

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL

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All Parish Councillors

Dear Councillors,

UPLOWMAN PARISH COUNCIL - NOTICE OF MEETING
THURSDAY 17th November 2016, starting at 7.30pm in Uplowman Village Hall

The next meeting of this Council will be on **THURSDAY 17th November 2016**, starting at 7.30pm in Uplowman Village Hall with any comments from the public. Draft Minutes of the last meeting have been circulated and can be found at <https://parish.middevon.gov.uk/Uplowman> - our new website active since 1st April. Please also note the new email address as above.

Our main topic for this meeting will be to agree a budget for next year and decide on the level of required Precept. I attach a schedule showing current expenditure and a proposed budget for discussion. There is a proposal that local councils (parishes) may be required to hold referenda if the Precept increase exceeds 2% but this has not been decided yet. It also seems likely that it will not apply to small councils such as ours.

I attended the Annual Conference of the Devon Association of Local Councils on 11 October and attach a summary of the day, which I found to be interesting and stimulating.

May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I have booked the following dates for next year (all Thursdays): 19th January, 16th March, 18th May, 20th July, 21st Sept, and 16th November.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Hodgson (Clerk to Uplowman Parish Council)

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AGENDA FOR MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, UPLOWMAN, ON THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2016 at 7.30pm

The evening will start with an open session at which parishioners may raise matters of concern. All are welcome to observe the council meeting, which will start at about 7.45pm.

1. Attendance
2. Procedural matters:
 - 2.1 Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of last meeting (15 September 2016)
4. Matters arising from Minutes of last meeting not covered elsewhere
5. Finance and procedures
 - 5.1 Current position :

Bank balance at last meeting :		£4938.78
Income since last meeting		£0
Expenditure authorised on 15 Sept:		£1141.30
Current balance:		£3,797.48

- 5.2 Payments for approval:
 - R Hodgson (Clerk's Expenses): £19.45p
 - J Veen, for Grass cutting: £98.60p
 - R Branton, reimburse for memorial wreath: £20.00
 - CAB Donation: £25.00
 - Ring & Ride donation: £25.00
 - UPCC for maintenance of functioning burial ground: £350.00
- 5.3 Budget and Precept request 2017/8
- 5.4 Arrangements for Clerk's Appraisal 2016
6. Planning and Licensing Applications (plus applications received after this notice) :
 - 6.1 16/00899/PNCOU: PN for change of use ag buildg Broadview Fm: Approved by MDDC
 - 6.2 16/01503/PNAG: Replacement storage shed at Hill Kiln Fm: Approved by MDDC
 - 6.3 16/01694/LBC: Install door to replace window, Uplowman Hse : to be discussed
 - 6.4 16/01424/MOUT: 330 dwellings at Uplowman Rd, circulated to PC Members
 - 6.5 MDDC Cabinet meeting on 21 Nov on change to local Plan/Jn 27 proposals
7. Correspondence (See attached list plus any correspondence received after this notice)
 - 7.1 Environment, SWW, etc:
 - 7.2 Local Plans and Surveys.
 - 7.3 General Correspondence
 - 7.5 Village projects
8. Hall & Recreation Association
 - 8.1 Report.
9. Emergency Planning & Neighbourhood Watch
 - 9.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report
10. Community Projects and matters.
 - 10.1 Telephone kiosk – update – Box is in use
 - 10.2 Update on parking at school. Signage
 - 10.3 TAP 2016/7 proposals.
11. Parish Transport/Paths.
 - 11.1 Condition of roads in Parish.
12. Date of next meeting (Thursday 19 January 2017, to be confirmed).

CORRESPONDENCE SINCE LAST MEETING (15th September 2016) Points to discuss in Bold

5. FINANCE

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
425	19/10/16	DALC	Fee for attending annual conference, £20.00	19/10/16
426	08/11/16	MDDC	Information on Precept 2017 – to be returned by 27 Jan	
427	10/11/16	J Veen	Invoice for grass cutting, £98.60p	
428	11/11/16	Nat West	Statement Bal: 3797.48p	

6. PLANNING

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
577	21/09/16	MDDC	16/01424/MOUT: 330 dwellings at Uplowman Rd, circ to PC	
578	07/10/16	MDDC	16/00899/PNCOU: PN for change of use ag buildg Broadview fm	
579	28/10/16	MDDC	16/01503/PNAG: Replacement storage shed at Hill Kiln Fm	
580	08/11/16	MDDC	16/01694/LBC: Install door to replace window, Uplowman Hse	
581	12/11/16	MDDC	Supp Planning Document on Solar PV	

