

Minutes of a meeting of Upleadon Parish Council held on Thursday 29 November 2018 at Upleadon Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

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

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6.00 Mr G Wheeler from Cheltenham Motor Club spoke in the public session to advise Members of a Motor Rally passing through the outskirts of Upleadon on 7 September 2019 and of the arrangements in place in terms of safety and minimal disturbance to residents on route.

6.1 Apologies were given on behalf of Cllr Wood

6.1 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Turner declared an interest as a Member of the Village Hall Committee – agenda item 3.

6.2 To discuss with Members of Upleadon Parochial Church Council possible threat of Upleadon Church

Representatives of the Parochial Church Council were present. A long discussion took place with regard to the indication from the Diocese that Upleadon Church may be one of two Churches closing in the area. One of the representatives from the PCC gave a breakdown of income and expenditure of the Church and of the ways limited income was generated by fundraising in the village. A further discussion led on to the future of the Village Hall should the Church close, given that it too was owned by the Diocese and currently had a short lease left to run on it which prevented grant funding being raised for its future maintenance.

It was ultimately agreed, given that no firm decision had been made at this stage with regard to the future of Upleadon Church that Cllr Dunn would represent the Parish Council at a further meeting of the Diocese the following week at Dymock, where it was hoped that further clarification would be given, and he would report back his findings at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

6.3 Approval of Minutes of Council meeting – 6 September 2018

Approval of Minutes of the Council meeting of 6 September 2018 was proposed by Cllr Dallow, seconded by Cllr Mrs Turner and unanimously agreed.

6.4 Matters Arising

3.7.1 Voneus – update on improved broadband provision

Cllr Mrs Fabian reported that she had had Voneus broadband installed and was very pleased with the much improved broadband signal.

3.8.6 Cllr Dunn reported that he had not yet approached the owner of the overgrown hedge at Octagon Cottage

3.8.8. 2. Re-varnishing of Noticeboard

Cllr Manning advised that he would attend to this in the spring

6.5 Approval of Minutes of Council meeting – 11 October 2018 (Planning)

Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting of 11 October 2018 (Planning) was proposed by Cllr Manning, seconded by Cllr Dallow and unanimously agreed.

6.6 Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting of 15 November 2018 (Planning) was proposed by Cllr Manning, seconded by Cllr Dallow and unanimously agreed.

6.7 Finance/Sundry Payments

The Clerk advised of the following payments:-

Campaign Protection of Rural England (subscription) £36.00

Cllr Manning proposed approval, seconded by Cllr Dallow and unanimously agreed.

Royal British Legion – Poppy wreath £17.00

It was unanimously agreed to add a donation of £33.00 to make a round figure of £50.00

Cllr Webster proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Fabian and unanimously agreed.

6.8 Business

6.8.1 To give consideration to Budget and setting Precept 2019/20

Members considered the draft Budget and considered that financial provision should be made for potential legal fees in the sum of £500 in relation to the possible closure of the Church. A precept for 2019/20 was proposed by Cllr Manning in the sum of £3,000 which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Fabian and agreed by 5 votes in favour, 1 against.

6.8.2 Appointment of Internal Auditor

The Clerk advised that she had written to Mr Fearn who had undertaken the two previous Audits and he had responded that he would be happy to undertake the internal audit for 2018/19 accounts. Approval of appointment of Mr Fearn was proposed by Cllr Manning, seconded by Cllr Mrs Turner and unanimously agreed.

6.8.3 Highway Matters

It was reported that there were some overgrown hedges in Eden's Hill obscuring the 30mph signs. Cllr Dunn to speak with owners initially.

The Council was thanked by a member of the public for securing a replacement sign for Eden's Hill. He advised that Royal Mail had still not recognised the spelling of Eden's Hill – this to be taken up with them.

6.8.4 To set date of annual Parish Assembly meeting

It was agreed to set the Parish Annual meeting on 14 March 2019 at 7.00 pm.

6.8.5 To set date of next meeting

It was agreed to set the date of the next meeting of the Council on 14 March 2019 at 7.30 pm

6.8.5 Any Other Business

Cllr Manning reported that the bus shelter had suffered a minor collision which had resulted in a couple of fallen tiles and the downpipe of the guttering to be dislodged. It was agreed that Cllr Webster would look at this with a view to reinstatement.

This concluded the business of the meeting and it was declared closed at 8.40 pm.