

Upton Magna Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting on Thursday 13 October 2011

1. PRESENT

Councillors:-Mr Whittles, Mr Bennion, Mr Roberts, Mrs Brenton, Mrs Randle.
Parishoners:- Mr De Quincey

2. APOLOGIES

Mr Ford, Mr Pillow

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Read and signed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

None.

6. ACCOUNTS

Cheques signed for Mazars(audit) £144.00, N Power £143.04, Clerk £501.03.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Haughton Cross Roads.

Mr Whittles wrote to Michael Davies regarding the accidents at Haughton Cross Roads. A reply was received from Mr Davies indicating that little could be done to change the lay-out but other measures were being discussed. A vehicle activated sign to indicate if vehicles are waiting to cross the road is planned to be installed early in the new year. It is also proposed that an approach be made to landowners regarding improving visibility.

8. PLANNING

New County Planning Policy.

Cluster, hub or countryside? The Parish must decide how it is to be classified. The Councillors discussed the proposals that Mr Wallis put forward at the last meeting. The implications associated with each of the options were not as straight forward as initially thought. Mr Whittles is to have further discussions with Mr Wallis and to approach Withington and Uffington Parish Councils to clarify the position.

9 FORMAL ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Councillors have been asked to review and comment on the new 'Standing Orders' and 'Governance and Accountability for Local Councils' documents with a view to formal adoption at the next meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. CLERKS RESIGNATION

With over 22 years of service to the Parish, Mrs Pauline Thomas as Clerk to the Parish Council has offered her resignation. Reluctantly accepting, the councillors thanked Mrs Thomas for her dedicated service.

It was agreed to advertise the post locally on the village notice boards and on the website in the hope that a local person would apply.

Mrs Thomas kindly offered to 'hand hold' for the initial period.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Signed as a correct record of that meeting F.B.Whittles (Chairman)

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