

Kirtling and Upend Parish Council

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**Minutes of Kirtling and Upend Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 16th Jan '12 at Kirtling Village Hall**

PRESENT: Mr.M.Golding, Mrs.P.Gay, Miss A.Dunachie, Mrs.M.Gilmour, Mr.P.Taylor,
Mr.R.Rickcord, Mrs.H.Slater and Mary Prescott – clerk.

1/12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None received.

2/12. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST for items on the agenda.

None declared.

3/12. TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING dated Nov 21st
2011.

Approved and signed.

4/12. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES for information
only.

Mrs.P.Gay and Mr.P.Taylor attended the Neighbourhood South panel meeting at Burwell Village College on 10th January '12. There was a police report, and details of a new policing model for Cambridgeshire. The number of policemen is to be increased, and efficiency measures are being undertaken. A new CID member of staff has been appointed for East Cambs. There is now an on-call member of the police staff available 24 hours a day.

The Fire and Rescue Service announced probable cuts to their service - fire engines may be lost from Swaffham and/or Burwell.

Flood prevention measures were discussed, but related almost entirely to the northern area of the district. There is expected to be a severe drought announced in the spring if rainfall does not increase before then.

It was suggested by Kirtling and Upend attendees that a member of the Highways department should be invited to attend future meetings.

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Mr.M.Golding and Mrs M Gilmour attended a meeting at Anglesey Abbey on December 8th '11 - held by the Parish Paths partnership. They gave details of works undertaken by their department, and stressed the importance of information given them by local people about the state of local footpaths.

5/12. ASSET REGISTER

No problems noted.

Mr.K.Hutchinson has cut the hedge at the back of the Village Hall, and also around the edge of the field.

The clerk has replied to an email from Deborah Marchant concerning any works needed on protected verges in the parish.
An end sign to the left section, is reported missing at Longacre.

12/12. COUNCILLORS AND CLERKS REPORTS for information only.

The chairman has given a list of future meeting dates for 2012 and 2013.

2012

Jan 16th Feb 20th March 19th April 16th May 21st June 18th
July 16th Aug 20th Sept 17th Oct 15th Nov 19th

2013

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Mrs M.Gilmour has phoned Mr Andy Smith, the Planning Enforcement Officer at Ely ,regarding building at Brook House.
Retrospective planning permission will need to be obtained.

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From 1st of February 2012, there will be no out-of -hours service at Newmarket hospital. Mildenhall Health Centre will be the nearest available.

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A new resident in Kirtling plans to start a Community Farm in the village.
An acre of land has been identified in agreement with the Fairhaven Estate.
The eventual produce would be for sale locally.

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The Village Hall Committee have asked for suggestions for events to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

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The Parish Emergency Plan has been reviewed, with no alterations required.

13/12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Feb 20th 2012.