

MINUTES OF UPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH JANUARY 2017 7.0.pm

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PRESENT

- Chair. J Allan. Vice Ch. D Spittlehouse. P Fotheringham. T Hall. L Alsop. J Alsop. Clerk. L Holman.

APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

- P Rushton.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- D Spittlehouse (Clerks wages)
- J Alsop. L Alsop. (planning application 135571) not included in Agenda but to be discussed under any other business.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL FROM MEETING HELD 8TH NOVEMBER 2016.

- Minutes were approved and signed by Chairman J Allan.

PUBLIC TIME

- There were no members of the public present. A resident asked D Spittlehouse to mention dog fouling along Church Rd to Ave B. All agreed how bad it is and for all to keep vigilant for the offending dog owners.
- Two members of the public have voiced concerns over the bags of manure left on the side of the road on Common Lane. As many as 20 bags were counted on one occasion. Very often there are bags on both sides of the road. The clerk was asked to check with Highways regarding the law on this. The majority of councillors agreed that it spoilt the approach to the village.
- The lighting on High St was mentioned, still not fixed. Clerk informed the council that a letter had been received to say all faults will be dealt with when the engineers are working in the area. Clerk to chase it up again.
- Councillors brought up fly tipping down Cow lane. Clerk has reported that more has been dumped, one heap containing an address. All details were given to relevant department but not heard any more. That has been removed but more has been dumped. Clerk to report. Surveillance camera signs were discussed as a deterrent but no conclusion was reached. T Hall informed the council that there had been 2 cases of hare coursing in that area. Police were aware.

MATTERS ARISING

- Speed Sign update: J Allan had received information from R Gore on the cost of electronic signs. £2.000 to £3.000 would be approximate price. The smiley SID sign around £700 to £800. Clerk to ask Willingham Clerk if that sign has been successful. D Spittlehouse commented on the missing sign from the centre of the village. Clerk to order 40 more wheelie bin stickers.
- Precept council tax forecast: Clerk informed how an increase of the precept would affect council tax payments for individuals. All unanimously agreed to ask for £8.400 precept for 17/18. Clerk to hand deliver the final claim form tomorrow 11th Jan.
- Grass cutting quotes: 2 quotes have been submitted and one has been accepted.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

- All councillors agreed that it would be beneficial to the village to enter. Clerk has sent for an information pack. To inform all residents in the next newsletter.

VILLAGE HALL MEETING

- D Spittlehouse was the representative at the last meeting.

Treasurer was away so no financial report.

The other mural is to be cleaned at a cost of £850.

R Gore arranging a Defibfillator from WLDC free of charge.

W.L elections to be held on the 4th May.

Lantern workshop made £40.50.

J. Alsop to attend next meeting on 19th Jan.

CHRISTMAS MARKET REPORT

- Very well attended this year and over £1000 was taken on the night. Cheques to be distributed between the organisations at the next meeting on the 26th Jan. The remainder of the pig fund which was donated by the public will be distributed into the christmas funding.

FINANCE

- Clerks salary of £161.13 plus £31.55 expenses was agreed.
- Balance in account 30th Dec £4.783.27.
- £50 was agreed to give the church towards lighting costs.

CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE

- A questionnaire on governance arrangement was circulated. Was agreed for individuals to fill in rather than from the council as a whole.
- LALC news circulated.
- Highways grass cutting letter and the affects of a limited service.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Planning application 135571. Land adjacent to 4 Padmoor Lane, 1 dwelling.

No objections.

- The phone box decorating was discussed and all agreed to continue and hopefully get some groups interested, W.I etc.. Quiz nights to be held from time to time to help with costs.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40.pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING IS 14TH MARCH 2017