

UPPER CLATFORD PARISH COUNCIL
 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
 HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE 2024
 AT 7.30 PM IN
 THE KING EDWARD VII MEMORIAL HALL

Councillors	Clerk	TVBC + County Councillors	Others
P Heslop (Chairman) R Bennett (Vice Chairman) R Hydes R Hawkins C Williams C Eyre N Freemantle L Dawson G Kemp	E Attwood	S Hasselmann	3

Prior to the meeting Steve Hardstaff UCYFC was invited to speak with Councillors for his yearly update. He reported the following to the Council.

- Cllr Hawkins attended the football presentation on the 9th of June.
- 600 people attended the yearly presentation.
- £1300 was raised with the raffle, enough to buy 3 team kits.
- 13 youth teams, increase of two new teams.
- Need more space and asked to create a working group with the PC to work towards expansion.
- Would like to work towards having an astro turf as this facility is in short supply and additional grounds.
- Grants are available to help with improvements such as an upgraded pavilion.
- The Chairman asked if the current agreement was working well. Steve confirmed the agreement was running smoothly.
- The Clerk has been asked to speak to TVBC about the grass cutting contract as it is sporadic. The Chairman thanked Steve for his attendance at the meeting and sad the Council was pleased to hear of the ongoing success.

1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Littlehales Cllrs Flood and Cllr Drew
2.	To receive and accept declarations of interest: Cllr Dawson declared an interest in an applicant for the job interview.
3.	Public Participation: - None
4.	Borough Councillors Report – See appendix A for full report. Councillor Hasselmann reminded the council on the restriction on reporting some items during Purdah.
5.	County Councillors Report- Councillor Drews report See Appendix B
6.	To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th May 2024 Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. Proposed Cllr Bennett Seconded Cllr Dawson Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8 th of May 2024 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

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7.	<p>To receive the Clerk's progress report since the last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGAR with accompanying paper work scanned and emailed to BDO with acknowledgement, audit results due late August/September. Notice of Electors on website (legal requirement) and notice board. • Cesspit man phoned again – no response. • Electric invoice Chalk Pit – e mailed Sam Howells SSE still waiting for just a standing charge invoice to pay. • Letters sent to both properties to cut back hedges. • ROSPA report for Play Parks circulated for comment. • One applicant for Parish Clerk Vacancy to date exp date 28th June. My phone number was circulated via Facebook then shared to other sites, I suggest this should be regulated in the future by a separate phone line and a Parish Council Facebook. • Defibrillator – spoke with Paul Fairfax Wel Medical who has informed me he needs the serial number from the back of the unit to check age of unit. He suggested daily checks need to be carried out to ensure the unit is working. • Any delay by the Council paying HMRC could result in a £100 fine. Last two months the payment was not processed in a timely manner. • Awaiting advice from HALC/HCC legal team to say what Power in government legislation a Parish Council can use to rebuild/refurbish a non community building. 												
8.	<p>Planning - Review of Decisions, applications and responses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/01118/FULNN Hope Cottage Resolved: Parish Councillors had no objections to the erection of outbuilding. <p>Update on previous applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/00970/TPON Curry Cottages tree husbandry part permission part refusal • 24/00363/VARN – Curry Cottages Cllrs felt that this was development by creep, there is no objection, but the size of the building is increasing. Current • 24/00959/Treen Crook & Shears Tree work – No objection - Consent • 24/00998/CPLN 44 Above Town single storey extension -No objection - Current • HCC/2023/0211 Orchard Hill Farm TVBC No objection subject to National Highways and Lead local flood Authority, both of whom have sought additional information. No objection submitted with comments on 5 Sep 23. No decision 												
9	<p>9.1 Finance - To receive and approve the Financial Statement 1st May 2024 – 31st May 2024. The Clerk had circulated financial statements prior to the meeting.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Bank Reconciliation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£21946.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurers Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,099.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fixed term deposit</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£35,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fix term Deposit</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing Balance as of 31st May 24</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£79046.03</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>Resolved: That the financial statements between 1st May – 31st May were approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>	Bank Reconciliation		Business Account	£21946.19	Treasurers Account	£2,099.84	Fixed term deposit	£35,000.00	Fix term Deposit	£20,000.00	Closing Balance as of 31 st May 24	<u>£79046.03</u>
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10	<p>Playing Fields - To report the Monthly Monitoring of the Play Park Equipment</p> <p>10.1 Coronation Field Anna Valley Playing Field – Cllrs discussed the ROSPA report and have acknowledged it is necessary to undertake some minor work which have been identified. The Clerk will ask TVBC when the hedges and grass will be cut next.</p> <p>10.2 Bawksbury Bridge Playing Field – Cllrs discussed the ROSPA report and have acknowledged it is necessary to undertake some minor work which have been identified. The Clerk will write to the May Fayre Committee asking them to fill the ruts that have been left by vehicles driving on the ground during the May Fayre.</p>																																								