7.1 ENVIRONMENT, including Sewerage, Recycling, Roads & rivers

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
			Subject 16/01424/MOUT: 330 houses at Uplowman Rd, circ to PC	
308	11/11/16	SW Highways	Link road Jn27-Tiv night closures 21-25 Nov	

7.2 LOCAL PLANS & SURVEYS, including HRA

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
296	07/11/16	MDDC	Consultation on charging for waste policies	
297	11/11/16	MDDC	Special Cabinet Meeting agenda 21 Nov 10am	

7.3 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
1633B	24/09/16	Glasdon	Bin catalogue	
1633C	26/09/16	HAGS	Play equipment	
1633D	06/10/16	Turning Tides	Invitation to workshop	
1634	28/10/16		Health watch Devon newsletter	
1635	31/10/16		Clerks & Councils Direct newsletter	
1536	01/11/16	T&D CTA	Financial support to Ring & Ride	
1537	02/11/16	Citizens Adv	Donation to CA	
1538	05/11/16	DSV	Everyone's tomorrow newsletter	
1539	11/11/15	BIP	Business advice for self employed. Poster on notice board	

7.5 Village projects.

Ser No	Date received	From/to	Subject	Date replied/sent
323	09/11/16	J White	Signs at school – not decided yet	

Plus about 230 incoming emails. Support for councillors: <http://www.ntselearning.co.uk> for information and on-line courses.

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11 Nov 2016

Actual Annual Expenditure 2015-17 (rounded to nearest £) and budget 2017-18

Figures for current year are estimated		2015 to 2016		2016 to 2017		2017 to 2018	
Item	Income	Exp	Income	Exp	Bud	get	
Precept	2803		2812		2829		
Council Tax Reduction Grant	97		88		71		
Churchyard Grant, donation		350		350			350
HM Customs, VAT rebate	440		26		20		
Grants and other income	2946		300		307		
Clerks' Salary		1020		1040			1060
Clerk's expenses / admin		50		70			70
Chairman's/other's expenses		0		0			0
Hall Hire		75		75			75
Audit Commission		0		0			0
Insurance		172		180			185
Commun Projects ++		3473		478			307
Parish Social & Neigh Plan		0		0			200
Devon Ass of Parish Councils sub+		74		75			76
Grass cutting		509		500			500
Election		127		0			0
Support local charities		45		70			70
TOTAL	6286	5895	3226	2838	3227		2893

+ DAPC subscription was deducted at source since 2000-2001. These figs adjusted as if it were not.

++ Community projects exp in 2016-7 included TAP fund (£307).

Current year is estimated. There is now no charge for Annual Audit.

Election cost was for UNCONTESTED election

NOTE : A PRECEPT OF £1000 IS EQUIVALENT TO A COUNCIL TAX OF £6.49 ON A BAND 'D' PROPERTY IN UPLOWMAN.

Cash in hand at Year End March 2016 was £2667 (92% of the current year's Precept). This estimate suggests that undesignated cash in hand is likely to increase by about £300 at next March (2017).

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Report on Annual Conference of Devon Association of Local Councils

Held at Newton Abbott on 11th October 2016, attended by Robert Hodgson, Clerk

Over 100 delegates from local councils across Devon attended.

Presentations in the morning included:

Cllr John Hart outlined the proposals for devolution of powers to the 'Heart of the South West' consortium of councils covering Devon and Somerset. He said that all in the area were working in harmony towards the creation of a major new authority that could take local decisions. It would not replace the existing County and District structures but would provide better leverage and bargaining mechanisms for dealing with central government. Proposals would be published for review by the end of 2016.

Dr Jonathan Owen of National Association of Local Councils who said that the Town & Parish councils had almost been abolished 15 years before and were now seen as vibrant and active entities delivering important local services through neighbourhood planning, etc. Devolution would provide opportunities to parishes and neighbourhood planning was in process of being updated. NALC was against current proposals to extend referenda on local taxation to Town & Parish level and would be consulting members. It was noted that Precepts had seen a 6% hike the previous year.

Newton Abbott Town Council reported on a number of local projects they had coordinated, including transformation of the town quay into a significant tourist destination and the creation of a community hub in a disused church.

There were several alternative workshops in the afternoon. I attended one on Neighbourhood Planning, described as a 'shared vision to stimulate development and growth'. A neighbourhood plan does not replace local planning policy but should be thought of as adding to it. A neighbourhood plan has equal weight in decision-making with the District local plan, with which it must conform.

The day also provided a good opportunity to meet clerks and councillors from many other places and to hear of their visions for their communities. I met the new Clerk in Hemyock, who is joining our local group and a group from Totnes who are doing something similar to the Newton Abbott community hub. A useful day.