

## UPWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council, duly convened on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at Lakes End village hall. Commenced at 7.30 pm with Councillor Andrew Harrison in the chair.

**Attending:**

Cllr. David Barnard  
Cllr. Chris Crofts  
Cllr. Jill Gooch  
Cllr. Andrew Harrison  
Cllr. Keith Harrison  
Cllr. Frank Humm  
Cllr. Prue Lester  
Cllr. Roger Mungham  
Cllr. David Pope  
Cllr. Chris Robinson  
Cllr. Sylvie Short  
Cllr. Ros Shorting

Clerk – Kate Cobley  
Assistant Clerk - Kate Bennett

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**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Morgan and County Cllr. Humphrey .

**2. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made.

**3. Public Forum**

Mrs Grey of Lakes End raised the question of speed limits through Lakes End. She asked why the current limit was 40mph unlike the 30mph recently imposed through Three Holes and down into Upwell. Councillors reported that Highways had previously been petitioned to lower the speed limit through Lakes End without success.

<b>ACTION:</b> Asst. Clerk to write to Highways to renew request for 30mph speed limit.
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**4. Report from Council Surgery**

No member of the public attended the surgery this month.

**5. Minutes of the meeting held on August 13<sup>th</sup> 2007**

On a proposal by Cllr. Mungham, seconded by Cllr. Short, the minutes were agreed as a true record. The minutes will be signed by the Chairman on his return from holiday. The Vice-Chair not signing in his stead due to his own absence at the last meeting.

**6. Matters arising from the Minutes (information only).**

**Item 9.7.a** Cllr. Lester reported that Incident Forms are now being passed to the Clerk.

**7. Report of the Finance Committee.**

The report of the September Finance meeting had been previously circulated. On a proposal by Cllr. Robinson, seconded by Cllr. Crofts, the finance report was accepted.

**8. Report of the Planning Committee.**

The report of the August Planning committee meeting had been previously circulated. On a proposal by Cllr. Shorting, seconded by Cllr. Lester, the Planning committee report was accepted.

**Item 8.d** Cllr. Barnard reported that, as no mains services were connected to the residential boats concerned, there was no need for further action in relation to this item.

**Item 8.e** Cllr. Pope reported that the decision regarding the Spar shop's air conditioning unit would be resolved in the next few days.

**Item 11.0** The Clerk revealed that the Council had received a letter regarding S.A.M. operations in the area and would request this for Upwell.

**9. Report of the Environment & Leisure committee**

The report of the August Environment & Leisure committee meeting had been previously circulated. On a proposal by Cllr. Humm, seconded by Cllr. Short, the Environment & Leisure committee report was accepted.

**Item 9.0** **CCTV at Village Hall.** Cllr. Pope raised concerns over the effectiveness of the new CCTV installation at Upwell village hall, asking whether it was really a deterrent.

There was a general discussion about the situation, particularly the response to the Parish's pleas for help by the local Police. Many members of the Council stated that the Police response to the problems in Upwell was "simply not good enough". Cllr Shorting reported that there was a meeting planned at the village hall with local Police and that she would report back.

It was felt that the next full Council meeting should include the Police and County Councillor Humphrey to address this item.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Shorting regarding the composition of a letter to Downham Market Police Station querying the lack of support (cc'd to County Councillor Harry Humphrey, Tony Cherrington: Area Commander at Kings Lynn Police station and Christopher Fraser MP).

**Item 12.0 Villages In Bloom.** Cllr. Andrew Harrison proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr. Short for her efforts in organising the Villages in Bloom competition.

**Item 17.0 Memorial Bench.** Cllr. Barnard advised that permission for this item was likely to prove problematic with both Highways and the Middle Level Commissioners due to its positioning. He suggested that the Middle Level Commissioners were approached first and that a previous 'cut-out' for a bench on the riverside be utilised.

**10. Report from the Village Halls.**

The Village Halls Report had been previously circulated. On a proposal by Cllr. Shorting, seconded by Cllr. Lester, the report was accepted.

**11. Correspondence**

The Clerk drew members' attention to a number of items received and reminded them to look at the correspondence folder for information about activities.

The Clerk read out an email from Upwell Playing Field Committee requesting a dispersal order for the area to deal with anti-social behaviour. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had already tentatively investigated this with Downham Market Police and the response was read out to members.

There was further discussion about the problems. It was then suggested that the members of the Police and Young People sub-groups meet to discuss a strategy for dealing with this increasingly difficult situation.

**Proposal:** To amalgamate the Police/D2 and Young People sub-groups to tackle the problem of anti-social behaviour in Upwell and devise a strategy for resolving this issue.

**Proposer:** Cllr. Andrew Harrison  
**Seconded By:** Cllr. Crofts

The proposal was carried unanimously.

**12. Health and Safety Issues.**

Cllr. Humm had nothing to report this month.

**13. Internal Council issues.**

**Item a Sub-Group Reports.** The Chairman asked leaders of each sub-group to report on the status of their Parish Plan activities. There were a number of discussions about issues raised during the reports. Actions from these discussions are detailed below.

At this point Cllr. Gooch reported her disgust at the latest Press Release issued by the Clerk. She felt that the issue of HGV traffic, which was raised by Cllr. Short, should not have been reported as the outcomes of any future discussions might affect Outwell. The Clerk replied that it was merely a report of a subject which had been raised for future discussion and that it was entirely proper to inform the Public of such and that the Chairman of the Council had approved the report before it was sent out.

**ACTION:** Allotment Sub-Group to investigate land ownership in the Parish and report .

**ACTION:** Clerk to ensure sub-group contacts are printed in the next Newsletter.

**Item b E&L/Finance Committee Membership.** Cllr. Crofts tendered his resignation from the Finance Committee due to his commitment to Borough Council activities. He suggested that he swap places with a member of the Environment & Leisure Committee in order that he should continue contributing to the Council in the fullest way possible. Cllr. Mungham offered to move to Finance.

**Proposal:** That Cllrs. Crofts and Mungham swap their respective places on the Finance and Environment & Leisure Committees.

**Proposer:** Cllr. Pope  
**Seconded By:** Cllr. Mungham

The proposal was carried unanimously.

**14. Parish Affairs.**

**Item a Well Creek Flooding.** As no further information had been received regarding this issue it was agreed that it should be removed from the Agenda until such a time as further developments can be reported.

**15. Agenda items for the next meeting.**

- Police attendance

**16. Date and time of the next meeting.**

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2007. Commencing at 7.30pm at Upwell village hall.

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

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