

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UTKINTON PARISH COUNCIL held in COTEBROOK VILLAGE HALL on
TUESDAY 10th February 2015 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs. R.Barnes, T.Boyle, G.Hope-Terry, A.Needham, K.Platt, I.Priestner, M.Stewart,
G.Stewart, F.Tunney

In attendance: A. Stubbs – Clerk
Jan Krause – Member of public

The meeting commenced with an allocated session during which members of the public have the opportunity to raise any matter in relation to village and community matters prior to the meeting.

Ms. Krause raised various queries regarding:

- a document on the website with information on the planning application at John Street, Utkinton. It was explained that this application had now been withdrawn and that the document would be removed from the website.
- whether the route from Utkinton to Tarporley could be made safer for those on foot. Cllrs. confirmed that this was an on-going project but had a long timescale.
- large tractors/trailors causing congestion in Utkinton. Cllrs. agreed that these could be a problem but there seemed to be a feeling in the Parish that these were part of the problems of living in a rural, farming community.
- there was an issue with boulders that had been placed outside a property in Utkinton. Cllrs. responded that both the police and Highways had been out to look at the boulders at the request of the resident and had not found any problems with these.

15.02.01 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

There were no apologies and no declarations of interest.

15.02.02 Minutes

Resolved: **that** the minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on 13th January 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

15.02.03 Matters arising from the minutes

Noted: a) Proposed development of affordable houses on Northgate
that the planning application has now been withdrawn and this item will be removed from the agenda.

15.02.04 Planning

No applications received.

Noted: **that** Cllr. Needham raised the consultation for the allocation of Local Service Centres by CWAC which is being done as part of the Local plan. Communities were given points depending on their amenities to see if they would qualify as a local service centre. Cllrs. felt that the way points were allocated was unfair to Utkinton.

Resolved: **that** Cllr. Needham to email out the link to the consultation so that Councillors could review this.

15.02.05 Highways

Noted: a) Community Speed Management
that Cllr. M.Stewart had attended a session with PCSO Brandreth with a speed gun by the Fox and Barrel pub. This had shown that some drivers were in excess of the 40mph speed limit, some going as much as 59mph.
that there had been a very productive meeting between Councillors, PCSO Brandreth and Dave Reeves from Highways. Points noted included:

- The speed gun is to be deployed in Utkinton

- Some leaflets were distributed so that Cllrs. could consider starting a ROAD SAFE programme within the parish.
- PCSO Brandreth is to attend Utkinton School to set up a 'Lets Walk' scheme.

Resolved:	that the SID should be requested from Highways for a further 2 weeks and then maybe 3 times a year.	Clerk
	that the Parish Council should formally request funding from Highways for another SID to be installed at Cotebrook.	Clerk
Noted:	b) <u>Utkinton/Cotebrook Village Sign</u> that several new signs have been requested from Highways within both villages and these are in progress.	
15.02.06	To receive/respond to matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council	
Noted:	a) <u>To receive a report from the CWAC ward councillor</u> that Cllr. Moore-Dutton was not present at the meeting.	
Noted:	b) <u>Section 106 monies/play area</u> that Cllr. Needham had attended a meeting where the S106 money (money received from developers for play space etc) for each ward was discussed. There appears to be a large amount of money in Tarporley ward which is unallocated.	
Resolved:	that the clerk to draft a letter to Cllr. Moore-Dutton requesting a meeting with the other Parish Councils in the ward to discuss.	Clerk
Noted:	that Cllr. M. Stewart had met with Mr. Posnett of the Parochial Church Council who did not have a problem with some play equipment being installed on the field. She was now trying to set up a meeting with the school to discuss the equipment required.	
Resolved:	that plans for equipment should be drawn up following the meeting with the school and that a questionnaire should go out with the next newsletter to get the views of parishioners. that a public meeting should be organised.	Cllr.M Stewart Cllr.M Stewart
15.02.07	To receive progress reports from the following Working Groups	
	a) <u>Parish Plan</u> Nothing to Report	
Noted:	b) <u>Newsletter</u> that the next issue is planned for March/April.	
Noted:	c) <u>Village Improvement Objectives</u> that work on these is continuing	
Noted:	d) <u>Footpath to Tarporley</u> that the public footpath sign which is damaged close to Utkinton Hall has been reported to CWAC.	Clerk
15.02.08	The Quarry and the Cotebrook Greens inspections	
Noted:	that an inspection report for The Quarry was received. No action required.	
Resolved:	that Paul Whalley be employed to cut the Cotebrook greens at the same price as last year.	
15.02.09	Financial matters	
Resolved:	that the following net payments be approved: St Helens PCC Contribution for upkeep of Cotebrook Churchyard £34.79	

- 15.02.10 Correspondence**
Noted: that no correspondence for discussion had been received.
- 15.02.11 To receive an update on the website and to agree any items for publicity**
Noted: that the new website is now up and running. It also includes a new link to Facebook. Upper Bridge Enterprises are to give some training sessions to include any interested community groups.
- 15.02.12 Next meeting**
Noted: that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th March 2015 in Utkinton Village Hall at 7.30pm.
- 15.02.13 Any Points of interest**
Noted: that the state of the local roads was a concern especially Tirley Lane and Heaths Lane. It was agreed to put this on the next agenda and also consider requesting another drive round the parish with Highways.

Clerk

There being no further points of interest the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

 Chairman

 Date