand, 7pm, 29 Sept
6. Community Projects and matters.
 - 6.1 Parish Council Website. Still to be actioned.
 - 6.2 Report from sub-group on Neighbourhood priorities. 'Ask the Parish' meeting proposal.
 - 6.3 Noticeboard on the Green update.
 - 6.4 Managing water flows in leat.
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: Thursday 19 Nov 2026.

RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING (21 July 2026)

5. Finances

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
996	06/08/26	NatWest	Statement. Bal = £8701.02	
997	07/08/26	SAAA Portal	Log in to account for future audits	
998	04/09/28	NatWest	Statement. Bal = £8802.03	
999	08/09/26	AP Hayman	Grass cutting bill £138.90	

6. PLANNING & LICENSING

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
1078	21/07/26	Cllr Lock	Email from MDDC CPO outlining position on 3 Crossways	
1079	28/07/26	MDDC	26/00874/PNAG: Court Fm erect roof over silage clamp	
1080	29/07/26	MDDC	26/00982/FULL: Hayloft, Green End, CoU to holiday accomm.	20/08/26
1081	03/08/26	MDDC	26/01035/PIP: Little Chace, 1 self-build. UPC Obj.	24/08/26
1082	14/08/26	MDDC	26/00751/LBC: Upplowman House, Variation of LBC, granted	
1083	25/08/26	MDDC	26/00894/PNCOU: Whitnagge Fm, CoU to 2 dwellings granted	
1084	25/08/26	MDDC	26/00895/PNCOU: Whitnagge Fm, CoU to 2 dwellings granted	
1081B	28/08/26	MDDC	26/01035/PIP: Little Chace, 1 self-build. Approved	

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

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
446	20/08/26	Mr A Brown	Enquiring why no water in leat in SP.	20/08/26

7.2 LOCAL PLANS & SURVEYS, including HRA

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
358	09/09/26	MDDC	Conducting a Housing Needs Survey - queried	09/09/26

7.3 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
1761	12/08/26	Devon AA	Checking availability of landing site during car show	12/08/26
1762	05/09/26	C&CD	Clerks & Councils Direct mag	
1763	07/09/26	MDDC	Update to Electoral Roll	
1764	07/09/26	MDDC	LGR to be reviewed	

7.5 Village projects.

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
396	28/08/26	UHRA	Hall available 24 Oct morning to 2.30pm	

UPDATES AND DECISIONS NEEDED

Item 4.4 New Reg of Interest forms

Forms have been submitted for Dean, Mary and Jenny.

Item 4.5 IT policy

Cllr Westerman to report on proposals for IT policy. Other policies either needed or needing to be reviewed include:

Planning response, Code of Conduct. Financial management (including budgeting), Publication schedules.

Councillors are requested to look at the UPC web pages{

<https://www.middevonparish.co.uk/uplowman/parish-council/procedures-and-policies/>

and consider which other policies might be reviewed.

Item 5.8 – Plan Mid Devon meeting 29 September

Details have been circulated. To date, Dean, Mary, Ross and Dave have confirmed intention to attend and Emily and Jenny have expressed interest.

Item 6.1: New PC website needed

To be actioned – as agreed, use ParishOnline at additional cost of £90.

Item 6.2: Neighbourhood planning & Housing needs

Parish sub-group (Dean, Mary + Clerk) met. It is proposed to hold a drop-in consultation session for parishioners to give their views on village matters, provisionally in the Hall on Saturday 24 Oct morning.

Clerk has been informed that MDDC has also commissioned a HNA, to be conducted in the coming months. No details available yet.

Item 6.4 Water flows in leat

The leat flows reduced to zero during the drought. Investigation found that this was, in part, due to leakage between the sluice and the village. Although the PC is not directly responsible for leat maintenance, it has always considered it has a duty to help maintain this unusual and historic artefact. Councillors are asked to consider to what extent they wish to maintain this position.

It has come to the Clerk's attention that an enterprising Sampford Peverell resident is apparently using the flows to generate electricity.

Item 9.1 Hall windows

The blinds on the south end windows are in need of overhaul. They permit shafts of light to pass when it is sunny, which severely disadvantages anyone playing badminton (or other sports) at the northern end. Could something be done to black out these windows?

11.1 Whitnage Lane signage

DCC have stated that they do not intend to take it further. UPC proposing to erect its own warning signs.