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11	<p>Trees and Open Space.</p> <p>11.1 – It was that TVBC had been contacted regarding the planning violation to the tree at the back of the village hall which had been cut back. TVBC had spoken to the person and no further action will be taken.</p>
12	<p>Footpaths & Highways</p> <p>12.1 Watery Lane – Cllr Hydes reported that not all traffic calming measures had been completed. Signage had been promised. Jonathan Bambridge. HCC has promised clearing the ducting. The trees on the left-hand side going towards Andover could also cause flooding so he will contact the landowner to make arrangements for the work to be completed.</p> <p>12.2 Environment Agency have cut back the tree obstructing the water in the Pill Hill Brook</p> <p>12.3 Footpaths are suffering from overgrowth which is the responsibility of HCC, but they have made cut backs and the footpaths remain uncut.</p>
13	<p>Pavilion & Sports Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hawkins reported that he attended the presentation day on behalf of the council. • The driveway potholes still need to be carried out. • The Clerk will arrange for the annual boiler service.
14	<p>Environment</p> <p>16.1 Pillhill Brook Association – Cllr Eyre reported that there are now volunteer co-ordinator and site coordinators in place. There is a range of water testing activities that are currently taking place on a regular basis. Cllr Heslop reported that the river was running brown and he contacted the Environment Agency. This was caused by the cleaning the water. Two men have been on site from the EA to test the water.</p> <p>16.2 SWA – Cllr Heslop reported that he had submitted an Environmental Freedom of Information request to ask what the total spillage was into the PillHill Brook from the rising foul sewer. He is yet to receive a response within the 20 days and the timing for the response has been extended to 40 days. The Parish Council discussed possible use of sensors by SWA. Councillor Heslop will ask id sensors can be used at the next Pan Parish Forum.</p>
15	<p>Defibrillator – The Clerk will submit the details of the serial number. During a telephone conversation with the Wel medical representative, he suggested the Defibrillator requires daily checking to ensure it is still working.</p>
16	<p>External Committee and Events –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Heslop will attend the Pan Parish Forum on the 27th of June. • Three Councillors attended the TVBC Thriving Communities workshops. • All things bright and beautiful will be held between 22-23rd June in the Church.
17	<p>Correspondence received for discussion –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents in Bury Close requested a paper copy of the Chalk Pit survey.
18	<p>Chalk Pit – Business Rates –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TVBC have issued an invoice for the rates £ • The Clerk was informed that a payment of £864.66 monthly was required and then after the fencing is removed a new invoice will be issued. • The Clerk has informed TVBC that the building will be used to store fencing. • The government changed the legislation on 31st March 2024 and the fencing needs to be stored for 13 weeks. Date to remove storage is 24th August.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk needs to provide TVBC with photos as evidence. • It was decided that the Council would reconsider payment to TVBC for the rates next month after the Clerk has contacted the Valuation Office Agency at HMRC to inform them that the building is not fit for use as it is boarded up. It is hoped that the VOA will agree to offer full business rates relief. <i>Post Meeting: After an e mail from TVBC stating if non-payment of rates would result in a court summons. It was agreed that the legality meant that payment should be made immediately.</i> • Legal Advice - The clerk advised she is seeking legal advice through HALC as the council has to have a statutory power for redevelopment or/and rebuilding. Government legislation states what a PC can spend money on, this will ensure the decisions and spending made complies with legislation. • Governance -Sell and Develop reports due 1 Jun now to be delayed. Decision on 1 Jul to sell or develop, but also need to decide whether to renovate or rebuild. WG decided preference to rebuild. • Pre-planning advice received on 6 Jun based on renovates plan. • Renovation plans received no objection under policy LE16 (Reuse of buildings in Countryside), subject to structural report. RB advised if new building decided we could develop under LE17 (Employment sites in Countryside). • Storage option - objection on grounds that storage containers are not appropriate in countryside setting. • Wildlife garden - need to justify benefit against loss of employment land. • Access to be referred to HCC pre-planning advice. • Parish Engagement • Almost 200 returns received, and report constructed by CCE and sent to WG for analysis. • Survey report will be valuable to funding applications. • Develop Option • Visits by builders during the past month, who are all preparing assessment quotes for renovation. • TVBC Thriving Communities meeting (22 May) attended by 3 Councillors. • RB met with Architect 6 Jun at the Chalk Pit, who strongly recommended rebuild, and presented some creative ideas. Demolition quotes – are being explored. • Dilemma discussed of seeking funding against a shifting design concept. • COF application window was allocated from (30 May - 26 Jun 24) as the final window RH highlighted that this will be the final window for allocation of the remaining £46M in the COF with DLUHC. Decision to continue to prepare inputs for COF based on information available. • Other funding applications on hold until we get better costings. • CCE to follow up with Cowdown and Equitex • Clear and Sustain (PL) • Security near break-in to be addressed for insurance purposes. • Initial break in reported to Police by GD, but they were not interested in pursuing. • GD thanked for rearranging barricades set up by intruders and trying to discourage access to offices by intruders. WG agreed to install hidden cameras which GD offered to provide, and to seek identity of intruders via community media posts. • Expenditure – Cllrs approved £1500 to cover the cost of reboarding up the property. The Clerk has circulated the Insurance conditions for boarding up the Chalk Pit.
19	<p>Clerk Vacancy: The Clerk reported there is currently one applicant. Interviews will be arranged for early July. The closing date is 28th June. Cllrs Heslop and Bennett will carry out the interviews.</p>
20	<p>For next month’s meeting: Unregistered field Watery Lane</p>

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21	The next Parish Council meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 7.30pm.
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Appendix A Borough Councillor Hasselmann and Floods Reports

Appointments Cllr Ian Jeffrey was elected Mayor of Test Valley for 2024/25 at the TVBC Annual Council Meeting held on 22 May with Mrs Maura Jeffrey the Mayoress. Cllr Linda Lashbrook was elected Deputy Mayor of Test Valley and Cllr Philip Lashbrook the Deputy Mayor's Consort. Cllr Nik Daas was elected as chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Grass cutting schedules to be relaxed to help wildlife thrive The council will once again be relaxing grass cutting schedules across a number of sites between May and September, creating urban meadows, which are more wildlife friendly and provide a longer season of nectar for pollinators. The council has been increasing the amount of urban meadow it creates each year since 2021. This year, it will be letting a total of 44 hectares in Andover, Romsey and Valley Park grow wilder – that is more than 82 football fields of grass that will be left unmown until September, when it will be cut and collected. This approach will reduce the number of visits for mowing and allow grasses and plants to develop, providing valuable habitat for insects and birds. The sites are typically on the edges of open spaces and verges so as not to impact on activities like dog walking or on recreation space. Some sites, like the North Churchyard at Romsey Abbey have been planted with meadowscape wildflower mix to boost their diversity and ecological value and create a scenic route through a colourful, nectar-rich wildflower meadow. In other sites the longer grass and native wildflowers also have terrific value as a habitat for pollinators. Council staff will monitor each of the sites over the summer and make a record of any notable plant species. Anyone who would like to help with monitoring local wildlife can get in touch through the Council's Citizen Science programme on CitizenScience@testvalley.gov.uk

Greening Campaign online information event The Greening Campaign is a scheme designed to help communities to consider how to tackle climate change, including measures to reduce energy use, health impacts related to climate change, waste prevention, promoting biodiversity and growing your own food. Over the last 15 years they have worked with over 200 communities. The Greening Campaign is holding an online information event for communities in Hampshire on Tuesday 11 June at 7pm. It is an opportunity for communities to find out more about their programme, the partners they are working with (such as Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Garden Organic), and the funded support that they can offer. Registration for the event is available at: Greening Campaign Online Information Event for Hampshire and IOW communities - The Greening Campaign (greeningcampaign.org) More information about the Greening Campaign is available at: The Greening Campaign : Climate change community support (greening-campaign.org)

