

UPPER CLATFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH
MARCH 2018

AT 7.30 PM IN THE KING EDWARD VII MEMORIAL HALL

MINUTES REMAIN A DRAFT UNTIL AGREED AS A CORRECT RECORD AT THE NEXT MEETING ON 11th APRIL 2018

Present:	Parish Cllrs P Heslop (Chairman), D Coole, C Eyre, S Kennedy, C Williams, A Wilson, TVBC Cllr G Stallard. Minutes – C Emmett, Parish Clerk
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1	Apologies for absence TVBC Cllr M Flood, HCC Cllr A Gibson, Cllrs Lockhart, Newell	
2	Chairman's Annual Report Welcome everybody to the 2018 Annual Parish meeting, and particularly to members of the public. My name is Peter Heslop and I've been Chairman of your Parish Council since June last year, taking over from Cllr Sylvia Kennedy, who I'd like to formally thank on behalf of all Councillors for her many years of dedicated service in that role. I'd like to welcome three new Councillors co-opted over past year: Charles Eyre, Ann Lockhart and David Coole. Regrettably, Simon Butler has resigned after several years on the Council. Simon represented the Parish on the Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Councils, he also oversaw the management of the Pavilion and Sports Field and regularly supervised the annual bonfire on the Green. Many thanks are due to him for his efforts. We currently have 2 vacancies so if any parishioner would like to consider joining the Parish Council please contact me or the Parish Clerk. As a Parish Council we have limited powers but do strive to maintain or improve aspects of life we believe are important to the community and would be more than happy to receive your views on issues or matters that are important to you. TVBC routinely invite us to comment on all planning applications related to the Parish but they retain the authority to approve or reject applications in line with the Local Plan taking heed of our Village Design Statement. We are now considering producing the more robust Neighbourhood Development Plan, which will have a legal status similar to the Local Plan. It could cover a range of topics including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing and development• Environment, Sustainability and Design• Working and Employment• Access and transport• Leisure and Wellbeing The development and eventual adoption of a Neighbourhood Development Plan is a comprehensive and exhaustive process which will need positive support from the Community. In order to gauge public support, we are aiming to hold a number of drop in sessions in the near future, together and with a survey to allow us to hear your views and wishes. We will also need volunteers to help with developing the plan. The Council's main effort and expenditure this year, as in previous years, has been ensuring the parish owned lands, mainly the pavilion & sports field, the play parks at Balksbury Bridge and Anna Valley, The Green and other small areas of green space in Anna Valley, are appropriately maintained, with grass cut and bushes trimmed. We have also decided again this year to fund the maintenance of a cricket wicket on the sports field despite the sad demise of UC CC. We also aim to have the shower floors in the pavilion re-laid shortly and hope to get some redecoration done,	

	<p>hopefully with volunteer labour and Council funded materials. The sports field is well used in the winter by the Youth Football Club and is available to other users by contacting the Parish Clerk. Please make the most of it.</p> <p>The Parish Council is responsible for many trees in the parish and this year had a survey of the most vulnerable trees done and work done on those on The Green. We have also had work done our trees to clear the road and footpath in White Oak Way and in Balksbury Bridge Paying Field to stabilise the willows and reduce the chances of them toppling or shedding more branches as happened in high winds last year.</p> <p>We remain conscious of the traffic on our roads and had TVBC set-up temporary speed detection equipment on roads into the parish. Results from these suggest there is a low incidence of speeding however we remain concerned and have asked that the villages of Upper Clatford and Anna Valley be designated a 20 mph zone by HCC. This seems unlikely to happen following an extended trial conducted by HCC in various areas in 2016/17. The trial report is still awaited!</p> <p>Hampshire County Council is responsible for the maintenance of the public footpaths throughout the Parish, but are unlikely to be able to fund more than one cut of overgrowing vegetation this year and are only looking to do it on 5 paths. We have nominated Path Nos: 2 from The Green towards Goodworth Clatford, 3 from The Green past the Chalk Pit towards Salisbury Rd, 4 up and around Bury Hill Ring from footpath 3 behind Brook Way, 11 behind Clatford Mills towards Green Meadows and 15 (RBW) from Oakcuts in the south of the parish. Any other works will have to be done by the land owner or on a self-help basis by the parish.</p> <p>Our accounting year ends at the end of March annually. Details are published in the minutes of the monthly Parish Council Meetings and are on the website. This current year we anticipate spending between £20,000 and £21,000 which will be covered by the Precept (£15,000) and rent from the Old Chalk Pit. For next year the Precept will rise by a total of £300 which is 2% but due to extra houses paying the charge only a 0.03% rise will be seen by householders.</p> <p>We have recently negotiated a new lease with the scaffolding company who have operated out of the Old Chalk Pit in Anna Valley for several years, which will see that income rise over the next five years.</p> <p>Parish Council meetings are open to the public. Feel free to come. Read the minutes on the Notice Boards or on our website at www.upperclatfordpc.org.</p>	
3	Local Police & Crime Update. The Police were not able to attend this meeting.	
4	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>A parishioner asked if the business in ERA Park contributed to parish funds. It was thought not however the Clerk was requested to confirm with TVBC... [Afternote: TVBC Finance dept confirm there is no distribution of any element of Business Rates to Parish Councils]</p> <p>Cllr Stallard recommended liaison with Goodworth Clatford PC on Neighbourhood Development Plan matters because they are well advanced in the process. He also suggested Cllr grants (up to £1000) or Community Asset Fund (up to £20,000) toward maintaining the cricket pitch might be obtained on a matched funding basis</p>	

The Meeting closed at 7.16 pm