

UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors: (Chair) Malcolm Yates (MY), Roger Norman (RN), Sarah Mackie (SM) and Malcolm Robinson (MR).

In Attendance: L-J Campbell (LJ/Clerk) Cllr Keith Melton (KM) and one member of public in attendance.

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS
150/23	To receive representation from the public (ten minutes): a representative from CVG gave an update.
151/23	To receive and accept apologies for absence: Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs. Law-Riding, Jackson and Jewitt.
152/23	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest.
153/23	To approve the Minutes of the last meeting: The PC accepted the Minutes from the meeting held on 15 th November 2023 as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
154/23	To Receive the Chairman's report: MY reported that the Christmas lunch was held and was successful; MY thanked all that were involved and helped on the day. The Carols around the tree with Santa went well.
155/23	To note Matters Arising: RN asked the Clerk about the Great North Road whatsapp group; Clerk to check with Jayne Saunders. MR reported that he has had interest from half a dozen people for the Speedwatch Group; he will bring names to the next meeting.
156/23	Reports from District/County Councillors: KM reported that the councils have been very busy with all the flooding issues caused by the recent storms. <i>(KM left at 19h57).</i>
157/23	Green spaces and rights of way incl. monthly review of the burial ground, The Green and The Collies inspection and maintenance report: a. To receive update from CVG: they have tree saplings and shrubs which they will plant once the weather has improved. Clerk to contact the grass cutter and request a quote for grass cutting through the season. Clerk to contact Ben Stacey at NSDC regarding the apple trees on the green which need pruning. b. To receive monthly playground report: The Annual Playground Report has been conducted and there were minor issues noted which will be dealt with when the weather improves.
158/23	To action Highways issues: a. Flood mitigation: water on the highway – standing water – on the bend, clerk to arrange a site visit. Clerk to write to Highways about the potholes on Hockerton Lane and Cork Hill.
159/23	Village Hall update a. Finance: the bank recon was approved and the balance is £24195.73 was noted. b. Bookings: we have received new bookings from the theatre group. c. Maintenance and Caretaking: the hall is being cleaned regularly.

	d. To receive update on roof/double glazing: MR will forward the quotes to the Cllrs.
160/23	Community defibrillators monthly inspection reports: All in working order.
161/23	Financial Matters: a. To accept the latest financial reconciliation - £18158.80 balance. b. To note payments received and authorise payments: Payments totalling £2288.69 were authorised. c. To approve the budget for 2024-25 – Approved. d. To set the precept for 2024-25 - £8600 e. To agree annual insurance premium – Agreed
162/23	Planning matters: a. Applications: 24/00021/FUL South Farm, 70 Main Street – OBJECTED. b. Decisions (to note): 23/01427/HOUSE The Hay Barn, extension, pool, plant room – PERMITTED. 23/02095/AGR Land North of Springwood Farm – REFUSED 23/01821/FUL The Workhouse (National Trust) – PERMITTED. c. To consider any further planning items received after setting the agenda: RN gave an update on the Battery Farm (23/00317/FULM and the cable route (23/00810/FULM)). d. Great North Road solar park update: flyers have been put through residents doors with information on consultations taking place in the area.
163/23	To note and action service faults: RN reported that one street light (number 2) is still not working and that there is a 50mph sign that has come off of the signpost at the junction onto the A617; Clerk to report on the website as RN could not report it on the MyNotts app.
164/23	Lottery draw for February 2024: 54 - £50, 231 - £25, 225 - £10, 17 - £5.
165/23	Correspondence/AOB: all correspondence is circulated electronically.
166/23	Set date for the Annual Parish Meeting: Same as the May meeting. PC meeting at 6.30 and APM at 7.30
167/23	Agenda items for next meeting: playground cleaning and fence maintenance, The Collies path design, speed watch update, wifi,
168/23	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 21 st February 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21h02.