

MINUTES OF THE UPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 13th APRIL 2015

Present Cllr Pape (Chairman)
 Cllr Bottwood
 Cllr Caddy
 Cllr Earle
 Cllr Barrett
 Cllr Stevens
 Cllr Bray
 Cllr Green

In attendance were: Mr Oakley (Clerk), and two members of the public.

1. Opening Procedures

1.1 Apologies/Absences.

Apologies: Cllr Chauhan

Absent: Cllr Burden

1.2 Declarations of interest.

None.

1.3 Confirmation of minutes of 9th February 2015.

The minutes of this meeting were proposed by Cllr Earle and seconded by Cllr Bray as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

Confirmation of minutes of 2nd March 2015.

The minutes of this meeting were proposed by Cllr Earle and seconded by Cllr Barrett as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

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

The council wrote to the ExtraCare Retirement Village to ask if their secondary car park could be used by parents for dropping off and collecting children from St. Luke's School to help ease the problem of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the school.

A reply was received stating that the Retirement Village had decided to reject the Parish Council's request.

The matters of trees with ivy on them and the moles on the sewer easement strip were reported to James Ogle. Mr Ogle has asked the Tree Officer to inspect the trees and take action if necessary.

The sewer easement strip is owned by Taylor Wimpey and Mr Ogle pointed out that the presence of Moles was a sign of a healthy ecosystem and that their tunnels helped drain the soil.

With regards to the installation of bollards on Kent Road, Mr Ogle could arrange for these to be installed but the cost of such would come from the S106 money for the area.

Cllr Bottwood said that he would speak to Enterprise to see if there was an alternative option that may not incur a cost.

2. POLICE AND PUBLIC SESSION

N/A

3. DEVELOPMENTS IN UPTON

Cllr Bottwood met with representatives of Berrywood Hospital, NCC Highways and the Police regarding the problems caused by inconsiderate and dangerously parked vehicles in the vicinity of the hospital.

A plan is to be drawn up with the intention of a traffic order being introduced to address this problem. The Police have already issued fines to owners of vehicles that have been found to be causing obstruction of the highway.

In the meantime Police cones are to be issued to the hospital for placement in the vicinity of the entrance on Berrywood Drive.

Over the course of the Easter period a number of children have been reported to have been within the St. Crispin's Hospital grounds and buildings. UPC will write to WN Developments to express the need for security of the site to be improved.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS / CONSULTATIONS

N/2015/0264 - No objections.

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/2015/0076 - No objections.

N/2015/0369 - No objections.

N/2015/0290 - No objections.

N/2015/0382 - No objections.

5. FINANCE MATTERS

Accounts for payment:

i)	Cheque 000650	£369.43	Mr A Oakley	Salary (March)
ii)	Cheque 000651	£63.59	Mr A Oakley	Stationery
ii)	Cheque 000652	£55.50	Barbara Osborne Bus. Serv.	Payroll
iv)	Cheque 000653	£100.00	Upton Youth Club	Funding (March)
v)	Cheque 000654	£369.43	Mr A Oakley	Salary (April)
vi)	Cheque 000655	£100.00	Upton Youth Club	Funding (April)

vii)	Cheque 000656	£1240.81	Northants CALC	Subscription
viii)	Cheque 000657	£270.00	Classic Printers Ltd	Newsletter

It was proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Bottwood and duly resolved that the above accounts be paid.

The council discussed the draft Grant Policy which was circulated to all Councillors. A few amendments were made before the council agreed to adopt the policy. A copy of the new policy will be issued to all councillors with the draft minutes of the meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Stevens and seconded by Cllr Bottwood.

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

Cllr Earle asked if the Parish Council could find out whether it would be possible to have a post box installed at the Retail Village on Kent Road. A letter will be sent to the Post Office to enquire.

Cllr Bray raised the issue of their only being a bus shelter on one side of the road on St Crispin Drive close to the junction with Kent Road. UPC will contact NBC to see if this matter can be addressed.

Cllr Barrett wished for it to be recorded that it was a statutory requirement for vacancies on the Parish Council to be advertised.

Cllr Bottwood pointed out that the council should be aware that it is possible for NBC to sell areas of land that are classed as public open space if it considers such areas to be unused. UPC could adopt such areas but would then be liable for their upkeep and maintenance.

Cllr Bottwood asked the Clerk to draw up a timetable for the production of future editions of the Parish Newsletter.

9. TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will begin at **7.15pm on Monday 18th May 2015, at the Berrywood Hospital.**

The Chairman expressed his sincere thanks to all the councillors for their work over the last four years.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.10pm

Chairman.....

Date.....