

MINUTES OF UPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 12th JULY 2016

THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

PRESENT

- Chair. J Allan. Vice Ch. D Spittlehouse. P Rushton. P Fotheringham. J Alsop. L Alsop. A Rushton. L Holman. 1 Member of public.

APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

- T Hall.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- D Spittlehouse (Clerks Salary) P Rushton. (A Rushton expenses)

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL MEETING 10th MAY 2016

- Minutes were approved and signed by Chair. J Allan.

PUBLIC TIME

- A member of the public brought up the issue of Broadband speed provided by BT. She informed the council that Superfast Fibre Optic is available to surrounding villages but left Upton out. It goes as far as the airfield then stops. Kexby is also provided, although it was agreed that Kexby is served by a different exchange. She would like a bit more pressure to be put on the providers. Clerk to write to BT to query.
- Another point was made on the appearance of the telephone box, now it is being used as a notice board. She commented that it looked scrappy when entering the village from Padmoor Lane. She suggested it being made into a more of a decorative feature, and that various artistic groups could take turns on decorating it. J Allan questioned who would undertake this role and it was suggested that the W.I. be approached and S Rose. D Spittlehouse to ask S Rose and Clerk to ask W.I. Also to publicise in next newsletter and get a rota running.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- No plans received from J Milne regarding footpath.
- Updated standing orders signed by Chair J Allan.

PIG REARING UNIT UPDATE

- A petition was sent to WLDC with over 140 signatures of objection. A group of residents decided to raise money to pay for a solicitor to write a formal letter on behalf of the village. £700 was raised from donations and a collection at the Queens celebration event.

- J Allan has asked WLDC what is the next stage. It is a 16 week consultation period from closing date of application. J Allan asked R Woollass if there will be a public planning meeting or go to committee etc. Response was very vague.
- It was agreed that J Allan to write a letter to Waitrose after a member of the public informed him, that the Upton chippy was mentioned in their Good Food Guide and that if planning was agreed then it could be the end of this historic chippy. Clerk to source where and who such a letter to be sent.

PLANNING

- 134594 6 Cade lane. Garage and Games room. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 134592 Land adj Lodge House. Lodge Lane. NO OBJECTIONS but observation on previous planning re- agricultural land.

DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

- P Rushton spoken to LIVES and it will be delivered next weekend. Rose and Crown to authorise the fixture. LIVES will do the training and servicing.

FINANCE

- Clerk informed Council that a cheque had been received from Willingham Nurses for £650 towards the cost of Defibrillator. A letter of thanks to be sent.
- Clerks salary was discussed. It was agreed that a summary of hours and expenses be presented at each meeting, and to be paid at the end of the financial year. An increase of 10p per hour was awarded from April 2016.
- Period for MAY/JUNE. 13 hours @ £8.71 = £113.23 Plus expenses. £49.30
- A Rushton expenses May/June. £58.39.
- **Account Issues.** TOTAL PAID OUT. For period May/June £2.306.81
- **Balance in Bank July 1st.** £6.098.42

SPEED SIGN UPDATE

- Awaiting R Gore to arrange a meeting with J Allan.

POLICE REPORT

- Upton. Theft of cast iron letterbox.

CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE

- Clerk informed the council of an email enquiry received from a resident on Hawksland close. Initially asking if we knew who owned the land at the back of her property. She wanted to ask the landowner to cut down the weeds that are very high and encroaching on her property. Clerk did a bit of research but not reached a satisfactory outcome. Members of

the council were unsure as to who it belonged to. There is also a problem with dog fouling in that area too. The offending person/persons are known but they still continue to leave their dog poo, even when requests to remove it has been made. As it is an unadopted road there is nothing the council can do, other than to keep monitoring it and put dog fouling signs up. The resident on Hawksland Close has been informed.

VILLAGE HALL

- A rota for future meetings was agreed.
- P Fotheringham. T Hall. P Rushton. D Spittlehouse. J Alsop. L alsop. J Allan.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- It was agreed that surplus money that was collected for the Queens Birthday celebration to be given to the Xmas Organisations.
- Street lighting was raised by P Rushton. Lights going off at midnight. Clerk to write a letter to enquire more about it. Is it permanent or just on a trial period etc. and are they expecting feedback from the public.
- A tree branch is down at the junction. J Alsop agreed to clear the debris and clerk to write a letter to Highways as it is a safety concern for any further wind damage.
- Newsletter contents to be collated. e.g Queens birthday celebrations, A Rushton standing down as clerk. P Rushton standing down as vice chairman. Defibrillator, phone box decorating.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm. The next meeting to be held on 13th September. 2016.