New Economic Development Strategy The council has adopted its new Economic Development Strategy 2024 to 2029. TVBC want businesses to thrive and people to have the best opportunities as employers, employees, or customers. Whether that's businesses investing or relocating here, people getting the skills they need to get jobs, setting up or growing their own businesses here or people visiting the wonderful attractions and supporting local businesses. Here are the six priorities listed in the strategy: • Supporting businesses to grow. Particularly manufacturing, those developing new green technologies, and businesses with a tourism focus. • Helping new startups and people looking to expand their small and medium sized businesses to thrive by providing training, grants and putting them in touch with other businesses so they have a good support network. • Supporting businesses to be kinder to the planet. • Working on two big projects to regenerate Andover and Romsey town centres. • Helping businesses to upskill their employees, as well as looking at the type of qualifications people might need in future to best support the local economy. • Responding to the

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changes affecting how people work. Whether that is moving away from the traditional nine to five jobs, supporting people to make a career change or helping our military personnel when they enter civilian life. The Economic Development Strategy is available to download here.

Appendix B Cllr Drew

Major funding boost to the tune of £2.3 million for Hampshire music education

Hampshire County Council's Music Service has been awarded £2.3 million by Arts Council England as part of a major national investment in high quality music provision for children and young people.

The funding will see Hampshire's Music Service become the lead organisation in a hub of local partners including schools, community groups, music organisations, industry representatives and others, all working together to deliver and support music education across Hampshire. This will be one of 43 such 'Music Hubs' working nationally to inspire a love of music.

Of the funding received, £1.7million will support the Music Service to continue providing music education across Hampshire, while £600,000 will be used to invest in musical instruments, equipment and technology to further develop learning opportunities for children and young people.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240507musicub>

Blood pressure monitors now available from Hampshire libraries.

Hampshire residents can now borrow blood pressure monitors from their local library, alongside books and magazines. In a move to help local people to take charge of their own health, the County Council is making devices available for free at all its libraries. Anyone who is concerned about their own or a loved one's blood pressure should seek advice from a medical professional. For more information about blood pressure and hypertension visit the NHS website at www.nhs.uk/conditions/high-blood-pressure-hypertension/

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/240507bloodpressuremonitors>

Extra cost of living support for Hampshire households

Hampshire County Council has announced plans for how £7.1million of extra funding will be used to help local households struggling with the cost of food and energy prices. The funding is an extension of the Government's Household Support Fund (HSF) until September 2024.

The funding allocations include:

Hampshire-wide grants.

- £550,000 to develop sustainable food support and grants for the community pantry network.
- £483,569 to Citizens Advice to support households with utility costs.
- £421,250 for services that support unpaid carers and young carers.
- £220,000 to the Environment Centre to provide guidance and support to households on energy-related issues as well as provision of practical household items.
- £57,155 for the Hampshire Library Service to extend and develop its current community offer.

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Other support includes Community grants, Grants to District/Borough Councils, Grants through education settings, Hampshire County Council social care support.

The [connect4communities website](#) includes information for households seeking help and for organisations looking to deliver support. Information about applying for community grants will be added to the website in the coming weeks.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/240514hsffunding>

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County Council's surface dressing programme making Hampshire roads more resilient.

Hampshire roads will be given a new lease of life this summer as Hampshire County Council's annual programme of road surface strengthening gets underway at 400 locations.

Where surface dressing is being carried out, road closures will usually be in place from 9.30am to 4pm, with a few exceptions. Timings will be flexible, as the process is very weather dependant, but local roadside signage will be updated as promptly as possible to keep people informed.

Hampshire residents can find out more about roadworks taking place in Hampshire, including surface dressing schemes

at: <https://one.network/> and <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/plannedmaintenance>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/08052024surfacedressing>

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Maintaining vital support for Hampshire's unpaid carers

A new, single countywide carers support service starting in September is set to offer help to Hampshire carers over the age of 18 looking after someone with a long-term health condition, including dementia, and those looking after a person with a physical or learning disability.

The new service will provide a wide range of assistance comprising information and advice, direct one-to-one support where carers' needs are more complex, and contingency and emergency planning, helping carers to prepare plans in the event of an emergency and being unable to look after their loved one.

The 2021 Census identified 111,739 unpaid carers in Hampshire, although according to the Office for National Statistics the numbers are likely to be much higher than the Census figures indicate.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/240517supportforcarers>

Hampshire's young people vote climate change and environment as top concern.

More than 25,000 young people across Hampshire have taken part in Make Your Mark, the UK's biggest youth consultation, to choose campaign priorities for young politicians to focus on in the coming two years.

