

MINUTES OF A UPTON ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION ON
MONDAY 5th JUNE 2023 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllr Chrissie Castle Chairman
 Cllr Jim Browne
 Cllr Graham Hayes
 Cllr David Hunt
 Cllr Mary McLachlan
 Cllr Hilary Morris
 Cllr Keith Pearson
 Cllr Roy Roberts
 Cllr Pete Wilson

In Attendance: 8 Members of the Public
 District Cllr Gary Luff

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE UPTON ST LEONARDS AMATUER FOOTBALL CLUB (USLAFC)

The Secretary of the USLAFC gave a very informative update on the club, advising that they have recently amalgamated with Robinswood AFC, but will retain the USLAFC team name, he also advised that 2 juniors teams are being formed. The Council asked the Secretary to be mindful of the limited parking facilities at the Recreation Ground and asked them to ensure that they used the Church overspill car park if required.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

District Cllr Gary Luff asked if there was a management plan for the River Twyver by the Twyver Green, the Council confirmed that there is, however if there are concerns they should be directed to the Clerk.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council accepted apologies from Cllr Matt Sergeant and County Cllr Sue Williams.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th MAY 2023

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

4. TO APPOINT A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Council unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Keith Pearson as Vice Chairman to the Planning Committee.

5. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

- a. **County Councillor.** A report was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting, the Chairman detailed the salient points. The Council agreed to send its congratulations to Cllr Sue Williams on her recent appointment as Vice Chair of the County Council.
- b. **District Councillor.** Cllr Keith Pearson reported that during a recent SDC meeting the appointments were made, he also updated the Council on the political makeup of the Council. Finally, he updated the Council on the SDC EV charging scheme.
- c. **Council Chairman.** Cllr Chrissie Castle updated the Council on a recent meeting with the County Cllr and Highways Stakeholder, in which the ANPRs, drop kerbs and a safe crossing point were discussed. The Chairman also reported that she will be meeting with Natural England to discuss the renewal of the Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) agreement. Finally, the Chairman reported that maintenance works have been undertaken on the Recreation Ground Benches, Memorial Bench and the Owl,
- d. **Coopers Edge.** Cllr Matt Sergeant sent a report which was read out by the Chairman, detailing anti-social behaviour in the area, and that he is soon to meet with the newly elected District Cllr. Cllr David Hunt updated the Council on the Section 106 funds in regards to Coopers Edge.
- e. **Clerks.** A report was circulated prior to the meeting.

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.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FOLLOWING A RECENT MEETING WITH THE HIGHWAYS STAKEHOLDER

This item was covered in the Chairman's report.

8. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

- a. **Allotments.** Cllr Mary McLachlan reported maintenance requirements that need to be undertaken on the Stanley Allotments.
- b. **Recreation Ground/Pavilion.** Cllr David Hunt reported that the signage on the Glebe Field has now been erected and that the bench in front of the Tennis Courts has been restored. The Council agreed to purchase a new picnic bench, with the remaining Section 106 funds to site by the Play Equipment.

- c. **Environment.** Cllr Pete Wilson reported that an article about waste recycling has been published in the USI Life and that the next meeting of the Climate Group will be on the 12 June. The Council agreed to send reminder letter to residents in regards to riparian responsibilities.
- d. **Village Hall.** Cllr Keith Pearson updated the Council on Village Hall matters.

9. FINANCE

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

Payee	Chq Number	Amount	Reason
A Russell	3162	£ 541.43	Reissue of void Chq 3153
A Russell	3163	£ 330.00	Honorarium
J Evans	3164	£ 40.00	Litter Pick
I Crowe	3165	£ 240.00	Audit Fee
Allstones Skips	3166	£ 432.00	Skip - Stanley Allotment
Severn Sign Ltd	3167	£ 48.00	Glebe Field Sign
G Knight	3168	£ 270.00	Grass cutting
HMRC	3169	£ 329.81	Tax / NI
R Balgobin	3170	£ 1,042.65	Salary / Exp
D Cridland	3171	£ 907.20	Groundworks
G Knight	3172	£ 270.00	Grass cutting
	Total	£4,451.09	

The Council agreed that the accounts be accepted for payment.

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th July 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Recreation Ground Pavilion at 7.30pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.35 PM