



UPTON BY CHESTER AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Upton by Chester and District Parish Council's General Purposes Committee, held on Monday 08 March 2021, 6.30pm, via Microsoft Teams.

Present: Cllr Bennion, Cllr Carter, Cllr Evans, Cllr Houlbrook (Chairman), Cllr Southward and Cllr Walker.

In attendance: Suzi Bull (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hulmes. Cllr Samuel was also absent from the meeting.

Resolved: noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTES.

Resolved: The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 08 March were confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman at the next opportunity.

Proposed by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Bennion.

4. CLERK'S REPORT.

Resolved: The Clerk's Report was received and noted.

It was further agreed that the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Houlbrook regarding the Cycling Plan for Upton working party who will then invite members of the community to join the working party.

5. PAVILION.

Government guidelines regarding the stepped approach to coming out of the current lockdown mean that it will be possible to re-open the Pavilion and QE II facilities to a limited capacity.

Resolved: The Clerk will arrange for staff to be briefed and risk assessments updated to ensure staff and public safety is a priority.

The Pavilion will re-open on 13 April, limited to the shop and toilet facilities only. Opening hours will be 10am to 6pm, to be reviewed at the end of April. The tennis courts, bowling green will re-open according to social distancing guidelines. Details will be posted on the website and social media.

6. SUMMER EVENTS.

It was reported that information received from the Events Officer at CW&C Council indicate that it may be possible to have limited capacity outdoor events later in the summer.

The annual Upton Fun Day organisation commences early in the first quarter of the year; attendance at the last event in 2019 is estimated to be in excess of 2,000 visitors.

Resolved: A low key event such as a picnic will be held on 11 September. Picnic 'plots' will be marked out and available to be booked in advance. A cinema screen or other forms of seated entertainment will be considered.

7. BOWLING GREEN.

It was reported that Upton Bowling Club is to delay the start of the bowling season until June. It is thought the club may request a reduction in the annual fee paid for the use of the bowling green.

Resolved: The Clerk will liaise with the Chairman of the bowling club and suggest that for this season, club members pay an individual annual fee to the Parish Council.

Pavilion staff are enrolled to complete a bowling coaching course in April. Once completed, a program of schools 'taster' days, including coaching, will take place. In addition, free sessions will be made available to Upton residents of all ages for a limited period.

8. DEFIBRILLATORS.

Following the resolution of the full Parish Council, the committee will further consider the use of redundant telephone boxes for the purpose of installing defibrillators.

Resolved: This item will be deferred until more information is available.

9. UPTON IN BLOOM.

Following the resolution of the full Parish Council, the committee further considered a garden competition event in Upton.

Resolved: A garden competition will be organised for 2022; the theme will be 'interesting' gardens. Categories for a range of age groups will be applied. Photo entries will be submitted by email, social media or by post.

Prizes will be awarded to the best three entries by a pre-selected panel of judges.

10. HIGHWAYS.

No highways matters were reported.

11. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: The date and time of the next meeting will be on 10 May 2021.