[Make Your Mark](#) participants, aged between 11 and 18, were asked what issue affects them most from a shortlist of 10 issues. Young people of Hampshire voted Climate Change and the Environment as their top issue for 2024, as it has been in the Hampshire ballot since 2019.

The issue of health and wellbeing was voted a close second in Hampshire while it was the most important topic for young people across the UK. The consultation also showed crime and safety as a major concern for young people both in Hampshire and across the whole country.

Olivia, Member of Youth Parliament for North East Hampshire, said: "The results of Make Your Mark have made the worries and concerns of our youth undoubtedly clear. It is important for the youth to be heard, but so much more important now moving forward to act accordingly to remedy their worries for the future and present."

Over half a million young people took part in the consultation nationally with Hampshire receiving the second most votes.

Hampshire Youth Parliament is continuing its climate campaign by running its third Hampshire Climate Conference in September in partnership with Winchester College and the [Final Straw Foundation](#). It will bring together pupils from across Hampshire to hear from keynote speakers and learn about environmental issues in a variety of interactive climate-based workshops.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240522youthclimate>

Hampshire County Councillors vote to tackle abuse and intimidation in politics.

Hampshire County Council has today joined councils across the country in supporting the Local Government Association's (LGA) Debate Not Hate campaign - which aims to address the growth in abuse received by local councillors.

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At the Local Authority's AGM on Thursday 23 May, County Councillors voted unanimously to support a Motion to sign up to the campaign and challenge the normalisation of abusive and aggressive behaviours against councillors, officers and contractors delivering public services for Hampshire residents.

The Local Authority has also committed to work closely with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure there is a clear and joined-up mechanism for reporting threats and other concerns about the safety of councillors and their families.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240523debatenothate>

New Chairman and Leader for Hampshire County Council

Hampshire County Council has elected a new Chairman and Leader at its Annual General Meeting held today (Thursday 23 May)

Councillor Keith Mans has been elected as Chairman and Councillor Nick Adams-King has been elected as the new County Council Leader.

"Under my leadership, Hampshire County Council will continue to strive to be an efficient, caring, innovative, business friendly council. One that cares for our environment, tackles the challenge of climate change, and actively promotes the positive and necessary work we do to protect our most vulnerable Hampshire residents.

The full County Council Cabinet has been confirmed as follows:-

- Councillor Nick Adams-King – Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
- Councillor Jan Warwick – Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Younger Adults and Health and Wellbeing
- Councillor Liz Fairhurst – Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
- Councillor Zoe Huggins – Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 (Climate Change, Culture and Partnerships) and HR, Communications and Performance
- Councillor Roz Chadd – Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
- Councillor Steve Forster – Executive Member for Education
- Councillor Kirsty North – Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
- Councillor Lulu Bowerman – Executive Member for Highways and Waste

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Driving economic growth – membership announced for Hampshire's Prosperity Partnership Board

Hampshire's new Prosperity Partnership has taken the next steps today towards cementing arrangements to boost economic prosperity, innovation, and skills across the county, with the appointment of new Board members to the new business-led collaboration which aims to build on the legacy of the successful Local Enterprise Partnerships to drive economic growth for the benefit of people and businesses across the county.

UPPER CLATFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE 2024
AT 7.30 PM IN
THE KING EDWARD VII MEMORIAL HALL

The functions of Local Enterprise Partnerships moved over to upper tier local authorities, such as county councils, earlier this year. A Government requirement of the transition has been for Hampshire County Council to create the Hampshire Prosperity Partnership Board – bringing together representatives from local government, education, and business to help inform County Council decisions in relation to economic development and skills to ensure the best outcomes for local people.

Read more about the [Hampshire Prosperity Partnership](#).

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relation to the findings of the Future Services Consultation held earlier this year, will be postponed until this autumn.

With a General Election also now due this summer, the County Council has considered the circumstances very carefully. Local authorities must adhere to important restrictions on publicity and decision-making activity, especially for key issues, during a pre-election period (the weeks running up to an election). Any decisions and communications activity in relation to the outcome of the Future Services Consultation should be avoided under pre-election rules. In deciding to postpone the dates for final decision-making, the local authority has also reflected on the need for Councillors to be able to fully participate in the process, and the County Council's established practice of ensuring that significant decisions are rescheduled to after an elect.