

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of Upleadon Parish Council held on Thursday 6 April 2017 at Upleadon Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr M Manning (Chairman), Cllr H Dunn (Deputy Chairman), Cllr P Dallow, Cllr E Wood, Cllr T Webster, Cllr Mrs P Turner

Also present: District Cllr P Burford

8.0 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs A Bassett – on-going family matters

Cllr Manning proposed acceptance of apologies and reason given from Cllr Mrs Bassett which was unanimously agreed.

8.1 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Turner declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8.2.3 – additional pages to website

8.2 Correspondence

8.2.1 Voneus – introduction to high speed broadband to area

Members were advised of an approach made to the Council by a company called Voneus who were interested in introducing high speed broadband to rural communities. The representative had spoken with the Clerk and the Chairman and was keen to attend a future meeting of the Council to explain how they could do this and the cost implications.

Members were in favour of giving further consideration to this matter.

Cllr Manning suggested that if there were no members of the public at the Annual Assembly meeting immediately following this meeting, the Council might wish to postpone the meeting and to invite Voneus to attend the Annual Assembly meeting at a future date given the expected public interest in this matter.

8.3 Business

8.3.1 To give consideration to Planning application:-

To give consideration to Planning application – P0494/17/AG Agricultural and Forestry Dev. Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for further details. Land off Stream Lane Upleadon. Prior notification for the erection of a steel portal frame agricultural building

Cllr Manning proposed comment:- No Objection in principle, but have concern at some point in the future, use will be required to house livestock/poultry, and hope a condition will be attached to the application to prevent this.

8.3.2 To give consideration to payment method re new Laptop and associated software

Cllr Manning explained of the difficulty in making payment for the new Laptop and software given that cheques to stores and on-line were no longer accepted. The Clerk advised that one such Company had advised they would accept payment by bank transfer but on enquiring about this with the bank, was advised that two Members would need to visit the Bank together in order to authorise this. Cllr Dunn in the circumstances, volunteered to make personal payment of the goods, for subsequent reimbursement to him by the Council by cheque. Cllr Manning thanked Cllr Dunn for his kind offer and proposed acceptance, which was unanimously agreed.

8.3.3 To give consideration to use of additional pages on Council website

Members considered the use of two additional pages on the Council's website. The Clerk advised that she had enquired of the web designer if it were possible for the Village Hall Committee to have access to a page of the Council's website and be able to update it independently of the Council. The web designer had advised that a one off charge would be made in these circumstances to set this up in the sum of £60.00. Discussion took place with regard to offering a page to the Village Hall Committee now that the Village website was redundant. Cllr Manning proposed that the Village Hall Committee be asked if they would like to do this, with the Council funding the cost. Voting resulted in 5 in favour, Cllr Mrs Turner abstained. It was therefore agreed to seek the Village Hall's views and to pursue the matter if in favour. It was further unanimously agreed to utilise the remaining webpage as an "Information" page.

8.2.4 Any Other Business which in the opinion of the Chairman/Clerk is considered urgent

Cllr Burford raised the Boundary Review consultation taking place shortly. The Clerk advised a letter had been received in the last day or so which would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting and it was declared closed at 7.45 pm.