

Aims and Objectives 2015-16

Administration:

- ♣ Fill the two member vacancies as a priority;
- ♣ Ensure adherence to the agreed document storage and archiving procedure;
- ♣ Review Clerk's salary to ensure it is commensurate with the duties undertaken.

Finance:

- ♣ Produce clear and accurate documents that effectively communicate our financial situation;
- ♣ Set a precept and budget that ensures the on-going work and commitments undertaken by the council are adequately resourced and insured;
- ♣ Ensure proper practices are followed at all times, in accordance with the adopted financial regulations.

Training:

- ♣ We will encourage the development of all councillors and clerk through attendance of appropriate training courses when available.

Planning:

- ♣ Seek to maintain the village character as a small village in a rural setting, through proper understanding and use of the planning system;
- ♣ Continue to work with OCC Highways to ensure safety improvements on Chilton Road and within the rest of the Village.

Parish Plan:

- ♣ Continue work on developing the Parish Plan, with a suitable questionnaire to be published ASAP.

Amenities:

- ♣ Support UVHAT in the upkeep of the village hall and enhancement of its facilities;
- ♣ Seek to retain the Methodist Chapel/Site as an "amenity" for the benefit of the village as a whole;
- ♣ Support the continuation of services at St. Mary's Church and its upkeep;
- ♣ Maintain the recreation ground and playground equipment to a high standard;
- ♣ Ensure routine safety inspections of the playgrounds;
- ♣ With the support of the Volunteer Group, improve and maintain communal village areas.

Services:

- ♣ Continue financial support for printing of the Upton News, ensuring the continuation of the hardcopy circulation.
- ♣ Ensure the Parish Council pages on the village website are complete and correct.

Roads and Footpaths:

- ♣ With the support of the Volunteer Group, continue cut the grass on village footpaths;
- ♣ Lobby to ensure our roads are maintained and as safe as possible. Specifically lobby for a pedestrian crossing on the A417;
- ♣ Continue efforts to establish a cycle route to Blewbury, which satisfies the requirements of all interested parties.

Dr. Robert Lott

Chairman Upton Parish Council

19th May 2015