



MINUTES OF UPCHURCH FULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11 JULY 2024 AT 19:30PM IN UPCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Denny, Cllr Rosewell, Cllr Bodycomb, Cllr Lewin, Cllr Boakes, Cllr Horton
Officer: Clerk, Nina Henley
External Attendees: Cllr C Palmer
Apologies: Cllr Ripley, Cllr Berntsen, Cllr Sheppard
External Apologies: Cllr R Palmer, Cllr M Baldock

226-FCM/07/24 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Ripley (work) Cllr Sheppard (Holiday) Cllr Berntsen (work) Cllr Denny arrived 19.40 in absence of Chair and Vice UPC voted Cllr Rosewell to Chair the meeting.

227-FCM/07/24 To receive declarations of interests and lobbying

Cllr Boakes reported interest in planning application 24/501464 (family)
Cllr Horton reported that he had finance payment on the list for expenses.

228-FCM/07/24 Minutes

To receive as correct and approve for signature the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 13 June 2024.
Proposed by Cllr Boakes, seconded by Cllr Lewin.
Unanimous.

229-FCM/07/24 Public Participation

There were 7 members of the public present.
5 members of the public were interested in planning applications.

230-FCM/07/24 External Reports and Updates

Written report received from PC Chittim. Appendix 1
Cllr C Palmer reported the ongoing issues SBC has with waste collections. She advised residents to continue to report uncollected waste to SBC via the website reporting or by emailing SBC Customer Services. Cllr Palmer reported an increase in fly tipping within the ward. Any fly tipping can also be reported to SBC and that it is good idea to have the postcode or What3Words to aid with location any fly tipping. Cllr Palmer also advised residents and local groups that there are members grants available for anyone who wishes to apply for them.

231-FCM/07/24 Correspondence

- I Email correspondence from resident / SBC new bin. Circulated. Members agreed to defer the new bin to September meeting and Cllr Rosewell will action a sign directing residents to the nearest bin in the meantime.
- II Email correspondence various funding requests received. Circulated. Members resolved that UPC would not consider any funding requests and that charitable donations are for the discretion of individual residents only. Unanimous.
- III Communication received KCC barriers at The Recreation Ground. Noted.
- IV Email correspondence Swale Joint Transport Board Highways Forward Works programme. Noted.

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- V Email correspondence VE Day 80 – 8 May 2025. Noted. UPC to consider at future meeting a similar event to the DDay 80. Noted. Finance committee to consider budget for event. Cllr Rosewell agreed to take the lead on this event. It was noted that work to the Beacon was needed, deferred to September.

232-FCM/07/24 Planning

To receive urgent updates on planning matters

- I. 24/502260/FULL 60 The Street, Upchurch ME9 7EU Loft conversion with rear dormer. UPC has no objections but asks for neighbours comments to be taken into consideration.
- II. 24/502381/FULL Alqueria La Rana, Susans Lane, Upchurch, Kent ME9 7HA. Erection of a two storey side extension with insertion of 3no new dormers and 1no rooflight to rear elevation. UPC has no objections but asks for neighbours comments to be taken into consideration
- III. 24/501464/FULL Land to rear of 97 Chaffes Lane, Upchurch Me9 7BD Erection of porch and chimney to barn (retrospective). UPC has no objections but asks for neighbours comments to be taken into consideration
- IV. Any reports from Cllr Rosewell.
Cllr Rosewell reported that 23/505148 had amendments to the layout and roofing and 23/502132 had amended lighting – previous UPC comments still stand. No action required.
Cllr Rosewell reported a Swale Extraordinary Planning meeting 23rd Sept regarding 21/503906 land to the west of Teynham and 21/503914 land to the south and east of Teynham. Noted.

