

UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 20th July 2022 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors: (Chair) Malcolm Yates (MY), Isobel Key (IK), Peter Snow (PS), Theresa Pick (TP), Cath Jewitt (CJ) and (Vice) Roger Norman (RN).

In Attendance: L-J Campbell (LJ/Clerk) and eight members of public

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS
058/22	To receive and accept apologies for absence: apologies received and accepted by Cllr Chambers
059/22	Declarations of interest: MY declared an interest in the planning application 22/01381/FUL.
060/22	To approve the Minutes of the last meeting: The PC accepted the Minutes from the meeting held on 15 th June 2022 as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
061/22	To note Matters Arising: no matters arising.
062/22	To receive and note the Chairman's report: The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting.
063/22	To receive and note public representation (10 Mins): <i>(the meeting was suspended allowing the public to address the PC).</i> A member of public addressed the PC regarding the Collies development and thanked the PC for all their work that they do on the Parish Council. They put out a questionnaire to Upton households asking for their thoughts on the Collies development and they received approx. forty-four responses. It was felt by the residents present that the Collies development should not go ahead as is. They are keen to work closely with the PC on any future developments. <i>(The meeting was re-opened).</i>
064/22	To discuss and agree future of the Collies development: CJ introduced the project and the background of the Collies and showed all the plans to the residents. TP explained what would be saved in the garden and what would go into the garden and shared some of the positive feedback that she has received from members of the public. RN explained the type of the ground at the Collies which is very hard and rough. The PC had a discussion and voted to defer the development until October.
065/22	Reports from District/County Councillors: Apologies received from Cllr Roger Jackson.
066/22	Green spaces and rights of way incl. monthly review of the burial ground, The Green and The Collies inspection and maintenance report: The green and the Collies have been mowed. The burial ground is fine, but the build-up of soil still needs removing. a. update on electrical box: the electrical box has been de-energised and a local householder next to the green has agreed to light up the Christmas tree for the cost of the electricity.
067/22	To action Highways issues: There is no update on Cllr Jackson's visit to Hockerton Lane and reported that it will be fixed but no details on when.
068/22	Village Hall update a. Finance: The latest financial position of the VH was accepted as a true reflection of accounts. b. Bookings: the hall has a confirmed six bookings per month.

	c. Maintenance and Caretaking: DC continues to check the hall regularly. The gas boiler is scheduled for its service and the three-year electrical inspection is also booked.
069/22	Community defibrillators monthly inspection reports: nothing new to report, all in good working order. Clerk to check that they are registered on the national data base.
070/22	Financial Matters: a. The latest financial position of the PC was accepted as a true reflection of accounts. b. Total approved for payment £965.08
071/22	Planning matters: a. Applications: <i>(received after the agenda was set but as there is no meeting in August it was agreed to discuss)</i> . 22/01381/FUL, barns at Pensylane House, Conversion of an existing barn complex to form a separate dwellinghouse – SUPPORTED with a caveat, RN will send the response to the Planning department. b. Decisions (to note): None at the time of setting the agenda.
072/22	To note and action service faults: RN reported concerns about the large potholes on Carr Lane which could become high risk in the event of floods and wet weather; this is a Highways issue – MY will speak to Cllr Jackson.
073/22	London Bridge: The clerk gave the PC a book of condolence.
074/22	Correspondence/AOB: The Clerk received emails regarding resident concerns about the Collies development; this has been actioned under item 064/22. An email was received asking for the PC permission to hold the village fete, a risk assessment was submitted, and the PC voted in favour.
075/22	Agenda items for next meeting: Lottery draw, community grant, resident email list, village hall roof.
075/22	Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 21 st September 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20h24