

# UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on the 23rd January 2024

**Present:** Cllrs. D Spittlehouse. K Smith. P Fotheringham. P Rushton. G Waring. J Elvidge. Cllr McDaniel

Clerk. E Holman. Cllr Emma Bailey. Cllr Butroid

**Also Present:** 1 Member of the public.

**Absent:** No absences.

### **Matters Raised in the Public Forum**

Dog fouling on Lodge Lane along the pavement and in a resident's garden.

Cllr Bailey informed the meeting that West Lindsey had recently employed 2 dog wardens, so if this persists we can request a visit from the warden and hopefully fine the perpetrator.

Corner of Church Road flooded again and many of the gutters are full of leaf mould.

Cllr Butroid did say that there are 715 items of flooding yet to be investigated. He will however mention the problem on Church Rd and hopefully send an officer out for a site visit.

The meeting commenced at 7.08 pm

#### **01/24 To discuss the proposed bus route:**

Cllr Smith briefly filled in Cllr Butroid regarding the lack of service to Upton and that almost 200 residents signed a petition for a bus service in Upton.

After doing a door to door Cllr Smith spoke with many residents and a feeling of isolation was felt by many and that Call Connect just didn't work for them.

Cllr Butroid agreed to speak to Stuart Eccles Manager Network Design LCC to explain in detail our proposals.

**Action required by Cllr Butroid.**

#### **02/24 To receive and resolve any apologies of absence:**

No apologies of absence,

#### **03/24 Minutes of the meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023:**

It was proposed by Cllr Fotheringham and seconded by Cllr Rushton, that the official minutes of meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 are approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman. **Resolved.**

#### **04/24 To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011:**

No declarations of interest.

#### **05/24 Public footpath from High St to the Church:**

The hedge and footpath has been cut and cleaned by Stuart Dunderdale. **Resolved.**

#### **06/24 Community Speed Watch update:**

The group did a speed watch in January and planning another in February, hopefully PC Samantha Key will join them.

A sign has been purchased so the speed check can be done from both ways. This was at a cost of £120.

The yellow 30mph speed signs are very faded and there are only 2 left. The Clerk had priced them up now at £20 per sign. Cllr Butroid will try and get us some for free. **Action required by Cllr Butroid.**

#### **07/24 Post Office rent arrears update:**

The Parish Council had been requested from the village hall committee for help in claiming the rent arrears that is owed by the sub postmaster.

The clerk sent a letter initially to Adrian Tomes who forwarded this to the Postmaster for action.

A response was received from Mark Gibson (External Affairs Manager) who informed us that the Post office no longer has a contract with this operator and there is little they can do from their end.

Several emails have been sent to the operator asking for his immediate attention on the overdue amount. No reply has been received.

Cllr Gore of Kexby PC has since submitted a letter to Mr Tomes, and is waiting to see what the outcome of that is. He will let the clerk know on any progress.

**08/24 80<sup>th</sup> D Day Commemoration:**

This was discussed and all agreed to the lighting of the Beacon and maybe serve light refreshments prior to the lighting. Cllr Spittlehouse to ask the village hall committee if they would be interested at the next VH meeting.

Clerk to check insurance for Public Liability etc and to inform the Fire Service. **Action required.**

**09/24 Tillbridge Solar plans:**

Correspondence has been received from Tillbridge Solar and was circulated to all Councillors.

A change to the scheme following a statutory consultation was for an opportunity to comment to the proposals. A hard copy is held by the Clerk should anyone wish to read.

**10/24 Tree near War memorial:**

The Clerk had received correspondence from a resident with concerns over a tree near the War Memorial. The resident, a local farmer who on several occasions had broken several wing mirrors on his telehandler asked permission to cut off the offending branch.

Cllr Spittlehouse and Cllr Fotheringham trimmed the tree accordingly. A large tree in the same area which belongs to highway's looks to be overgrowing into the overhead electricity cable.

Cllr Butroid offered to report the tree to Highways. **Action required Cllr Butroid.**

**11/24 To approve the Clerks salary and expenses for period Nov/Dec 2023:**

The Clerks salary for period Nov/Dec was proposed for approval by Cllr Elvidge and seconded by Cllr Smith. **Resolved.**

**12/24 Payments made since 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023:**

Proposed by Cllr Rushton and seconded by Cllr Waring to accept. **Resolved.**

15.11.2023	Bacs	E Holman	306.88
15.11.2023	Bacs	Protect Signs	£122.31
07.12.2023	Bacs	LALC Cllr Training	£30.00
08.12.2023	Bacs	Upton Village Shop Xmas Tree	£59.00
15.12.2023	Bacs	J Bower Hedge	£60.00
24.01.2024	Bacs	E Holman	£478.96

**13/24 To authorise and sign the final precept claim form:**

At the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 an estimated precept of £7,500 was agreed.

The Chairman, two other Councillors and the Clerk signed the final claim form. Clerk to submit this as the final figure to West Lindsey District Council. **Resolved.**

**14/24 Planning Breach update:**

The Clerk had received no further updates from enforcement. However, Cllr Bailey had and retrospective plans have now been submitted and are awaiting final checks before sending the planning application out to the Council.

**15/24 Village Hall report:**

Cllr Smith attended the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December:  
Old Facebook page closed but new one not set up as yet  
Plans for the new kitchen update grant forms submitted and will be reviewed in March cost of 69K  
No more comments of the condition of the floor from line dancers.  
Still waiting for Quickline to install Wi-Fi  
Aerial photos of Kexby not hung as yet neither is the King Charles 111  
Investment balance £16169.95  
Current account £1016.11  
Craft fair made £324.96  
Requested for paper bank statement and a debit card  
AOB new lights fitter to toilet cost £105  
Next meeting February 5<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Spittlehouse to attend.

Cllr Bailey informed the meeting that she would be holding a surgery on the 14<sup>th</sup> February from 4.0pm onwards in the Chapel Schoolroom.

Also to make residents aware of a grant funding by West Lindsey to help hard-to-reach households improve the energy efficiency. The funding will be used to provide support to people living in hard to modify homes. Here is the link to find out more. <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/council-news/2024/01/cutting-energy-use-while-keeping-homes-warm>

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

The date of the next meeting is the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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