



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12 th NOVEMBER 2018		UPTON PARISH COUNCIL
Date: 12 th November 2018	Time: 1915	Venue: The Oak Room, Berrywood Hospital, Northampton
Attendees: Cllr S Pape (Chair) Cllr I Duly Cllr P Chauhan Cllr R Barrett Cllr D Huffadine-Smith Cllr M Ingram Cllr A Holt Cllr N Alex	Apologies: Cllr A Earle Cllr Bottwood	Also Present:- Various Members of the Public Nina Villa – Interim Clerk
Item No.		
18/112	<u>PUBLIC SESSION</u> Bill Haylock provided the Council with various updates. He also advised the Council that some of the noticeboards require updating.	
18/113	<u>APOLOGIES for ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Cllr A Earle It was RESOLVED that: a) The apologies for absence be approved	
18/114	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Cllr N Alex – pecuniary interest in agenda item 18/117 as Chairman of Upton Meadow Residents Association. After answering questions on this item he left the room for the duration of the debate.	
18/115	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> It was RESOLVED that: a) Subject the amendment to the date of the previous minutes, the minutes of the meetings held on 12 th November be approved and the Chairman authorised to sign the same	
18/116	<u>ACTION SHEET</u>	

	<p>The Council felt this was a helpful addition to the agenda in order to help track progress of decisions and actions.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that:</p> <p>a) The Council note the Action Sheet</p>
<p>18/117</p>	<p><u>FINANCE</u></p> <p>Cllr N Alex answered questions on the Upton Meadow Residents Association grant application and then left the room for the duration of the debate and vote.</p> <p>The Council considered a grant application from Upton Meadow Residents Association for a contribution of £750 towards a Christmas Tree.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that:</p> <p>a) The Council approve the grant of £750 to Upton Meadow Residents Association</p> <p>Cllr N Alex returned to the room.</p> <p>The Council considered the list of payments for approval and were also asked whether there were any items that members wished the Clerk to consider for inclusion in the first draft of the 2019/20 budget which will be presented at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that:</p> <p>a) The Council authorise all payments with the exception of one to Real Design on which further information was sought.</p> <p>b) The Council would give consideration to items for inclusion in the 2019/20 at the next meeting.</p>
<p>18/118</p>	<p><u>PARISH COUNCIL/ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (RBL) WW1 COMMEMORATION PROJECT</u></p> <p>The Council received an update on the recent developments with the project., which had been a huge success. It was noted that lessons had been learned about the size and position of poppies as they had been damaged in some areas; smaller ones may be used next year. It was noted that the ‘Silent Soldiers’ would be stored by Duston Parish Council for use again next year.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that:</p> <p>a) The Council note the report</p>
<p>18/119</p>	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>There were no live planning applications to consider.</p>
<p>18/120</p>	<p><u>SECTION 106 FUNDS FOR UPTON PARISH</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the Freedom of Information request approved at the previous meeting had been sent and that the reply had been circulated. Members felt that the reply did not contain enough detail and requested the Clerk go back to the District Council to seek further information</p>

	<p>It was RESOLVED that:</p> <p>a) The Council note the report</p>
<p>18/121</p>	<p><u>HALLS AND OPENS SPACES</u></p> <p>The Chairman asked the Council to consider granted him permission to enter in to discussions with developers to explore the possibility of the Council taken on responsibility for any available pieces of land as well as exploring options for taking on the Freehold of various community assets from the Borough Council. Any possible transfer will be considered formally by Council. There was a discussion about whether it was prudent for a Parish Council to take on such responsibilities but it was agreed that each opportunity would be considered on a case by case basis as an when they arise. It was agreed that it should be a standing item on the agenda until the reorganisation is complete.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that:</p> <p>a) The Council authorise the Chairman to enter in to discussions with developers as appropriate and to report back to the Council as appropriate.</p>
<p>18/122</p>	<p><u>COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW</u></p> <p>The Council considered the details of the Community Governance Review recently published by Northampton Borough Council and were pleased to note that any reference to reviewing existing Town/Parish Councils had been removed. The Council agreed to monitor the situation with regards to the review as it progresses.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that:</p> <p>a) The Council note the report and will monitor the progress of the review</p>
<p>18/123</p>	<p><u>LITTER AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN UPTON</u></p> <p>The Council heard concerns from Cllr Alex about litter and dog fouling in the Parish and considered an appropriate response from the Council. It was noted that litter is the responsibility of the land owner not the Council and it was felt that the situation would be alleviated by the imminent installation of new litter bins and that things should be monitored so that the Council could consider further action if required in future.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that:</p> <p>a) The Council note the concerns raised by Cllr Alex and will monitor the situation</p>
<p>18/124</p>	<p><u>CONTRACT REVIEW – MARKETING AND WEBSITE CONSULTANT</u></p> <p>Cllr Alex advised various discussions had been held with the contractor and everyone now had a much clearer of the requirements of the contract and various improvements to the website had been undertaken. It was agreed that the Council would continue to monitor the situation to ensure that the requirements of the Service Level Agreement are met.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that:</p> <p>a) The Council note the report</p>