

MINUTES OF A UPTON ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION ON
MONDAY 3rd APRIL 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

In Attendance: Members of the Public

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council accepted apologies from Cllrs Roy Roberts, Matt Sergeant, Pete Wilson 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 6th MARCH 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 Council expressed its concerns that tyres could no longer be disposed at the local tipping centre.

- b. **District Councillor.** Cllr Keith Pearson advised that the next District Council meeting will be held on the 27 April and that 1.7 million pounds has been granted from government funds towards upgrading the councils housing stock. The Council again raised its concerns in regards to SDC Officers working from home and the resulting lack of effective communication channels.

- c. **Council Chairman.** Cllr Keith Pearson raised his concern in regards to the high number of professional dog walkers using the Glebe Field. The Council agreed that it was not acceptable and that the field was for community use and not business, it agreed to put up signage to that effect. It was also agreed to seek a meeting with the SDC Dog Warden to further discuss its concerns.

- d. **Coopers Edge.** Cllr Matt Sergeant sent a report which was read out by the Clerk, detailing the reduction in anti-social behaviour in the area, the appointment of a new trustee on the Cooper Edge Trust and finally details of a drop in event to meet the trustees on the 8 April 2023. 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.

5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE M5 WORKING GROUP

Tony Pryce advised that a formal complaint to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman has been sent to our MP.

6. TO FORMALLY AGREE TO NAMING THE WOOD CARVED OWL ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

The Council agreed to name the Owl "Ollie" a name suggested by Kathy Quant, the Council extended its thanks to all of the other residents who submitted suggested names.

7. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

- a. **Allotments.** Cllr Mary McLachlan reported maintenance requirements that need to be undertaken on the Stanley Allotments and ask the clerk to investigate manufactured numbers for both allotment sites.
- b. **Recreation Ground/Pavilion.** Cllr David Hunt reported that the contractors were expect to start work on the 15 May to repair the pavilion render.
- c. **Environment.** Cllr Chrissie Castle reported attending a recent Climate Meeting at which the idea of community solar panels and EV charging points were discussed. Cllr David Hunt advised that the information board on Cud Hill was in need of replacing, the Council agreed that he could further investigate costings etc.
- d. **Village Hall.** The Chairman updated the Council 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
Protex Midlands Ltd	3140	£ 1,650.00	Deposit Pavilion Render
J Evans	3141	£ 40.00	Litter Pick
D Cridland	3142	£ 144.00	Groundworks
M J Boon	3143	£ 360.00	5 Yearly Electrical - Pavilion
GPFA	3144	£ 50.00	Subscriptions
Painswick Parish Council	3145	£ 60.00	Noticeboard Repairs
R Balgobin	3146	£ 1,099.46	Salary / Expenses
G Knight	3147	£ 270.00	Grass cutting
D Cridland	3148	£ 1,369.20	Groundworks
	Total	£5,042.66	

The Council agreed that the accounts be accepted for payment.

b. To consider a request for grant funding from the USL Show Committee. The Council unanimously agreed to make a £500.00 grant.

9. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 15th May 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