



UPTON

PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6 th February 2024		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 Ingram Cllr M Caddy	Apologies: Cllr I Choudhury Cllr M Golby (WNC) Cllr A King (WNC)	Also Present:- Cllr J Roberts (WNC) Nina Villa – Clerk One member of the public
Item No.		
84/23	<u>PUBLIC SESSION</u> None	
85/23	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Choudhury	
86/23	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Cllr Ingram is a member of St Crispins Club	
87/23	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> It was <u>RESOLVED</u> that: a) The minutes of the meeting held on 8 th January 2024 were approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same.	
88/23	<u>ACTION SHEET</u> The action sheet was duly noted.	
89/23	<u>UPDATE FROM UNITARY AUTHORITY</u> a) Cllr Roberts gave a short update including a Fun Day at the Community Centre and a defib at the retirement village	

90/23	<u>CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR</u> The Council considered two applications for co-option and invited each candidate to give a short statement on their suitability and motivations for applying. It was <u>RESOLVED</u> that: a) Mr Mark Watson be co-opted on to the Council																					
91/23	<u>FINANCE/PAYMENTS DUE</u> It was <u>RESOLVED</u> that: a) The Council approved/noted the following payments: <table><tr><td>Invoice Number</td><td>Payee / Reason</td><td>Amount</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>LGPS</td><td>£403.38</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Clerk – salary for Jan</td><td>£829.70</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>HMRC</td><td>£716.17</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Clerk Expenses</td><td>£257.20</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Turtle Defib Cabinets (bleed kits)</td><td>£1722.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Invoice Number	Payee / Reason	Amount		LGPS	£403.38		Clerk – salary for Jan	£829.70		HMRC	£716.17		Clerk Expenses	£257.20		Turtle Defib Cabinets (bleed kits)	£1722.00			
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92/23	<u>PLANNING, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</u> There were no planning applications currently live for the Parish. There was a general discussion about changes to the ‘road to nowhere’.																					
93/23	<u>WORKING GROUP PROJECTS</u> a) The Council approved a quotation for the ground penetrating survey for the Hidden Graves project to be funded from CIL b) The Council approved a request from the Social Club to place a directional sign and that the Council will place the order and recharge the Social Club																					
94/23	<u>CHANGE OF PARISH COUNCIL NAME</u> There was a proposal from Cllr Earle to change the Parish Council name to Upton and St Crispin. It was <u>RESOLVED</u> that: a) The Council do not pursue this change at this time																					
95/23	<u>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</u> It was <u>RESOLVED</u> that: a) Members of the press and public be excluded from the following item under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1(2)) during consideration of items of a confidential nature.																					

96/23	<u>2024 – THE WAY FORWARD</u> The Clerk left the room for this item. The Council received a presentation about future of the Council and the resource required to meet the Council's commitments and aspirations. Recognising that the Council cannot make the current Clerk redundant but that it did wish to change the current arrangement with regards to hours and a local presence, it was <u>RESOLVED</u> that: a) The Council agreed to seek mutual agreement with the postholder to end the employment contract of the existing Clerk, using the previously circulated redundancy figure as compensation for loss of office whilst also ensure a smooth handover b) The Council delegate authority to Cllrs Holt and Haylock to progress the above and to develop a JD, advert etc for the vacancy
97/23	<u>BUDGET</u> The Clerk returned to the meeting for this item Recorded vote was requested by Cllr Ingram – all in favour except Cllr Ingram who voted against and the Chairman abstained It was <u>RESOLVED</u> that: The Council approve a precept demand of £62, 978