

Minutes of Upleadon Parish Council Annual Parish Assembly held on Thursday 10 May 2018 at Upleadon Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr H Dunn (Chairman), Cllr M Manning, Cllr T Webster

Apologies: Cllr Mrs P Turner (on holiday)

There were 4 Members of the Parish present

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1. Approval of Minutes of Annual Assembly meeting – 6 April 2017

Cllr Manning proposed approval of the Minutes of the Annual Assembly meeting scheduled for 6 April 2017 which had been deferred until 20 April 2017, which was seconded by Cllr Webster and unanimously agreed.

2. Approval of Minutes of Annual Assembly meeting – 20 April 2017

Cllr Webster proposed approval of the Minutes of the Annual Assembly meeting of 20 April 2018 which was seconded by Cllr Manning and unanimously agreed.

3. Matters Arising

The clerk advised that she had chased Erica Stanford of Voneus with regard to improved broadband provision for the area and had received an email from its new contact – Ray Adams who advised that whilst the Council had not heard from them of late, they had been working hard in designing the network. They confirmed they had enough interest from the community (they currently have 63 people registered), which indicates that there is the desire and need; this has given them the confidence to go ahead and to build the network to supply both Upleadon and Redmarley plus the surrounding areas.

The current status is they have identified three locations that would be usable as a signal transmission point where they can install their fibre link. They are currently in negotiation to obtain access and they expect to have this confirmed in the next week (mid-April). Once the transmission point is established they will be contacting the members of the community that they hope will act as a hop point for the signal, once this is completed they will start building the infrastructure.

Apologies were given for the delays, but it was expected the network build being completed by the end of June with individual properties installed in conjunction with the network build in preparation for going live soon after.

Cllr Dunn advised that Voneus along with British Telecom had visited him the previous July/Aug but had heard nothing further. It was stated that other people had had communications from Voneus with a view to going forward but nothing further had materialised. It was agreed that a “wait and see” approach be taken.

4. To receive questions from the public regarding the Council’s activities during the financial year 2017/18 and any issues relating to parish matters

A member of the public reported that a road sign – Eden’s Hill was missing and that it had originally been in situ on the bank to the side of Octagon Cottage. It was requested that the sign be replaced and in so doing, attention to the correct spelling of the area in question be

made ie Eden's Hill, not Edens Hill. It was agreed that this matter be taken up with the Street Naming department at Forest of Dean District Council.

Another Member of the public raised concerns regarding the deteriorating condition of the verges following large numbers of vans/builders on site during renovation works at The Steps on Upleadon Cross. A discussion took place regarding concern about vehicles parked too near the road junction together with general noise and disruption/working at weekends.

Cllr Dunn advised he would be willing to speak with the owners of the property to see if these matters could be resolved. Cllr Manning proposed the Council agree this action which was seconded by Cllr Webster and unanimously agreed.

In the absence of any further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.30 pm and the public were thanked for attending the meeting.