

Community Engagement Meeting (1) – 25 February 2021, 7.30pm.

In attendance: 8 Councillors, 7 members of the public.

(there were some technical issues regarding the link to the meeting which were eventually overcome; the meeting started at 8pm to allow for the joining difficulties)

Summary of topics raised by Upton residents with members of the Parish Council:

Local Council Award Scheme – Quality Gold.

Will the Parish Council apply for re-accreditation? What is the cost of accreditation? What are the auditing standards?

Could standards auditing of the Parish Council be carried out by Upton residents?

Does the Parish Council have an Action Plan? One linked to the needs of the community?

Website – hard to follow, more information on current projects. Details of activities at the Pavilion and QE II facilities.

Could there be more active involvement in Parish Council work from the Councillors?

Resident-wide survey to ask what people want in Upton and from the Parish Council. This will inform an Action Plan.

The Parish Council has already agreed to carry out this type of survey once the Neighbourhood Plan consultation period is over.

Does the Parish Council network with other Upton groups and organisations such as the village hall, the country park etc?

Yes it does; several examples of this were given.

Youth Club building (now on the open market for sale) – has the Parish Council considered applying to register the building as a Community Asset?

It was reported that CW&C Council has deemed the building as 'condemned' and as such it was put on the 'asset disposal list'. It is possible there will be some section 106 funding available for the community/towards youth services once the building is sold and developed.

Has the Parish Council considered the 'climate emergency'? Does it have a policy?

The Parish Council has an Alternative Gas Extraction Policy.

It may be perceived that the Parish Council is doing little but it seems that much is going on in the background – residents need to be informed and kept up to date with PC projects.

It may be possible for the Committee Chairperson to take responsibility to update a page on the website.

The Parish Council thanks residents for taking the time to attend the meeting and will consider all the points raised at the meeting on April 12.