

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on the 11th of October 2018.

18/101. Present.

Parish Councillors: Mr. Roberts, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Pillow, Mr. Brooker and Mrs. Brenton. Mrs. Smith-Wells (Parish Clerk). Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton. Mr. Jordan (Sundorne Estate Manager). 1 member of the public.

18/102. Apologies.

Mrs. Lambert, Mr. Walters.

18/103. Declarations of Interest.

Mr. Pillow declared an interest in item 9 on the agenda, "Planning" (his property shares a boundary with The Glebe).

18/104. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th of September 2018.

Signed as a correct record of that meeting.

18/105. Monthly Report from Councillor Picton.

She is to meet with representatives from the police and Shropshire Council Highways to discuss ways of improving road safety at Haughton Crossroads. She invited the Parish Council to attend too.

18/106. Accounts.

- It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the following amounts be approved for payment:

£229.59	Parish Clerk's salary, Working from Home Allowance and mileage for September
£13.50	Tesco for printer cartridge (repayable to Parish Clerk)
£154.60	HMRC for 2 nd quarter PAYE (repayable to Parish Clerk)
£30.00	Upton Magna Memorial Hall for room Hire

- It was agreed to defer the payment to Npower for streetlight electricity to allow the Parish Clerk time to clarify the contract terms. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to liaise with Npower.
- The Parish Council considered the accounts and bank reconciliation for the second quarter, prepared by the Parish Clerk. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that they be accepted.

18/107. 2019 Meeting Dates.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that Parish Council meetings will continue to be held on the second Thursday of each month, in 2019. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to put the dates on the website.

18/108. Community Play Equipment.

- Councillor Brooker had obtained quotations for wooden picnic benches. It was agreed that, in addition, he would investigate the cost of resin benches. **ACTION:** Mr. Brooker to report to the next meeting.
- It was agreed to no longer pursue the provision of an outdoor table tennis table.

18/109. Planning.

- 17/04609/EIA Poultry Units at Forge Farm. Permission granted.
- 16/04965/EIA. Poultry units at the Rea. Decision still pending.
- 18/03276/FUL. Extension to side and rear at 10 Pelham Road. Permission granted.
- 18/04306/FUL. Extension and relocation of the garage at The Glebe. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council does not object to this application. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post a comment on Shropshire Council's Planning Register to that effect.

18/110. Current Projects.

- School Frontage: Dr. Dawson advised that the Headteacher is happy with the appearance following the erection of the new fence. It was therefore agreed that no further action would be taken by the Parish Council.
- Refurbishment of demountable side: Dr. Dawson advised that the Headteacher is currently liaising with Shropshire Council regarding required repairs and, once these have been carried out, she will contact Shrewsbury Sixth Form College to arrange for a mural to be painted on the side. Therefore, no further action is required of the Parish Council other than future consideration of providing funding for painting materials.
- Repainting the playground games: Shropshire Council has advised that they will not pay for new games to be painted on the playground. It was agreed that the Parish Council may provide funding, depending on the cost.
- Annual Asset Inspection: Councillors discussed the findings of Councillor Brooker's inspection of the Parish Council's assets. The following were agreed: there are only 3 Smartwater signs; the faulty streetlight in Pelham Road should be monitored; the notice board by the school requires repainting.
- Maintenance of streetlights: The Parish Clerk had not received a response from Ringway Infrastructure concerning the make of the streetlights and any warranty on them. It was agreed that the Parish Council must therefore find a reputable contractor who could be asked to carry out repairs as and when required. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to investigate.

18/111. General Village Matters.

- Dog noise: As instructed, the Parish Clerk wrote to the owners of the dog.
- Roadside hedge: Further complaints have been received from road users about the roadside hedge from the village hall to the grass triangle, despite the Parish Council asking the owners to cut it back sufficiently. It was agreed that further advice should be sought. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to contact Shropshire Council.

At this point, the Chairman opened the floor to the Sundorne Estate Manager, Mr. Jordan. He informed the Parish Council that a) the name of the Estate is to revert back to "Sundorne Castle Estate"; b) following discussions with Shropshire Council's Rights of Way team, considerable work is to be carried out on routes which are on the Estate's land; c) the Estate is proposing to facilitate the provision of microwave broadband to locations in the Estate with line-of-sight to Haughmond Hill. It was thought that this may be of interest to the Village Hall Committee and to other places in the parish which are currently unable to access the fibre network. ACTION: Parish Clerk to send Mr. Jordan a copy of the Parish Council's Place Plan and to advise the Village Hall Committee of this; d) recently, a sheep on Estate land had been attacked by an unknown dog.

18/112. Draft Heads of Terms Lease for Village Green.

The Chairman closed the meeting for this item as it was felt that the presence of the Estate Manager would inhibit free discussion by Councillors.

The Parish Council considered the estimated maintenance costs provided by the Estate Manager, Mr. Jordan. Following a considerable discussion, it was agreed that the only way the Parish Council could afford to fund the maintenance of the village green at de Quincey Fields would be to increase the annual Council Tax precept for all parishioners. Based on the figures provided by Shropshire Council, the Parish Council were against doing this, so it was proposed, seconded and resolved (with 1 abstention) that, as the Parish Council is not in a financial position to take on the lease for the maintenance, it should be rejected. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to inform Mr. Jordan.

18/113. Correspondence.

- The village hall booking secretary had asked for the Parish Council to change its December meeting date from the 13th to the 6th, to allow the school to use the hall. This was agreed.
- Councillor Picton extended an invitation from the MP for Shrewsbury and Atcham to the Parish Council to bid for one of five saplings for the county. It was agreed not to take up his offer.

18/114. Items for Next Agenda.

No new items.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.25pm.

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 8th of November 2018.

MRS. K.M. SMITH-WELLS, CLERK TO UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL