

MINUTES OF THE UPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2015

Present: Cllr Pape (Chairman)
Cllr Earle
Cllr Barrett

In attendance were: Mr Oakley (Clerk) and PCSO Emberton.

The Chairman declared the council inquorate so no decisions other than those delegated to the Planning Sub-Committee were made.

1. Opening Procedures

1.1 Apologies/Absences.

Apologies: Cllr Green, Cllr Bray, Cllr Bottwood, Cllr Caddy and Cllr Stevens.

Absent: Cllr Burden, Cllr Chauhan

1.2 Declarations of interest.

None.

1.3 Confirmation of minutes of 9th February 2015.

N/A

1.4 Clerk's report on matters arising from the previous minutes.

UPC Contacted James Ogle for a further update on the progress of rectifying the problem of mud and waterlogging within the Children's Play Area. He replied stating that the works will be done on Thursday 26th February and that fencing will remain in place around the heavy use areas for three to four weeks depending upon when the turf takes/roots. The landscape contractor will monitor this.

UPC contacted Sergeant Basham to formally request increased policing of the road outside St. Luke's School, the T junction on St. Crispin Drive and the area surrounding Berrywood Hospital over the next few weeks at school dropping off and picking up times.

An email was sent to NBC regarding the latest inspection report of the St. Crispin's Hospital buildings and a reply was received stating "A letter was sent to the owner WN Developments on 9 January 2015 requesting that works to the building were undertaken in accordance with Schedule 6, the general state of the site was attended to and an updated survey of the main building was submitted to the Council. WN Developments have since contacted the Council's Planning Enforcement team to discuss tidying the site, but as of yet have not submitted an up to date survey.

The (S106) agreement requires that the land owner shall notify the Borough Council within twenty eight days of disposing of its interest in the site and inform the Council of details of the new owners. There has been no such notice received from WN Developments".

2. POLICE AND PUBLIC SESSION

PCSO Emberton reported that a fourteen year old boy had been stabbed in Scribers Drive but that he is in a stable condition and recovering. There have been increased patrols in the area following this incident. A talk by the Police about knife crime was held at the Elgar Centre.

The Police will be attending the May Day Fete in Upton this year.

Four boys were asked to leave the grounds of Quinton House School and warned not to return.

The focus on dangerous and inconsiderate parking of vehicles "Operation Magnet" has seen drivers being spoken to by Police and warned that they will be issued with fixed penalty notices for repeated parking violations.

A theft of alcoholic beverages occurred at the St. Crispin Social Club - an arrest has been made regarding this incident.

3. DEVELOPMENTS IN UPTON

N/A

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS / CONSULTATIONS

N/2015/0076 - Objections on the grounds that there is insufficient space on the applicant's property. The council also objects to the change of use of a public open space to residential use as it will cause a precedent allowing people to claim defined public open space as their own. Changing the use of this land is also likely to form a passageway on the footpath to the Weedon Road which could be a danger to users and form a possible crime area.

N/2014/0726 - Objections on the grounds that it is an over development of the site.

The application appears to fill almost all of the site and UPC is not happy with what now appears to be a 4 to 5 storey high building. This is totally out of keeping in an area adjacent to listed buildings in Upton.

The council also has concerns that there appears to not be an environmental study with this application on a site with many trees and adjacent areas which leads us to believe that a survey should be undertaken in order to establish the impact of the proposal on wildlife including a nearby badger sett in the area.

N/2014/1289 - No Objections.

5. FINANCE MATTERS

(No decisions made)

6. COMMUNICATIONS

All communications received were made available to the Councillors.

7. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

N/A

8. SERVICE REQUESTS AND REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

N/A

9. TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will begin at **7.15pm on Monday 13th April 2015, at the Berrywood Hospital.**

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.51pm

Chairman.....

Date.....