

## MINUTES OF UPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018.

### PRESENT

- Chair. J Allan. Vice Chair. D Spittlehouse. P Rushton. L Alsop. J Alsop. Cllr. J Milne. Clerk L Holman.

### APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

- P Fotheringham. T Hall.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- D Spittlehouse. Clerks wages.

### PUBLIC TIME

- No members of the public were present. In this time J Alsop informed the council that a resident on Church Road had approached him regarding rubbish in the village, and had expressed his interest in joining litter picking. The Councillors go round on a regular basis and he is volunteering to help. D Spittlehouse to drop a picker and plastic refuse bags at the residents house.

### MINUTES FOR APPROVAL FROM MEETING HELD 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 AND EXTRAORDINARY JOINT MEETING BETWEEN UPTON AND KEXBY COUNCILS

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

### REPORT FROM CLLR. J MILNE.

- Jesse Milne gave an update on West Lindsey issues. By 2020 West Lindsey will have to be self-sufficient financially, as there will no longer be government funding. WL is trying to make up for this short fall with refuse collection charges. Green waste charge now in place and rubbish is being collected from businesses, which is more competitive with other collectors therefore gaining more and more business. Already exceeded all expectations within their first year. There are three directors of the council instead of a Chief Executive. This is also saving money. Mark Sturgess is head. Property in Market St. is being re-vamped and the new hotel is coming along nicely. Recently WL bought a lease to a Travelodge in Keighley, hoping to make this a profitable success. Council tax is going up by 3%, this is the first raise in 3 years. WL are trying to generate more income without claiming from the general public. WL offices are now free from cost, rental from other units are paying for their building.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- **Potholes.** A member of public brought up potholes around Cade Lane, Hawksland at the last meeting. It was agreed that this should be brought to the meetings attention regarding a visit by the Councillors to take a look at the situation. All agreed to leave this until the next meeting.

- **Parking on High St.** PCSO Melanie Goodwill called on the residence in question. He was unaware that his parking was causing a problem. Matter now resolved.
- **Speed Sign Update.** The application and cheque have been submitted and the clerk is waiting to hear from LCC for approval.
- **Audrey's Memorial Bench.** The clerk informed the councillors that a letter had been circulated to all the organisations in which Audrey was a member, informing them of the Councils intention to purchase a memorial bench, and should they wish to make a donation it would be gratefully received. Several internet sites had been searched and different prices and styles were circulated. The councillors to choose which one and to pass back to the clerk. Clerk to ask LCC highways permission to locate the bench between the large planter on the grassy area and the lay by on High St. Also to have a litter bin to be placed there at a later stage.

#### LALC ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

- This was discussed and it was agreed to continue with the annual subscription. A cheque for £181.26 was written and signed.

#### FINANCE

- Clerks wages was approved and signed by Chair. J Allan.

Period Jan/Feb 2018. £209.04 plus expenses £40.53.

- Clerks annual salary and expenses were approved and signed by Chair. J Allan.

Total Salary for period March 2017 to February 2018. £1228.11

Total expenses for period March 2017 to February 2018. £222.21

The total amount was paid £1.450.32. Cheque written and signed.

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- 136973. Chafers Cow Lane. Granted.
- 137361. Longleys. Padmoor Lane. Log cabins and fishing Lake.

Observations: Comments same as previous planning application. Narrow road. Poor visibility. Impaired vision entry and exit on a blind spot.

#### VILLAGE HALL

- J Alsop attended. Smoking shelter still in hand. Finances healthy. A new booking been taken Tuesday evenings, Clubacise, Yoga and Pilates. Hoping to be a regular booking.

L Also to attend the next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

#### CRIME REPORT

- No crime to report in this area.

#### CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE

- **New GDPR & Data protection.** Email was circulated prior to meeting. It was agreed to write a letter to Sir Edward Leigh regarding charges to small parish Councils. J Allan said he would compose a letter.
- **Ride to save lives.** The clerk had received information regarding a charity bike ride to raise money for the air Ambulance. This is to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Up to 500 motorcycles will be riding through Upton, and we have been asked to publicise this event so residents can line the streets to show support. Also any air Ambulance fundraising events on the day to support the ride would be appreciated. Clerk to inform Councillors as when further information is obtained.
- **Letters from resident.** The Clerk had received 2 letters from a resident (name and address supplied). These were circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

The first letter was a complaint regarding flooding and pothole on Church Road.

This issue had already been reported. The flooding was caused by a resident on Church Road discharging water onto the public highway. Highways dealt with immediately and subsequently the road is slowly drying. The pothole is in hand as with the blocked drain, and hopefully dealt with as soon as possible.

The second letter was regarding concerns of a large wooden construction on the top of a wooden fence which runs along the public footpath which goes from Main St. to Avenue B. This is made from untreated board making it unsafe when rain water starts to seep in. This was discussed by the councillors and it was agreed that this breaches any planning regulations. Clerk to send a letter to WLDC Planning Enforcement Officer. There was also a mention of rat infestation in that area. This to be monitored.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10.pm.

The next meeting to be held is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. A.G.M.