

**UPTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on the 6th May 2025**

**Present:** Cllrs. D Spittlehouse. K Smith. P Fotheringham. J Elvidge. S Wilson.

**Also Present:** 2 Members of the public.

**In Attendance:**

Liz Holman. Clerk.

**Absent:** Cllr Waring. Cllr McDaniel.

**Matters Raised in the Public Forum.**

A member of the public brought to the council's attention that the hedge running alongside the Church public footpath is getting overgrown as well as the hedge on the public footpath that runs from Ave A to Church Road. The comments were noted and the situation to be monitored.

The Chairman welcomed our new Councillor Steve Wilson.

The meeting commenced at 7.05 pm

**51/25 To receive and resolve any apologies of absence:**

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

**52/25 Minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025:**

It was proposed by Cllr Elvidge and seconded by Cllr Smith, that the official minutes of meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 are approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman. **Resolved.**

**53/25 To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011:**

No declarations of interest were declared.

**54/25 Road surface on Padmoor Lane:**

The clerk had reported the poor condition of the road surface to highways.

The location has been identified for a large scale improvement and at this stage are unable to give specific dates but will continue to monitor this location as part of their routine inspections. **No further action.**

**55/25 Deer warning signage on Long Lane:**

A member of public asked at the May meeting if it was possible to have deer warning signs down Long Lane. Highways response was as follows.

**Quote:**

Normally, and based on the advice of the Lincolnshire Deer Group, we do not advise the erection of 'wild animals' warning signs simply because they can, and do, occur at random throughout the county. Unfortunately the signs themselves will almost certainly not affect driver behaviour. **No further action.**

**56/25 Rubbish from chip shop:**

After comments regarding the rubbish overflowing from the rubbish bins with chip shop waste, a valued customer of the chip shop brought this to the attention of the proprietor when purchasing his fish and chips.

The proprietor does check on the rubbish situation but starlings are the main culprit. There is a bin inside the shop for customers use also. **No further action.**

**57/25 Community Grant Funding:**

West Lindsey have re-opened the Community Grant Scheme. Anyone requiring a grant needs to register their interest. It was agreed that we should apply for a grant to help pay for the village sign.

**Action required by the clerk.**

**58/25 Village sign update:**

The quotes and designs of 2 signs had been received and circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. A discussion took place and a design was chosen with a few tweaks.

The church needs to be changed to depict our church and to incorporate the archway more into the design. The clerk volunteered to take more pics of the church from different angles should Vanessa require more detail. Cllr Spittlehouse suggested erecting the sign in the middle of the green as it could appear too crowded behind where the phone box was located. It was discussed that the seat be removed and renovated which would make more room. **Action required by the clerk.**

**59/25 Willingham and District Relief Fund:**

This is a fund of £400 per village for a party for elderly residents. Geoff Payne, Kexby's clerk had suggested that we join forces and hold something together. All Councillors were in agreement.

Clerk to notify Kexby for them to discuss at their meeting. The need to identify all residents that qualify was discussed, probably with a flyer to all residents. Venue and catering to be discussed at the next meeting. **Action required by the Clerk.**

**60/25 To approve the Clerks salary and expenses for period May/June 2025.**

The Clerks salary for period May/June was proposed for approval by Cllr Fotheringham and seconded by Cllr Wilson. **Resolved.**

**61/25 Payments made since 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025:**

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

**62/25 Planning Application decisions:**

WL/2025/00235 Approved/pending.

WL/2025/00387 Refused.

**63/25 Planning Applications for Consideration:**

WL/2025/00649 Vehicle Crossover. 25 High St.

The application was discussed in detail and all Councillors voiced their objections to this application. Clerk to send a letter of objection to the planning department and to highways to inform them of our concerns over this application. **Action required by the Clerk.**

**64/25 Village Hall report:**

Cllr Mcdaniel attended the meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

Awaiting report.

Cllr Smith to attend the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm

Signed.....Date.....

The next meeting will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025.