

MINUTES OF UPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 13th SEPTEMBER 2016.

THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PRESENT

- Chair. J Allan. Vice Ch. D Spittlehouse. P Rushton. L Alsop. J Alsop. P Fotheringham. T Hall. Clerk L Holman.
- 1 member of public and Rep. from B.T. Richard Wyatt.

APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

- Clr. J Milne.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- D Spittlehouse. (Clerks wages) T Hall. (Planning application 134887)

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL FROM MEETING 12th JULY 2016

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

PUBLIC TIME

- P Rushton asked the council if a wreath will be purchased for Remembrance Sunday. All members agreed and P Rushton is will take care of it. P Rushton thanked J Allan for the excellent evening that was laid on for Audrey's retirement. A thank you card had also been received by the Clerk also thanking Jamie and Liz.
- A street light not working was reported to the council by P Rushton. Clerk to report to LCC.
- Dog waste bin near phone box broken catch. Clerk to report.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Richard Wyatt came to talk to the council regarding Fibre Optic broadband and how the village can access it. The nearest Fibre enabled cabinet is at Heapham which is 2 and half miles away, speed decreases in distance. There is a cabinet in Upton situated at the end of Lodge lane, if this was enabled speeds of up to 60MG would be accessible.

In 2011 LCC provided funds to provide coverage to Lincolnshire. In 2014 Quickline put in an interest in the area thus making it a sterilised area for public funding. The government won't invest now because of Quickline. However a £350 voucher is available to residents unable to get quickline and are receiving speeds of less than 2 MG.

It was suggested that the council approach LCC as they have substantial funding. Clerk to ask Steve Brookes of LCC. Also the council to register with BT to enable to move things along. Information pack to be sent to A draper regarding this issue.

- All councillors agreed on good job on phone box.

- Letter to Waitrose, no reply so far.

SPEED SIGN UPDATE

- No further with meeting with R Gore. A letter of complaint has been received from a resident concerned about the speed of vehicles and how dangerous to turn right or left from main St. All agreed that we should go ahead to get the passive 30mph signs into place as soon as possible. Highways have already been notified that the " SLOW " signs on the road are almost invisible and the job is in hand to re-paint. J Allan to chase R Gore in the meantime.

DYKE PLANS

- The plans have now been received from J Milne showing the Dyke on the public footpath that keeps flooding. Clerk to get in touch with Upper Witham Drainage Board.
- No update on car sales Padmoor lane.

DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

- The Defibrillator is now installed outside The Rose and Crown. 2 training sessions are to be held: 21st September and 12th October 7.30 at Rose and crown. Notices have gone up to advertise and on website. Electric certificate to follow. Clerk to check WLDC councillors initiative fund, for possible funding for Defib

PLANNING

- 134887 Threeways vehicle access. No objections.
- 134462 Pig unit. It was agreed that the council should speak at the planning committee meeting wed 21st Sept. J Allan will represent the council. Info to go on Upton blogspot to inform residents.

PRECEPT

- J Allan to check what implications that it will have on the precept regarding withdrawal of local council tax support. Precept for 2016 was £5750. J Allen asked all members to think of a couple of ideas what we could use the money on for next meeting.

HELPING HANDS

- D Spittlehouse explained to the council why Helping Hands is disbanding. There is a definite need for the service in the area, several residents have required help and would need help, unfortunately due to the lack of volunteers to help run the scheme and the Treasurer of the committee stepping down, it is having to fold. All monies that was donated will be returned.

NEWSLETTER

- News items were asked to be sent in to clerk if any. To be compiled and ready for printing by next council meeting.
- Distribution needs revising.

VILLAGE HALL

- No report from the last meeting. P Fotheringham to attend next one.

No other business.

The meeting ended at 8.45. pm The next meeting is 8th November.