

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2025

Held at:
Valentine's Bistro, Foxfields, Upton
At 7pm on Tuesday 29th April 2025

Attendees: Cllr A Holt (Chair), Cllr M Caddy (Vice Chair), Cllr A Bottwood, Cllr T Earle, Cllr P Goodley, Cllr B Haylock, Cllr C Hull, Cllr M Ingram, Cllr P Kershaw, Cllr M Warnes, Cllr M Watson,

Apologies: None received

Also Present: Representatives from: Community Spaces Northampton, Spectrum Northampton, Royal British Legion, Sport4Fitness CIC, St Crispin Bowls Club, St Luke's Primary School, West Northamptonshire Highways, Upton Parish Clerk, ~35 members of the public

MINUTES

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. There were no apologies.
3. The meeting approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th May 2024
4. The Chairman gave a report on the work of the Parish Council over the last 12 months.
5. The following questions and matters of interest were raised by the members of the public in attendance:
 - a. Speeding due to absence of "give way" road markings causing danger on Knot Tiers Drive, junctions with Kiltie Street and Gifford Lane
 - b. Inconsiderate parking at junctions - blocking tactile pavements and dropped kerbs - restricting accessibility for wheelchair users
 - c. Request for enforceable 20mph zone on Telford Way
 - d. Persistent pavement parking by vans on Weedon Close

- e. Recently painted Double Yellow Lines around Upton Square are appreciated, but do not go far enough. More required.
- f. Cars parking in bus lane on Weedon Road.
- g. Illegal motorbikes riding down alleyway where Knot Tiers Drive becomes pedestrianised. Agreed to raise this with PCSOs.
- h. General lack of maintenance on Latchet Lane/Weedon Road. Councillor Watson reported that Cadent have failed to reinstate after digging up verge. Upton Parish Council have contacted them asking them to rectify.
- i. Lantern over one-way signage on Latchet Lane not working. To be reported on FixMyStreet.
- j. Request for more bins. Upton Parish Council have in progress two new bins. Question if that will include dog waste bins. Response that yes, the new bins will be mixed use.
- k. Praised the valiant efforts of The Wombles in keeping the area clean and litter free, but questioned why no street furniture – bins, benches etc – provided by developers? Urge residents to always comment on Planning Applications, so that community needs are fully considered at the planning stage.
- l. Dissatisfaction that commenting on planning applications for HMOs is largely ignored by the Local Planning Authority and applications are approved despite multiple objections.

6. The meeting was closed and an opportunity for informal discussion and networking followed.

Signed

Cllr Andrew Holt, Chairman
Upton Parish Council
29th April 2025