233-FCM/07/24 Upchurch Parish Council Reporting

- I. Paddock and recreation ground
 - (a) Play area equipment project Cllr Denny reported that grant funding has been requested and decisions on equipment will be deferred until grant funding confirmed.
 - (b) Inspection of equipment report received from Safeplay. Cllr Rosewell reported that we had 6 low and 5 medium priority reports on the equipment. The medium priority were links – Cllr Rosewell to investigate replacing these links. New signage Clerk reported she had requested quotes from suppliers. Report in September meeting.
 - (c) Paddock wall Cllr Denny reported the work completed. Noted.
 - (d) Barriers Cllr Denny reported that she met with KCC Steward and remedial work is required to the entrance to the Recreation Ground. Cllr Denny suggested an engineer / contractor should advise best course of action and provide quote.
 - (e) Goal posts – deferred to September with options to be presented to council.
 - (f) Car park maintenance – work due to start 24 July 2024. Users of the car park have been informed.
 - (g) Play area signage – quotes to be obtained.
- II. Burial Ground & Churchyard
 - (a) Burial Ground maintenance – tree work completed.
- III. Highways and street lighting
 - (a) Streetlight reported not working. Reported to contractor.
- IV. Footpaths
 - (a) Cllr Denny reported the handrail installed.
- V. Environment
 - (a) Weed maintenance – Church Farm Road and Wallbridge to be reviewed.
- VI. Allotments
 - (a) Cllr Bodycomb reported that inspections had taken place and tenants not working plots to high enough standard would be written to and given 6 weeks notice of next inspection. Report at September meeting.
- VII. Village Defibrillators
Cllr Rosewell advised that the defib in Beckenham Park had been called upon but was now fully operational. The Circuit updated . Noted.

234-FCM/07/24 Finance Reporting

- I. Financial review – bank statement and reconciliation were received signed by Cllr Lewin. Noted
- II. Payments received – Burial ground various received £ 1300.00
- III. Cheques for approval litter picker: £ 78.00 Noted.
- IV. Schedule of payments for approval:



Payee	Date	Method	Reference	Reason	Amount
Hugo Fox	20/05/24	PAID	5373	Website hosting	£ 11.99

Clockwise	11/07/24	BACS	LTD023	Clock restoration	£ 18.00
Amethyst	11/07/24	BACS	5897	Planters	£ 3486.00
UVH	11/07/24	BACS	6896	Hall Hire	£ 40.00
Business Stream	11/07/24	BACS	5469938	Water Bill	£ 22.71
Cllr Horton	11/07/24	BACS		Handle	£ 11.99
The Country Way	11/07/24	BACS		Landscape cutting	£ 1344.00
Goldfinch	11/07/24	BACS		Tree Surgeon	£ 690.00
L Balcombe	13/06/24	BACS		Caretaker	£ 192.00
Staff costs					£ 1411.33

All Payments agreed proposed by Cllr Boakes seconded by Cllr Lewin.
Members resolved to approve the schedule of payments.

235-FCM/07/24 Clerks updates

- i. Clerk reported no updates on the Exercise of Public rights. Noted.

236-FCM/07/24 Items to be considered for inclusion on the next Full Council agenda
Beacon work to be updated.

237-FCM/07/24 Date of next meeting
Thursday 5 Sept 2024

238-FCM/07/24 Meeting closed 20.53

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July 2024

Drop-in surgery

- Sunday 14th July 10:00 hours to 14:00 hours
- Holywell Primary School, Upchurch
- Friday 30th August 12:00 hours to 14:30 hours
- Upchurch Village Hall – UpARA social event.

Your local officer is Police
Officer

Jez Chittim

Local Resident

There have been various concerns raised with me about a local resident to Upchurch; I have been aware of this resident and have worked with them and those immediately impacted by them over the last few months. I have also had to request Facebook posts be removed of which were naming this resident and sometimes speculating incorrectly about the persons history. I have worked with the housing provider and persuaded them that a move for this person is best for all concerned. This has proved difficult as although many Facebook posts alleging certain offences, there were limited if any calls to the police about the same matters and no complaints until recently to the housing provider. Please can I ask anyone that has social media, that whilst it is a great tool to quickly warn others of something, if misused it can be damaging to any criminal investigation and if inaccurate can open individuals up to libel claims. Please report any criminality directly to the police; the police do not police social media.

Fraud and Cybercrime

I have organised for a colleague of mine to deliver an input to the UpARA on Friday 30th August about fraud and cybercrime. This input focusses on what to look out for and how to protect yourself from being a victim of this type of crime. If this is something the wider community would benefit from, a further time and date could be arranged for a further input.



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Police Surgery

Please come along to my next police surgery on Sunday 14th July at Holywell Primary School between 10:00 hours and 14:00 hours to discuss any local issues. This surgery is open to all residents from Hartlip, Upchurch and Newington.

Local Resident

There have been reports of a dog being kept in a garden for several days. The dog was seen in the garden of a property in the area. The dog was seen to be in poor health and it is believed that it may have been kept there for some time. The dog was seen to be in the garden of a property in the area. The dog was seen to be in poor health and it is believed that it may have been kept there for some time. The dog was seen to be in the garden of a property in the area. The dog was seen to be in poor health and it is believed that it may have been kept there for some time.

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