



Uplyme Parish Council

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Parish News - June 2021

Uplyme Parish Council were pleased to have their first face to face meeting back at the Uplyme Village Hall on Wednesday 9th June 2021 and we hope that this will now continue and in the future be without COVID Restrictions.

Both the Full Council and Planning Committee paid their respects to the late Cllr Brian Mason who served on the Council actively for many years. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Congratulations to Cllr. Chris James who was appointed Parish Council Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. Paulene Frost as Vice Chairman and Cllr. Andy Turner, Chairman of the Planning Committee.

We would like to welcome Cllr. Paul Oakley who was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the May Annual Meeting of the Council and we wish him well in his new post.

Parish Councillor Vacancies

Unfortunately we now have three vacancies as Cllr Miss R. Turner and Cllr. D. Ostler have recently resigned due to personal commitments. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their commitment to the Parish Council and for all that they have done for the Community.

The Parish Council is now going through the Casual Vacancy process and one of the seats we hope to fill via co-option at the July Full Council Meeting and the other two in September.

A Parish Councillor is a volunteer who represents and is a voice of the Community. Collectively the Parish Council makes decisions for the benefit of residents, provides facilities (i.e. Children's play area, open spaces, Cemetery), Services (i.e. Flood / Snow Emergency Team), communicates with other Authorities and outside bodies including Highways, a Consultee for Planning and involved with Housing Needs and the Neighbourhood Plan.

Above are just some of the areas the Parish Council is involved with, it is a fulfilling and interesting role. The Full Council meetings are held in the evening on the second Wednesday of each month except August, Planning the last Wednesday of the month with some additional meetings as required and other Committees adhoc during the year.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor then please visit our website for more information, or contact the Clerk and return to the Clerk the short application form.

The Parish Council are also looking for a **Volunteer Tree Warden**, again if you are interested please visit our website or contact the Clerk for more information.

Chairman: Cllr C James

Vice Chairman: Mrs P Frost

Cllrs: P. Oakley, C. Pratt, N. Pullinger, W. Trundley, A. Turner

Dog Mess

Unfortunately there appears to be an ever increasing amount of dog mess left on footpaths and grass verges especially on the River Lim Walk. Please pick up after your dog and use the dog and rubbish bins. The Parish Council will be putting up signage, please help us keep Uplyme clean and tidy.

Housing Needs Survey

Uplyme Parish Council decided to carry out a Housing Needs Survey to assess the future local housing need, 30% of the surveys delivered were returned and the results collated in a report which can be viewed on our website. Parish Councillors are very pleased with the report and would like to thank Devon Communities Together who facilitated it. This report will be considered in the future and will assist with the Neighbourhood Plan Review.

Planning

There has been lots of **Planning** applications which the Planning Committee has conducted site visits and made representation to East Devon District Council. The outcomes can be found on our website under the Planning Minutes or via East Devon District Council website under Planning. Thank you to the Planning Committee for their work and dedication.

Parish Council Grants

Every year the Parish Council awards grants and this year the following local charities and organisations have received a grant:

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| Uplyme Parish Church Magazine | £300 |
| King George's Field | £520 |
| CAB Bridgport | £250 |
| Uplyme Help at Hand | £100 |
| Axe Valley Ring & Ride | £200 |

Audit

Every year the Parish Council has an Internal Audit and External Audit and this is currently being completed. The Internal Audit is now on our website for resident's perusal, also the Notice of Electors Public Rights, later in the year the completion of audit will be on our website.

Highways

If you have any issues with footpaths and highways this can easily be reported to Devon County Council online using the following link. <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Next Full Council Meeting

The next Full Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th July 2021 at Uplyme Village Hall starting at 7.15pm.

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