

## Upton Noble PTA – AGM Minutes

Date: Monday 13 October 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Upton Noble School



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### 1. Welcome & Introductions

- The meeting was opened by the Chair with a warm welcome to all attendees.
- A special welcome was extended to the new Head Teacher, Mr. Oakes.
- Thanks were given to everyone for their support and hard work over the past year.

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### 2. Apologies and Attendees

#### Attendees:

Mr. Oakes, Naomi Haygreen, Emily Grace Smith, Jemma McGinley, Bryony Harling, Pippa, Amanda, Rosi, Pearl Mallocklong

#### Apologies:

Fran Porch, Emily BC, Pip Edmonds, Joe James, Lisa Thompson

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### 3. Approval of Previous AGM Minutes

- The minutes from the previous AGM were made available and available if you would like to read a copy.
- All roles were confirmed: Naomi - Chair  
Emily Grace - Secretary  
Emily BC - Treasurer

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### 4. Treasurer's Report

- The bank account was discussed, and a celebration that we have managed to open a **CAF account**. Three names, Naomi, Emily BC and Rachel Bissett.
- STRIPE card machine to be explored further – **BH** to investigate.
- **Current balance:**  
£1533.93 from the fund account  
£6790.08 from the old account  
= £8324.01 total
- We need to track down 2 payments: have these been cashed by the school? Tesco's £500 / £110 Batcombe
- Mention of the GoFundMe page. Link to charities trust. Need to set this up with new bank info

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## 5. Review of Actions from Last Year

- **Leavers' Hoodies:** Noted that the class is larger this year. We will need year 6 to contribute to funding these.
- **Mufti Days:** Very successful – agreement to do more.
- **Bingo Night:** Raised £887.65. Very good event lets do it again.
- **Sports Tops:** Delivered. A great success.
- **Easy Fundraising:** £414.45 raised so far. Lets keep pushing this and sharing with parents and friends
- **School Fete:** Successfully held.
- **Donations:**
  - £110 from Batcombe Parish Council
  - £200 from Batcombe Fete – thank you note sent (BH)
  - Wanstrow Parish Council – match funding to be explored
  - Center Parcs donation – to follow up

## 6. Library Fundraising Plan

- Plan to share school library update via PDF – **Mrs Bisset** to provide information to **BH**.
- Suggestion to ask parents working in larger companies about **match funding** opportunities.
- Set up **crowdfunding link** once CAF account is ready: [www.charitiestrust.org](http://www.charitiestrust.org)
- Re-issue **Easy Fundraising** info via newsletter – confirmed okay by **LO**.
- Include appeal in Parish News. Local parishes
- Explore **Tesco/ASDA** funding.
- Ideas discussed for a **Library Fund Day** or open day – include wish lists, reading sponsorships, outdoor activities.
- Possible partnership with **Hunting Raven Bookshop**, Frome.

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## 7. Swimming Pool – Permanent Structure?

- Initial discussion around whether PTA could fundraise for a permanent structure.

- Interest in parental support to help drive this project forward.
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## 8. Matters Arising

- **School Trips:**
    - Move from class fee to £200 per class – all agreed. Please ask the PTA if you do need extra funding if your class size is bigger, we're happy to discuss.
    - Acorns & Ash trips approved.
  - **Christmas Cards:** Profit share model with PTA – AGREED.
  - **Tea Towels / Tote Bags:** Agreed to bring back – **JMG** to explore options and committee post on WhatsApp groups order numbers.
  - **PTA Web Page:** Needs updating – action required.
  - **Calendar Sync:** Aim to align school and PTA dates to avoid conflicts.
  - **Bags2School:** Agreed to hold two collections per year.
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## 9. Review of Events – Year Ahead

### October

- *An Evening with The Juice - SOLD OUT 24 October, Upton Noble village hall. £700 ++*

### November

- *Sexey's Fireworks – 7 Nov:*
  - Tuck shop & contribution – **Emily BC + Pearl, Amanda + 1 more**
  - Upton Noble PTA banner to be used - need to get one made
- *Bags2School – 10 Nov*
  - 30p per kg, bags in the office
- *KS1 & KS2 Discos – 25 Nov - poster to be made - LO to find KS1 & KS2 staff to help support. Emily GS to book in the disco lady.*

### December

- *Nativity and Candlelight Carols – tea & coffee provided by PTA*

- Dates TBC by LO

### January – July

- **Feb:** KS1 & KS2 Discos (Red + Pink themes) **Thursday 12 February**
  - **March:** Crazy Hair Mufti Day (prizes for Bingo) **Friday 27 March**
  - **April:** Easter Bingo **Thursday 2 April**
  - **May:** Danceathon + PJ Mufti Day
  - **June:** Colour Run
  - **July:** Sponsored Swim, School Fete + Raffle, Ice Lolly Fridays
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### New Event Ideas

- **"Uptono Good Ball"** – formal PTA fundraiser
  - Tuck shop / ice cream sales on sunny Fridays
  - **Year 6 Fundraising:**
    - £20 for Oakhampton trip
    - £10 for Leavers' Hoodies
    - 24 students in total
  - **Plant Sale**
  - **Mother's Day Gift Sale**
  - **Christmas Sale:**
    - Elf workshop activities: making baubles, crackers, air-dry clay, decorating cookies
    - Tea and cake for parents
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**Date of next meeting:** To be decided.

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**Meeting Closed:** The meeting concluded with thanks to all attendees for their time and continued support.