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Upton Snodsbury Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes Tuesday 21st May 2024, 7.00pm Upton Snodsbury Village Hall

Parish Councillors Present: Martyn Macefield (MM) (Chairman), Debbie Waters (DW), Alan Grainger, Jeremy Britton (JB)
District/County Cllr L Robinson

Clerk/RFO: Nicola Harding

In attendance: Three parishioners

Apologies:

There were none received.

Approval of minutes 23rd May 2023:

Proposed Cllr Waters, seconded Cllr Grainger, all in favour to approve the minutes as an accurate record.

Chairman's report 2023/2024:

The Chairman summarised the activities of the Parish Council during 2023 & 2024, which have been dominated latterly by planning applications pending at the Orchard site and land off Pershore Road.

Thanks were extended to each Cllr for their efforts and roles played in contributing to the work of the Parish Council, in addition to the Clerk.

Challenges are currently being faced regarding vulnerability to speculative planning, given the South Worcestershire Development Plan is yet to be ratified, in addition to the current housing allocation apportioned to the Wychavon District. Following a recent public meeting with Nexus Housing, a working group has been formed with fund raising being explored to finance the advice of a planning consultant regarding land off Pershore Road. Thanks were extended to those parishioners involved in supporting this campaign.

The following achievements were also noted to the meeting:

- Completion of the telephone kiosk refurbishment project – thanks were extended to all those parish volunteers who had contributed towards its success as a new book swapping facility.
- A successful bid for funding from West Mercia Police's Safer Roads Fund, resulting in £3242.00 of grant funding towards the purchase of two new Vehicle Activated Speed signs. Thanks were extended to Cllr Waters for work in successfully bidding for this funding.
- Receipt of the first tranche of Jubilee funds from Wychavon District Council has been confirmed, following the successful Legacy Grant application towards village hall enhancements and resurfacing/configuration of the car park. A working group has been formed and work may now commence given the funding stream is secured.

Police report:

The Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT,) had confirmed that two crimes had been reported in the past two months: one of a drone flying over a garden and another, the theft of sheep. A parishioner commented on the correct course of action should a drone fly over your property, and it was agreed to request clarification from the police team for information. The SNT will continue to patrol the parish and have requested confirmation of the current parish priorities. It was agreed that speeding remains the number one parish priority at present.

Action: Clerk to forward request and parish priority to the SNT.

District & County Cllr report:

Cllr Robinson's annual report was circulated to Cllrs ahead of the meeting and is appended to the minutes. A copy will be made available for parishioners online via: [Home | Upton Snodsbury Parish Council](#)

Cllr Robinson summarised her report and noted updated information from the district council to be published on the two parish notice boards and in the shop. Further updates provided regarding highways & planning are available in the minutes of the annual meeting of the parish council. It was confirmed that work at the community orchard is going well, with the local first school contributing to tree planting. Once the saplings are no longer vulnerable, the orchard will be open to the community.

Action: Cllr Waters to include the planting plan in the next village newsletter.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed

Date.....

Chairman