



UPTON

PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4 th December 2023		UPTON PARISH COUNCIL
	Time: 1915	Venue: St Crispin Community Centre
Attendees: Cllr T Earle (Chair) Cllr N Alex Cllr A Holt (Vice Chair) Cllr P Kershaw Cllr C Hull Cllr B Haylock Cllr M Caddy	Apologies: Cllr N Islam Cllr I Choudhury Cllr M Ingram Cllr M Golby - WNC	Also Present:- Nina Villa – Clerk (remotely) Several members of the public Allan Bottwood 2 Police Constables
Item No.		
63/23	<u>PUBLIC SESSION</u> A member of the public attended the meeting, having previously circulated a document to all Cllrs, to raise concerns about the parking around the hospital. The Chairman explained the Council fully sympathises with the situation and has raised it with WNC by putting in recommendations for parking restrictions and had written to the Hospital to raise the matter but is otherwise limited in what it can do. There was a general discussion about parking and spending issues, as well as discussions about who owns the land in question. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate and write to the owners. The Police Constables gave an update on policing issues in the parish, noting that vehicle theft was a problem this time of year.	
64/23	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllrs N Islam, Choudhury, Ingram and Golby (WNC)	
65/23	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Cllr Holt – Chair of Governors of School (grant applications)	
66/23	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> It was <u>RESOLVED</u> that: a) The minutes of the meeting held on 7 th November 2023 were approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same.	
67/23	<u>ST CRISPINS CEMETERY</u> It was agreed to move this item up the agenda.	

	It was noted that confirmation had been received that some s106 funding was available and that the next step would be meet WNC to discuss how to progress the project. Clerk will liaise with WNC for some dates in Jan. Cllr Holt had also met with the groundstaff who had agreed to undertake some maintenance work to start to tidy the area up.																					
67/23	<u>ACTION SHEET</u> The action sheet was duly noted. It was agreed to put the gully cleaning on the action list.																					
68/23	<u>UPDATE FROM UNITARY AUTHORITY</u> a) No report as Cllr Golby had sent apologies b) It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Haylock and Kershaw are nominated as the representative on the Local Area Partnership (LAP).																					
69/23	FINANCE/PAYMENTS DUE It was RESOLVED that: a) The Council approved a grant of £400 b) The Council approved the following payments. <table><tr><td>Invoice Number</td><td>Payee/Reason</td><td>Amount</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>LGPS</td><td>£520.40</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Clerk – salary for Nov (includes local gov pay award backdated to April 23)</td><td>£1023.89</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>HMRC</td><td>£1000.77</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Clerk Expenses</td><td>£83.10</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Narked Ltd</td><td>£225</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Community Heartbeat Trust</td><td>£23.94</td></tr></table>	Invoice Number	Payee/Reason	Amount		LGPS	£520.40		Clerk – salary for Nov (includes local gov pay award backdated to April 23)	£1023.89		HMRC	£1000.77		Clerk Expenses	£83.10		Narked Ltd	£225		Community Heartbeat Trust	£23.94
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70/23	<u>PLANNING, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</u> There were no planning applications currently live for the Parish.																					
71/23	<u>PARISH COUNCILLOR VANACY</u> It was noted that there was a vacancy on the Council which was currently being advertised.																					
72/23	<u>WEBSITE/WORKING GROUP UPDATE</u> Cllr Holt outlined the situation with the lamp columns on Council land at the Social Club and had circulated a document which contained various options. It was RESOLVED that: a) The Council requests that the Social Club supply confirmation of both the electrical and structural safety of the lamp columns and if they are unable to provide this, the Council requests that they are disconnected and will be removed. This report is to be provided by end of March. b) The Council approved a request from Cllr Holt to attend a NCALC Chairmanship course c) The Council decided not to progress traveller incursion deterrents for St Crispins at this time as the Council does not currently own the land d) The Council agreed to delay road patching works until the Spring																					

	e) The Council supported a proposal from Cllr Ingram to plant spring flowering bulbs but felt that perhaps planters could be explored around the benches as it was felt that it would be too late in the year now to plant bulbs in the ground
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