

MINUTES OF UPTON PARISH MEETING HELD ON 10th MAY 2016.

These minutes are in draft form and are subject to change at the next meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair. J Allan. Vice. P Rushton. D Spittlehouse. P Fotheringham. T Hall. L Alsop. J Alsop. Clerk. A Rushton. Ass/Clerk. L Holman.

Cllr J Milne arrived 7.40pm.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Three in attendance.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS:

- J Allan gave a speech to the room. He thanked his fellow Councillors and Clerk for all the hard work put in and a special thanks to Pete for his tireless effort over the past years and for giving him support on his first year as Chairman. Also thanking Audrey for all her great effort over all her years as Clerk. He also commented on various organisations at how well they are doing.

VICE CHAIRMAN:

- P Rushton announced that he will be stepping down as Vice.

CLERK REPORT:

- Audrey Rushton announced that she will be stepping down as Clerk and that November will be her last meeting. She gave a list of items that have occurred over the last 15 years.
- Burial Ground now up and running but took many meetings with WLDC.
- Land given by Mr Prescott for burial ground.
- War memorial.
- Purchase of phone box.
- Broadband.
- Travellers.

ARISING FROM:

- Litter bin missing church Road. Clerk to write a letter.
- Bloomers: Being well supported and a continuation of bulbs are being planted. The raised beds for the village green is in progress just awaiting more funds. Anyone who would like to join are welcome.
- Kurling doing well.

- Friendship going well.
- Village Hall going in the right direction.

REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS:

Kurling.

Good year for attendance especially Friday evenings. 3 Trophies have been won in the competitions that have been entered. Presentation evening is at the Rose and Crown sat 21st May which is jointly held with the bowls club. Thanks were given to Don Spittlehouse and Sue for keeping the accounts in order.

Playing Field Report.

A successful year with the field being hired by Forrest Rangers junior football club, two senior clubs and also the Upton and Kexby cricket club. Last years project was for the erection of two new cricket nets. Upton PC was thanked for the purchase of the cricket mat. The support of both councils have made it possible to provide a well maintained and well used play park and Pavillion. During the past year efforts have been made to raise money for an all weather pitch, thanks were given to all parties that have contributed. Enough funds have been raised now to have one put down. Funds now have to be raised to erect a 6 metre fence along the boundary due to the ball landing in the garden of a new house in the corner fo the field.

Bloomers.

Been well supported and is self financing, with quizzes to raise money and joining the xmas market as well as many donations received. Bulb planting continues around the village. The large planters that have been in the pipeline is beginning to come together and with a little more fundraising should see a result.

Horticultural.

A good turn out for the show last year, and this year there will be a few changes. A scaercrow competition is being held for the first time in Upton and Kexby. They are hoping this will get more people involved in the show and hope to make it an annual event. This years show is on the 4th September.

Burial.

1 burial last year and one creamated remains. There are 7 internment plots remaining and 20 cremation. 2 advance purchases have been made for internment. Grass cutting for the year was £875. Finances: £3640.81. self supporting.

Chapel.

Going along steadily, gained about 4/5 members since Sturton-by-Stow closed. The schoolroom is used regulary and the garden adjacent is vacant and To Let.

W.I.

2015-16 has been an interesting, entertaining and at times inspirational year. 36 members attend on a regular basis from Upton, Kexby, Lea, Knaith Park, Glentworth and Gainsborough. Some interesting speakers as well as outings have been arranged throughout the year.

Village Hall.

Plenty of organisations supporting the village hall. Fundraising events, Jumble and Table top sales, craft fair, coffee and chat are some examples. Coffee and Chat very popular, £657 raised. Thanks to Upton Parish Council for their support. This year has seen a baby changing unit, the hall decorated, new hinges on the fire door, curtains replaced by blinds and the Mural restored. Advised to keep mural covered to prevent fading. Village hall AGM 26th May. 7.0pm.

Bowls.

Running along nicely.

Church.

Deficit of £25. £147 saved on electric. Had some work done on fabric. Declining in numbers. New church warden appointed. Peter Rushton.

G.N.S.

A committee of 4 has been formed to organise the Good neighbour Scheme. The group are called "Helping Hands". DBS checks are in progress for the committee and are hoping to gain more volunteers for the scheme after a flyer that is going to be delivered to all households in the Upton, kexby and Willingham area. The group will be attending the Queens Birthday celebrations to publicise their scheme.

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Friendship Club.

Goes from strength to strength.

Football Team.

Doing really well and had a good season. Thanked the playing field for the pitch.

HIGHWAYS:

- Fly tipping still an issue, J Milne will investigate with WLDC.
- Trees on High St have been felled.
- Potholes almost completed. L Holman to check further progress and about recent pothole Church Road.
- Speed signs. Willingham showed no interest in sharing, Kexby Chairman to arrange a meeting to discuss further.

PUBLIC MEETING:

- Member of the public complained about the speeding through the village was getting worse. Cars and motorbikes coming through at 50 to 60 mph. The SLOW sign painted on the road is hardly visible. The Clerk informed him that steps are in process for speed reduction signs and will be having a meeting with Kexby Parish Council with regards sharing.