

# UPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the annual Parish Assembly, duly convened on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at Upwell village hall. Commenced at 7.00 pm with Councillor Neil Morgan in the chair.

## **Attending:**

Cllr. Chris Crofts  
Cllr. Jill Gooch  
Cllr. Keith Harrison  
Cllr. Frank Humm  
Cllr. Prue Lester  
Cllr. Hazel Medlock  
Cllr. Neil Morgan  
Cllr. David Pope  
Cllr. Sylvie Short  
Cllr. Ted Skelton  
Cllr. Ros Shorting  
Cllr. Paul Williams

Clerk – Kate Cobley  
Assistant Clerk - Kate Bennett  
Borough Councillor – Vivienne Spikings

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## **1. Attendance**

No members of the public were present.

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from County Councillor Humphrey and Councillor A. Harrison.

## **3. Proof of Notice**

The Clerk reported that the notice of assembly had been posted on the Parish notice boards a week prior to the meeting.

## **4. Minutes of the meeting held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006**

On a proposal by Cllr. Pope, seconded by Cllr. Williams, the amended minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

## **5. Matters arising from the Minutes (information only).**

No matters were discussed.

## **6. Report of the Chairman.**

Cllr. Morgan presented the Chairman's report for 2006/7, a copy of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

## 7. Report from the Borough Council

Cllr. Pope, a Borough Councillor, gave a verbal report on the work of the BCKL&WN, in which he highlighted:

**Flooding at Welney.** The long-lasting flood over the A1101 at Welney had caused major problems in the area and the Council had been working hard to resolve the issue.

**Siltation.** Siltation is causing severe problems on waterways across the area and this major issue is still ongoing, with a huge amount of manpower and time being spent on tackling the issue.

**Health Centre Car Park.** The problems in progressing this project had been enormous and the Planning department are working hard to resolve the final issues.

**Council Tax.** Overall council tax increase is very low, at less than 0.5% per year.

Borough Councillor Vivienne Spikings added to the report, telling the meeting that the Borough Council is actively interested and involved in all issues raised by the Parish. She highlighted the following areas:

**Planning.** The performance of the Planning department has been heavily impacted by staff shortages.

**Training.** More training for Parish Councils has been proposed following its success last year.

**Local Plan.** The Local Plan publication will be postponed for twelve months due to the huge amount of input from Parish Councils but the projected number of homes that Upwell should provide to meet expected demand is currently set at 35 – all from brownfield sites.

**Pavillion.** There is still ongoing discussion about funding for the pavilion from 106 moneys.

**Housing.** Low end housing provision is still proving to be a problem, largely due to house price rises. There are currently 3000 people on the waiting list of Freebridge Housing Association, all looking for affordable, local, low cost housing.

The contribution of Cllrs Hazel Medlock and Paul Williams was acknowledged by the Borough Council and Cllr. Spikings passed on the Borough Council's gratitude for all their efforts over the years.

It was noted that Cllrs. Spikings and Pope had both been re-elected unopposed to the Borough Council and the Council offered its congratulations and its continued support in all matters.

## 8. Report of the County Council

Due to the absence of Cllr. Humphrey there was no County Council report this year.

## 9. Open Forum

Since no members of the Public were present, there were no matters arising.

Signed as a true record of the meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_