

Minutes of Meeting of Upton Parish Council

13 May 2025 at 18.30 hrs

Upton Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Fran A'Brook (in the Chair), Councillor Libby Warden, Councillor David Williams, Councillor Howard Shaw, Councillor Karen Telling, Councillor Innes Davies Councillor/Parish Clerk Val Thompstone, County Councillor Frances Nicholson

1 Apologies for Absence

District Councillor Steven Pugsley

2 Declarations of Interest

None

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4 Planning Matters

A planning application had been submitted for discharge of existing Section 106 Agreement at Rainsbury Farm, Upton, TA4 2HU. The Council supports this application and Councillor Shaw will write a letter of support confirming this.

The Breach of Planning form (Ref SWT558501627) relating to St James had been resubmitted. A reply was received saying that the Planning Department did not see that any breach was (or had) taken place and they would therefore not be taking any further action. The Council, albeit discouraged by this response, had been made aware that the resident was leaving the property in the near future. This may be permanent or temporary. If temporary, and construction works recommence in the future, then further actions will be considered at that time.

5 Highways

5.1 Speed Indication Devices (SIDs)
We await response to our application.

5.2 A large hole had appeared in the road close to Castle Cottages. The road was temporarily closed whilst repairs were made. The council has advised that they will return in the Autumn this year to do a more thorough repair.

6 Village Hall

A bingo evening had been held on 12 May which raised £300 for the Village Hall.

7 Finances

7.1 Cheques as detailed on SO16 signed

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7 Finances (continued)

7.2 Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2024/2025

7.2.1 Internal Auditor's Report

Andrew Smith of Huish Champflower carried out the Internal Audit on the Parish Council's finances for 2024/2025 and has signed as correct.

7.2.2 Certificate of Exemption

Reviewed, discussed and signed by Chairman and RFO

7.2.3 Annual Governance Statement

Reviewed, discussed and signed by Chairman and Clerk/RFO

7.2.4 Accounting Statements 2024/2025

Reviewed, discussed and signed Chairman and RFO

7.2.5 The RFO set the date for commencement of the exercise of public rights as 30 July 2025

7.2.6 Required documents will be sent to PKF Littlejohn LLP by deadline of 1st July 2025

8 Update from District and County Councillors

8.1 A new reservoir is being planned which will travel from Cheddar to Cornwall and this will have some impact on land around Wimbleball Lake, including Upton. However, this is in the early stages and further updates will be given in due course.

8.2 Recycling Centres: No decisions yet reached on possible closures.

9 Any further business

None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.15 pm

Dates of remaining 2025 meetings (all meetings will start at 18.00 hrs)

Tuesday 9th September

Tuesday 25th November