

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Upton Parish Council.
September 14th 2015
Held at the Oak Room, Berrywood Hospital Northampton

Present: Cllr Clarke, Cllr Bottwood, Cllr Ingram, Cllr Chauhan, Cllr Lawrence, Cllr R Barrett, Cllr Earle, Cllr G Barrett, Cllr H Barrett. Loraine Foyer (Clerk)

Also in attendance: County Councillor Jill Hope four candidates for co-option and one member of the public.

01. Opening Procedures

01/1 Approval of post of Minute Taker/Clerk

The appointment of a Loraine Foyer as the new parish clerk was agreed by all Councillors on the basis that terms and conditions need to be agreed & approved.

01/2 Apologies + Elect Chairman

Apologies were received from Cllr Evans it was RESOLVED to accept the apologies

New Chairman Election, Cllr Bottwood proposed Cllr Earle and Cllr Chauhan seconded it. Cllr R Barrett put himself forward with Cllr H Barrett and Cllr G Barrett proposing and seconding it. The vote was taken which was a split vote with the casting vote coming from resigned Cllr and Chairman Clarke appointing Cllr R Barrett as the new Chairman.

01/3 Declarations of interest

Cllr Bottwood cabinet member for the environment Northampton Borough Council

01/4 Request by Cllr (R) Barrett to amend parts of minutes 3rd August and an addition

In light of the comments made by Cllr Bottwood *"The actual minutes only need to show what decisions were made and what resolution was passed"*. Cllr (R) Barrett withdrew his request

01/5 Confirmation and Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting on August 3rd 2015.

The draft minutes of the meeting on August 3rd 2015 were circulated prior to the meeting, therefore no amendments required to the minutes the council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes and they were signed as a true record.

01/6 Correspondence

Cllr Earle's apologies for forthcoming meeting in October and November 2015 due to extended Holiday.

Email from Julie Goodridge re Bridle Path (LB9 & LB10) asking about the upkeep of these all agreed for the clerk to reply that this is a County Council matter and advise her to contact them.

SCRCC Kelvin Acford Maintenance & Lease. Mr Acford replied to previous contact re the maintenance of the grounds and went on to ask about an agreement of a lease and asked for a meeting to discuss. It was agreed by all that the clerk would contact Mr B Hardman (UPC Solicitor) to find out where he was with the lease and also to find out costings before contacting Mr Acford to arrange a meeting.

PC Sarah Whitehead, Wooded area old Kent Road. Wanted to make us aware of the fact that vehicular access is being made from Berrywood Road, asking for more posts to stop this and make area safe. Cllr Bottwood to let the Clerk know who to contact re this matter.

02. Police and Public Session

PCSO Andy Emberton attended the meeting and spoke of a build-up of teenagers on the Upton site gathering and taking some kind of toxins expecting that to get worse as the winter creeps in. That the Elgar Centre does have a youth club on a Friday but that caters more for a younger group and there is nowhere to encourage these teenagers off the public areas. There has been a number of bike thefts and the police are now providing D locks for the Elgar Centre for this reason to keep the bikes safe while the youth club is active. There has also been a number of broken gates to secure parking areas (maintenance not been carried out but new company taken over and trying to find the money to replace) this has made it easier for the bike thieves.

There police are aware the fair is coming and will be more presence while this is on as they are expecting a higher volume of youths and expect a bit of trouble (as there has been many times before)

At sixfields there have been 2 car thefts, smashing of windows.

Today's tornado has left damage in a number of areas including St Lukes school and roof tiles, sheds and car damage for residents.

In St Crispin area there has been reports of motorcycle nuisance and the police are looking into this.

Jill Hope added her daughter is a resident and on a number of visits to the children's play area at the top of Frank Large Walk she was alarmed to see the amount of dog fouling and the number of dogs that were not on leads and just running around the play area. Asking what can be done to try to prevent a child being harmed. Signage was suggested but not known if allowed as we do not own the land, so who should erect signage and pay for it. Cllr Bottwood agreed to write to the borough Council re this matter.

At this point Cllr R Barrett (Chairman) proposed to move forward to item 5.7 on agenda Co-option of new member. Please see details in 5/7 below

03. Developments in the Parish

04. Planning Matters

The Clerk was asked to respond by email to planning re N/2015/0987 to let them know we will comment as soon as we have had a meeting to discuss details.

Cllr Earle asked Cllr R Barrett if he would like to declare interest in the above planning application following his recent newspaper article and resident consultee.

Discussions for community centre were moved over for October's meeting.

Cllr Earle asked as he will not be present for October meeting that his comment is he approves the plan with the exception of the car park being moved adjacent to the building.

05. Finance and other Matters

5/1/2/3 & 5

It was resolved that all expenses and wages were approved for Fiona Keable including HMRC tax

payment

5/4 It was resolved to approve payment of Cllr R Barrett computer purchase

5/6 Discuss Cllr Barrett's proposed change to Parish Procedure reference payments of accounts. Change from paper to an electronic/telephone system. Decide on how to proceed and still maintain integrity of the required audit trail. Good Practices and Standing orders

Item to be carried forward to a subsequent meeting

5/7 Co-option of new member

There were 4 candidates for this post voting took place under guidance of point 7 of the council's standing orders and after 3 rounds of voting Mr Darren Stevens was elected as a co-opted member with the Chairman casting the deciding vote.

Cllr M Ingram then left the meeting.

Jill Hope left the meeting

5/8. Discuss Redesign of the UPC website. Quotes

Item to be carried forward to a subsequent meeting however it was decided that Cllr R Barrett would re-register the domain to keep the present website going for another 12 months.

5/9 Re-instate and rename previous approved parish sub group (Planning & Parish Plan)

Item to be carried forward to a subsequent meeting

5/10 Request from Cllr Barrett to formally annul/withdraw all and any previous delegated power{s} to councillors with immediate effect and to review and re-assign delegated powers as the current council may require.

Item to be carried forward to a subsequent meeting

06. Communication

None reported

07. Borough Councillors Report

None reported

Cllr P Chauhan requested to leave the meeting as it was very late and she need to be home for her daughter.

08. Service Requests and Reports from Members

None reported

09. Time, Date and Place of Next Meeting to be agreed

Where possible the council meets on the first Monday in the month (19.30 start), if this is a bank holiday it would be the following Monday.

Next meeting dates in 2015:

October 5th Th

November 2nd

December 7th.

Meeting closed 21.51pm