

UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on the 10th September 2024

Present: Cllrs. D Spittlehouse. M McDaniel. K Smith. P Fotheringham. J Elvidge

In attendance: Cllr E Bailey. Cllr. R Butroid.

Clerk. Liz Holman.

Also Present: 2 Members of the public.

Absent: Cllr Waring. Cllr Rushton.

Matters Raised in the Public Forum.

Residents on Cade Lane not happy with cars parked on Fish shop days.

One vehicle owner got very abusive towards the resident.

Hedge behind the Church getting overgrown again onto the footpath.

The Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.05 pm.

68/24 To receive and resolve any apologies of absence:

Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Waring and Cllr Rushton.

69/24 Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th July 2024:

It was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Elvidge that the official minutes of meeting held 9th July 2024 are approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman. **Resolved.**

70/24 To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011:

No declarations of interest.

71/24 Bus service update:

On Friday 30th August an email had been received from Cllr Butroid to inform us that a bus service would commence the following Monday, 2nd September.

The email was circulated to all Councillors and the bus timetable put onto the Upton FB group.

Cllr Spittlehouse thanked Cllr Smith for all his hard work and to Cllr Bailey and Cllr Butroid for their effort into making this happen.

Cllr Smith suggested that we deliver the timetable to all residents so that everyone knows there is a service again in Upton.

Clerk to enquire re printing if we don't receive an official timetable from Stagecoach. Cllr Butroid will try and get us some copies. **Action required by Clerk.**

72/24 Village Signs update:

Cllr Elvidge and Cllr McDaniel had visited Elite signs to enquire the possibility of them making the signs. To enable this they need a detailed sign in pdf format. The cost of each sign approx. £200.

Cllr Smith had sourced a sign designer taken off another villages sign. Clerk to check the website and requirements. Cllr Bailey thought it would be an idea to approach Queen Elizabeth's Grammar school in Gainsborough to ask if this was a possibility of a project for their students. Clerk to enquire. **Action required by Clerk.**

73/24 Church Xmas lights:

At the last meeting it was agreed to donate £25 towards the church xmas lights. Cllr Spittlehouse had checked with the Church Warden if it was for new lights or for electric. It was confirmed that it was towards running costs. All; agreeable to donate this amount on an annual basis. **Resolved.**

74/24 Horse poo on path:

Cllr Spittlehouse had received a verbal complaint regarding horse poo on the footpath outside of her house. Whilst the resident was aware that the Parish Council was probably unable to do anything about this, she wanted to make us aware of this incidence. All Councillors agreed that this was totally unacceptable in a residential area where the footpath is used by pedestrians and wheel chair users.

The bye law states that it is not a legal requirement to pick up, but would be the decent thing to do on a footpath where they shouldn't be riding anyway.

75/24 Community Speedwatch update:

One of the members had decided to withdraw from the group, fortunately two new volunteers came forward. The clerk had emailed Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to get the two new recruits trained and was still waiting to hear back from the training officer. Both Cllr Bailey and Butroid will chase up on our behalf. **Action required Cllr Bailey and Butroid.**

76/24 Solar Farm update:

Cllr Bailey had emailed the Parish Council informing them that whilst WLDC are still supportive of objections from residents and are still speaking to the legal team on what the next steps would be, it was recommended that we try and get some sort of benefit from this. A few ideas were suggested: Free Solar panels for Methodist Chapel, Upgrade parking at Willingham Surgery, new bridge over the River Trent, new playpark and cost of new signage to the village.

Cllr Bailey informed us that a planning application had been submitted for a battery storage plant at Normanby by Stow and that we should raise an objection even if it isn't in our area. **Action required by the Clerk.**

78/24 Remembrance wreath and large street poppies:

The clerk had costed the wreath and large poppies as well as a Tommy.

Wreath £20, poppy £5 each and £175 for a Tommy.

It was agreed to purchase 10 poppies this year as well as a wreath and a Tommy. **Action required by the Clerk.**

79/24 To approve the Clerks salary and expenses for period July/August 2024:

The Clerks salary for period July/August was proposed for approval by Cllr Fotheringham and seconded by Cllr McDaniel. **Resolved.**

80/24 Payments made since 9th July 2024:

Proposed by Cllr Elvidge and seconded by Cllr Smith to accept. **Resolved.**

81/24 Village Hall meeting:

This was attended by Cllr Waring and the highlights of his report were read out by the Clerk.
This was the AGM held on the 17.07.2024.

Post Office settled debt.

Church Magazine details have been amended and are now correct.

As of 18/06/24 the hall now has Wi Fi provided by Quickline on a 2 year contract.

Usual organizations are continuing to hire the hall.

Fund raising raised £1,354

Grant from FCC for kitchen, work starts on 09/09/24, the hall will be closed for 5 weeks.

The Secretary thanked all committee members for hard work over the year. A quote has been received for replacement kitchen shutters, £3585 in VAT

After further discussion it was decided that further quotes are to be obtained as the meeting felt the single quote was expensive.

In the interim period between the Village Hall meeting and the Parish Council meeting, an email had been received from the secretary asking if both Upton and Kexby Parish Councils could make a contribution towards the extra work that needs doing. The sum of £1000 was agreed upon from Upton Parish Council.

Cllr Elvidge to attend the next meeting. Date to be arranged.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.

Signed.....Dated.....

The next meeting is the 12th November 2024.