

MINUTES OF A UPTON ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION ON
MONDAY 10th JULY 2023 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllr Chrissie Castle Chairman
 Cllr Jim Browne
 Cllr Graham Hayes
 Cllr David Hunt
 Cllr Hilary Morris
 Cllr Roy Roberts
 Cllr Matt Sergeant

In Attendance: 4 Members of the Public
 County Cllr Sue Williams

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A Member of the Public asked if the Councils notice board by the Shops was going to be relocated after the Coffee Shop was built. The Clerk advised that it was his understanding that this would take place.

A Member of the Public asked if the Council would be part of the Community stall during the forthcoming Village Show. The Council agreed and thanked the Member of the Public for the invitation.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council accepted apologies from Cllr Mary McLachlan, Keith Pearson and Pete Wilson.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th JUNE 2023

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting and duly signed.

4. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

- a. **County Councillor.** A report was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting, the County Cllr then detailed the salient points.

The report is available on the Councils Website – follow the link below:

<http://www.uptonstleonards-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/parish-council-meetings/>

- b. **District Councillor.** A report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman read out the report in the absence of the District Cllr.

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- c. **Council Chairman.** Cllr Chrissie Castle reported that the Council will be meeting with the GCC to receive an update on flooding issues in the village. She also asked Cllrs to let others know about the Being a Parish Councillor event taking place at SDC. Finally, she asked if the Council will consider allowing memorial flowers after funerals to be sited by the Owl carving. The Council agreed to include this as an agenda item for the next meeting and agreed that Cllr Pete Wilson (Environment) will produce a report.
- d. **Coopers Edge.** Cllr Matt Sergeant updated the Council on Coopers Edge matters including the recent School Fete, the Sports Facilities and Anti-Social behaviour. Finally upon a request from SDC the Council agreed that it was not appropriate for the Parish Council to adopt and maintain the Public Open Spaces in Coopers Edge and it felt that this was the responsibility of the District Council.
- e. **Clerks.** A report was circulated prior to the meeting.

5. TO CONSIDER PARTAKING IN THE VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Tony Pryce gave a very detailed background and justification for the Emergency Telephone System. The Council agreed to defer its decision until after Mr Pryce has met with the Community Heartbeat Trust in early August.

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE M5 WORKING GROUP

Tony Pryce advised a reply to the formal complaint to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman was still awaited. He also advised that the A417 (Missing Link) traffic projections were very high and he felt that this might reduce the amount of vehicles using the M5. Finally, he asked if the Council would support a request to GCC to reduce the speed limits at the top of Portway and Nut Hill as they are both currently unrestricted.

7. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

- a. **Allotments.** It was reported that Cllr Hilary Morris has undertaken the Allotment Judging and that other administrative matters were being undertaken by the Clerk.
- b. **Recreation Ground/Pavilion.** Cllr David Hunt reported the works to the Pavilion render have now been undertaken, he also advised that the contractors will return to take care of a few minor concerns at the frontage. Finally Cllr Hunt advised that quotes were being sought to repair / replace the damaged soffit.

c. **Environment.** The Chairman updated the Council on a recent Working Group Meeting.

d. **Village Hall.** The Council received an update on Village Hall matters.

8. FINANCE

a. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT to approve the Accounts for payment.** The following accounts were presented for payment:

Payee	Chq Number	Amount	Reason
J Evans	3173	£ 40.00	Litter Pick
Allstones Skip Hire	3174	£ 411.60	Skip - Allotment
G Knight	3175	£ 270.00	Grass Cutting
USL Village Hall	3176	£ 1,000.00	Parish Office Annual Rental
Glasdon UK	3177	£ 1,203.35	Picnic Bench - Rec
G Knight	3178	£ 270.00	Grass Cutting
HMRC	3179	£ 329.81	Tax / NI
R Balgobin	3180	£ 1,042.65	Salary / Exp
D Cridland	3181	£ 1,661.47	Groundworks
Protex Midlands Ltd	3182	£ 4,950.00	Pavilion Render
	Total	£11,178.88	

The Council agreed that the accounts be accepted for payment.

9. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 4th September 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Recreation Ground Pavilion at 7.30pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.56 PM