

MINUTES OF UPTON PARISH ANNUAL MEETING HELD 8TH MAY 2018

PRESENT

- Chair. J Allan. Vice Chair. D Spittlehouse. Cllr P Fotheringham. Cllr L Alsop. Cllr J Alsop. Cllr T Hall. Cllr P Rushton. Clerk Liz Holman.
- Cllr Jesse Milne in attendance.
- 1 Member of the public.

APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

- M Irving. Chairman Village Hall. C Wells. Secretary Village Hall.

CHAIRMANS ADDRESS

- Once again I'd like to thank my fellow Councillors and all the volunteers from the local Organisations for their support through another busy year. These actions and activities provide a sound base for the community to rally round and create a positive local community spirit. A lot of good work was done throughout the year, but it has to be said our efforts to get automated speed signs up and running has taken much longer than anticipated. This item has been on our agenda at every meeting but the process of getting the funding, working with Kexby Parish Council to agree the type of equipment, sites for placement of equipment, and approvals from the relevant authorities has taken months to pull together. Hopefully this will be resolved soon. We will continue with our policy of keeping the village informed of issues and events with our regular village newsletter. It is our aim to support the local community and make Upton a village to be proud of.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL FROM MEETING HELD ON 9TH MAY 2017

- Minutes were approved and signed by Chairman J Allan.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETING

- There were no matters arising.

REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS

- **CHAPEL.** Doing well at the present time. 18 to 25 attending. Excellent fellowship. Rental income from Chapel, 4 to 5 times per week. Financially breaking even. Grass in the garden problem with tending, no one seems to want it. Report from P Fotheringham.
- **BOWLS.** 16 members in total. Been a very social season. Play at Gainsborough Leisure once a month. Finances healthy. Report by P Fotheringham.
- **CHURCH.** Ticking over. Congregation done very little due to lack of supporters. New treasurer. Andrew Bond.
- **FRIENDSHIP CLUB.** Members have increased in numbers this year. Finances ok at present. Report by J Whiteside.

- **NEW AGE KURLING.** It has been another enjoyable season for the Kurlers. The Tuesday morning sessions are very well attended with the residents of Howson House still supporting it. The Friday sessions haven't been quite as busy as previous, but the match nights are still very competitive, and we are all looking forward to our presentation evening later this month. Report by L Alsop.
- **BLOOMERS.** This year has not been as busy as last year, mainly because we were unable to install the new planter due to unforeseen circumstances. It is now planned to complete the project this year. More bulbs were planted in the autumn of last year and some annuals were planted in the planter. We also moved the trough from in front of the bus shelter to in front of the bench, this is proving to be a better position. We continue to fund raise and would always welcome more members. Report by J Alsop.
- **UPTON AND KEXBY BURIAL GROUND.** Stella Curtis has retired as Clerk and has been replaced by Geoff Payne. Tony Hall has given notice that he wishes to stand down at the time of the next election. May 2019. A new representative from Upton will be required. The gates to the burial ground are currently being sought for refurbishment, it is anticipated that there will be sufficient money to cover this without seeking help from the Parish Councils. Two more plinths are required. Quotes are currently being sought. Report received from G Payne in advance. T Hall presented at the meeting.
- **UPTON & KEXBY VILLAGE HALL.** The Hall has continued to be used regularly and I can confirm that is used every week day night for Bowls, Kurling, Karate, WI and Clubercise. This provides us with a steady rental income. The Post Office still continues to use the Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings and Wednesday afternoon. A letter of apology had been received from the Post office on the issue that there had on several occasions when they had not been there. This was due to technical problems and was assured that they will continue to provide a service. Fundraising has continued and we have a very healthy balance in the bank account. We appreciate the financial assistance that we receive from both Upton and Kexby Parish Council. Report by secretary Carol Wells. J Alsop presented at the meeting.
- **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.** Last year's show went well, despite bad weather earlier in the year which affected some of the classes. We asked for more members to join the committee, we now have 4 new members. This year's show is on Sunday 2nd September, and we hope you will support it with your entries. We were delighted at the response yet again to the Scarecrow Class, and hope everyone is as enthusiastic again this year. We decided to have a theme this year, which will be "A blast from your past". A flyer will be sent out in good time with more information. The show is obviously our main event, but we do

participate in other village events, such as the Fete and Christmas Market. Hope to see you all at the show. Report by D Spittlehouse.

- **UPTON AND KEXBY PLAYING FIELD.** The annual accounts were presented from the Treasurer Paul Mann to the Clerk prior to the meeting.
- **W.I.** 2017/18 has been another busy year for Upton cum Kexby WI, with our membership reaching 47. We have had a range of speakers, trips and social events over the course of the year. We started our year well with a talk in April from Nigel Smelt – Take a glass of sparkling wine- which our members did with an impressive degree of enthusiasm! I am pleased to tell you that Nigel is visiting us again, this time with a talk about port. **JUNE** saw one of our open meetings when we had a demonstration of Pyrography, the art of designing by fire, after which we were able to have a go ourselves. **JULY** saw the first of our social evenings: a beetle drive led by Jenny Fotheringham, which proved to be very popular with our members. Many thanks to Jenny for a great evening. In **JULY** we had a trip to the theatre in London to see “The Girls”, a musical by Gary Barlow retelling the story of The Calendar Girls. A long but very enjoyable day. Also in July, some of our members braved the water at Holme Pierpont to go white water rafting. Some of us got wetter than others after taking a dunking in the cold waters of the River Trent. Wet and cold but thoroughly enjoyable. In **SEPTEMBER** Horace Liberty came to talk to us about a branch of his family and their prestigious shop in London. **OCTOBER** saw another trip, organised by Linda Spurr, to McArthur Glen shopping outlet and York. We came home poorer but with lots of bags. In **FEBRUARY** our very own Rowie Summers gave us a talk about her life in nursing, which highlighted how much has changed in our health service over the last 50 years, not always for the better as technology seems to have overtaken the human touch. Some of our members enjoy singing with The Trentside Singers, our WI choir, who have performed several concerts in the local area. In September we again hosted the Macmillan coffee morning, which along with fashion shows and quizzes, raised well over £1000 for that charity. I would like to thank to all the members and local community who worked so hard to make this a success. We have also raised £100 for the Upton cum Kexby Burial Memorial Garden. This has mainly been achieved by table top sales organised by Jenny Littlewood, aided and abetted by Denise Barratt and Fiona Lockwood with items donated by our members. Report sent in by Chris Hailes.
- **GRANT TO VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD.** It was agreed that the same grant of £750 as last year be paid to both organisations if needed. Clerk to get confirmation in writing from both parties.