

Public Meeting - Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: Keith Cornwall (Chairman), Paul Newman, Chloe Rusby, Katy Harper, Michael Wallace
Ward Cllr Barry Durkin, Alison Feist – Parish Clerk

In attendance: 21 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** – Karl Lumsden, Mike Tyers and Brian Spencer
2. **Declaration of interests** – Cllr Paul Newman stated he is married to Claire Austin, Volunteer who manages the Website, Website is on the agenda tonight and wanted it noted as a non-pecuniary interest.
3. **Minutes of previous meetings** – 20th December 2021 - approved without change.
4. **Noted Clerk's new email address for contact** – clerk@uptonbishop.gov.uk
5. **Public participation session:**
 - 5.1 Ward Report - The ward councillor gave a report on what has been happening at Herefordshire Council. He reported on an outbreak of bird flu effecting part of the Parish, financial support for families, commitment to high-speed broadband, Old Gore Crossroads, nearly completed, BB been asked to repair the damage around the Parish, a Parishioner raised the issue of reducing speed limit in Phocle Green, Barry Durkin said he would raise again. His full report is on the website <https://uptonbishop.gov.uk/agendas/>.
 - 5.2 Public session: No issues raised.
14. **Biodiversity Strategy was moved from 14 as speakers were present**, Chris Bligh talked about the initiative aimed at promoting wildlife to the Parish as 30% of the land is within the Parish. Councillor asked for more information before making decision, delayed until March 2022, was agreed by PC.
6. **Emergency Plan** - Mark Rusby reported team is now completed and working well.
7. **B4224 Strategy Group** – This was postponed to March meeting as not all Councillors had seen the amendment
8. **Update at Old Gore** - no further comments as discussed under Ward Report.
9. **Planning**
 - 9.1 **P214571 Doubles Farm** – PC unanimously supported application
 - 9.2 **P211951 – Containers at Rudhall** – As this had been refused as 6 were retrospective, was agreed PC need to write to HC to ensure they are removed.
Residents in Phocle Green have requested that the disputed green lane should be designated as a footpath to stop car parking. After discussion the council agreed to support an application for all the unadopted tracks in the centre of Phocle Green to be adopted as byways. This will now be considered by Herefordshire Council.
10. **Flooding at Tan House** – Ward Councillor Durkin reported still awaiting response.
11. **NDP update**
12. **Standing Orders** - This was postponed until March Meeting – when Councillor Spencer was back.
13. **Finance:**
 - 13.1.1 Budget
 - 13.1.2 Monthly Financial Report – postponed until March 2022
 - 13.1.3 Monthly Bank reconciliation – postponed until March 2022

13.1.3 To approve Quarterly reconciliation – postponed until March 2022

13.2 Payments approved

13.2.1 Lengthsman £288 January Payment approved

13.2.2 Pc approved £750 in December 2021 for additional Lengthsman work to be completed in January 2022, however total cost was £1162 and VAT £50, PC approved additional cost of £462

13.2.3 Millennium Hall £80 and £8.00 hall rental - approved by PC

13.2.4 David Nicholson NDP £1,300 approved by PC

14. Biodiversity Strategy as above

15. Footpath update: Reported that Tan House was progressing, UB11 style by Felthampton is being repaired. Andy Parr was thanked for his work this year.

16. Chicory Crops – The Lengthsman with the support of Chicory Crops and the chairman has installed grit bins around the village. Jake Simpson was thanked for his support.

Queens Jubilee Celebrations – **Was agreed would need a volunteer to coordinate an event. A post would put on the website and Facebook.** It was noted that there will be a flower festival at the church over the Jubilee weekend.

17. Hedges – Chairman confirmed hedges had now been cut at Tan House and confirmed was looking tider and thanked residents for their assistance.

18. Sir Bill Wiggin - PC agreed to send congratulations local resident MP Bill Wiggin on his recent knighthood

19. Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st March 2022 7pm ordinary Meeting of Parish Council

Meeting closed 8.35 pm

Signed

Robert Cornwall
Chairman of Upton Bishop Parish Council

Dated: