

Kirtling and Upend Parish Council

Chair:Mr.M.Golding
Malting End Cottage
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Clerk:Mary Prescott
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Minutes of Kirtling and Upend Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th July '10 at Kirtling Village Hall

Present

Mr.M.Golding, Mrs.P.Gay, Miss A.Dunachie, Mrs.E.Hutchinson, Mrs.H.Slater,
Mr.P.Taylor, Mrs.M.Gilmour and Mary Prescott - clerk.

497. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

District Councillors - Mr.P.Cresswell and Mr.C.Poole.

498. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda.

None declared.

499. TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING dated June 21st '10.

After minor amendment in agenda item 488, approved and signed.

500. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES for information only.

The clerk has received a reply from BT regarding the state of local phone boxes.
Photos are to be taken, and sent to them. Painting and repairs will then be undertaken.

501. ASSET REGISTER

The new Parish Paths information board and bench at Upend have been cleaned by Mrs.E.Hutchinson.

Kathy White at ECDC has given the go ahead for Mr. David Waters to trim out the dead wood from the oak tree overhanging the Parish Paths board in Upend. A quote of £90 has been received, and accepted by the PC.

502. POLICE MATTERS

A campaign against rogue traders has been instigated. Police have asked for feedback on cold callers and leaflet droppers in the area. Trading Standards can be contacted directly on 08454 040506.

The monthly CID update notes that the detection rate in the Cambridgeshire area has gone up from 7.8% to 15.6% .

The year's figures show a 5% reduction in dwelling burglaries, but a 24% increase in burglaries generally in the Cambridgeshire area.

7 vehicles were stolen, and a man apprehended.

Locally, in June, a utility vehicle was stolen in Dullingham. A quad bike was stolen via an unlocked door in Brinkley.

A yellow VW had been parked in the layby outside the village hall for a long time, but was found to be legitimate when checked by the police.

503. FINANCE

- a.) Bank statements Current acct. - £3376.91 Savings acct. - £5858.35
- b.) To approve payment of outstanding accounts
Proposed by Mrs.H.Slater
Seconded by Mrs.P.Gay
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| Moore Stephens - ext. auditor | £158.63 |
| Viking Direct - fire safe | £352.49 |
| Mary Prescott - salary | £190.73 |
| Mary Prescott - expenses | £ 36.11 |
- c.) Vat to be reclaimed for period 1/1/10 to 30/6/10 £653.91
- d.) Cash book checked and signed by Mr.M.Golding.
- e.) Predicted/Actual expenditure April-June incl. (attached).

504. ANNUAL RETURN

The external audit has been completed by Moore Stephens, with no comments.

505. VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

Possible replacements for Mrs.M.Smith were discussed. Those suggested will be approached this month.

506. CORRESPONDENCE

ECDC letter permitting felling of Horse Chestnut tree adjacent to Ash Tree cottage due to its significant decline.

Email from CPALC concerning "Participation of Members of the Public in Council Meetings". Councils are advised to structure public participation properly by adopting appropriate standing orders.

The clerk is to add a subsection to the PC's Standing Orders - "The public are allowed to speak on a particular subject for a maximum of 20 minutes. The Chairman will look to secure a balance of public speakers."

507. COUNCILLORS AND CLERKS REPORTS

Miss A.Dunachie attended a meeting regarding The Local Development Framework at The Ellesmere Centre on 7th July. Sites at Bottisham were discussed for possible house building, and the infrastructure needed to support such growth.

A meeting was held on 7th July at Bottisham, regarding Wicken Fen expansion. The National Trust and Cambridgeshire Green Space are for the project, and are planning to include cycle paths etc. Local farmers however are against the idea, and ECDC are not in total agreement with the scheme.

Mr.C.Poole was re-elected as Chairman of The Neighbourhood South Panel at the meeting on June 29th at the Ellesmere Centre.

At the meeting, ASBO trouble at Bottisham and Burwell was discussed.

In addition, it was noted that at present, 17% of the local population is over 65 years old - and it was estimated that in 10 years time this will rise to 24%. This will cause an increase demand for care facilities.

Mr.M.Golding and Mrs.H.Slater attended a C.C.C. meeting at Shire Hall on July 5th regarding the reduction of the local speed limit from 40mph to 30mph. Mr.Golding spoke to the assembly for 3 minutes on the subject. Mr.McGuire, Minister for Transport and Highways, took the report. The petition has been received by his department.

A Mr.Robert Crick whose family formerly lived in Kirtling, has recently visited the area. He has sent a comprehensive document with photos and videos for the PC's interest.

Mr. Roger Connor, Estate Manager, telephoned Mrs.P.Gay to say that straw will no longer be stacked in Kirtling.

508. DATE OF NEXT MEETING August 16th '10.

