

## UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting held on  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors: Malcolm Yates (MY/Chair), Roger Norman (RN), Kim Hickenbotham (KH)

**In Attendance:** R Holloway (Clerk)

	<b>DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS</b>
196/26	<b>To receive representation from the public (10 minutes):</b> Michael attended to give an update on the Collies Volunteer group activities, the daffodils are now in full bloom, the grass cutting will soon start, some of the pathway has been cleaned down. The updates and photos will be added to the Parish Council website to keep residents informed. The village noticeboard has also been cleaned by the volunteers. The lingering look behind book has been loaded on to the website under its own subheading.
	<b>At this point the Chairman suggested moving agenda item 203/26 to the beginning of the meeting, all Councillors agreed.</b>
203/26	<b>To note and agree the co-option onto the Parish Council:</b> The Chairman introduced Sarah Quick to the PC and her co-option was proposed and voted unanimously for approval. Sarah was welcomed to the Parish Council, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and then joined the meeting.
197/26	<b>To receive and accept apologies for absence:</b> Cllr. Jackson, Cllr Robertson, Cllr. Robinson
198/26	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> none
199/26	<b>To approve the Minutes of the last meeting:</b> The PC accepted the Minutes from the meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 as a true record and were signed off by the Chairman.
200/26	<b>To note Matters Arising:</b> The Clerk to chase the date of the grass cutting
201/26	<b>To receive the Chairman's report:</b> The Chairman noted that there had been a good response to the lottery for 2026/27, he had advised of the new Bank details but asked the Clerk to check the old Bank account as a precaution.
202/26	<b>Reports from District/County Councillors:</b> Cllr. Melton updated the PC on Holme Farm and to confirm that NSDC are still working on the process to get the land cleared up. He advised that the decision on the development of the land at the old French horn was imminent, he had not been able to 'call in' the application as had been hoped. He confirmed that NSDC Council tax element had remained at zero increase from last year, however all other elements of the Council Tax had been increased.
204/26	<b>To Receive updates on the Green Spaces/burial ground, and rights of way.</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>CVG:</b> As outlined above</li> <li>b. <b>To receive report on footpaths/dog bins:</b> Dog bins were full but had just been collected, the footpath is in a poor state and RN to give the Clerk some details to chase this item with the Footpaths Officer at NCC</li> <li>c. <b>To receive Playground update:</b> All OK the path would be jet washed to clear the moss when it was a bit drier</li> </ol>

	d. <b>To receive an update on the footpath from Church Walk to the Churchyard:</b> MY noted that he was still looking at options for the replacement of the footpath.
205/26	<b>To note the Village Hall update:</b> a. <b>Finance:</b> The Bank reconciliation for the Village Hall was presented and signed off by the Chairman b. <b>Maintenance and caretaking:</b> The radiator needs to be changed and quotes are being sourced c. <b>To receive an update on the Village Hall refurbishments:</b> MY still looking at quotes for the remaining items to be done in the Village Hall, he outlined that the remaining £5000 from the Grant fund had now been received from Nottinghamshire County Council and would pay for the remaining items to be done.
206/26	<b>Financial Matters:</b> a. <b>To accept the latest financial reconciliation as of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026:</b> The Parish Council Bank reconciliation was agreed and signed off by the Chairman b. <b>To note payments received and authorise invoices for payment:</b> The payments received were noted and invoices for payment were signed off by two Councillors
207/26	<b>Planning matters</b> None
208/26	<b>To receive highways update:</b> Nothing new to report, awaiting the speed tubes to be put down
209/26	<b>To receive the community defibrillators monthly report:</b> The servicing of the defibrillators had been done and were in order, the pads had been replaced, the batteries will need replacing in Sept/October time.
210/26	<b>To note and action service faults:</b> RN had noted that a road sign was down and he had reported this to NCC
211/26	<b>Lottery draw for November 2025:</b> 1) £50.00- no 212. 2) £25.00-no 87. 3) £10.00-no 12. 4) £5.00 no 215
212/26	<b>To consider renewing the lottery for the year April 2026 to March 2027:</b> This was discussed and moved and agreed by all
213/26	<b>Correspondence:</b> All correspondence circulated electronically.
214/26	<b>Agenda items for next meeting:</b> none
215/26	<b>Any other business:</b> None
216/26	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall
217/26	<b>Close:</b> There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.31

Signed .....

Chairman

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