

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on the 12th of January 2017 at 7.30pm.

17/001. Present.

Parish Councillors: Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Randle, Mr. Pillow, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Brenton, Mr. Brooker.
Parish Clerk: Mrs. Smith-Wells. Two members of the public.

17/002. Apologies.

None.

17/003. Declarations of Interest.

None.

17/004. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th of December, 2016.

Signed as a correct record of that meeting.

17/005. Accounts.

- Proposed, seconded and resolved that the following amounts be approved for payment: £170.12 – Parish Clerk's salary for December; £53.00 – Clerk's expenses (third quarter); £129.10 – PAYE (third quarter); £12.00 – room hire; £66.00 - Shrewsbury Town Council grass cutting annual fee; £41.84 - npower for street lighting.
- The draft budget for 2017/18 was discussed. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the budget be accepted. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post on the website at the appropriate time.
- The annual precept requirement was discussed. It was initially proposed, seconded but not carried that the precept bid should be £5000.00. It was then proposed, seconded and resolved that the precept bid should be £5065.00. It was noted that, although this sum is £65.00 more than the 2016/17 precept, there will be no Parish Council increase in the Council Tax Charge for Upton Magna parishioners. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to submit the bid to Shropshire Council.
- A donation sum was agreed and included in the budget for a new lawnmower. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to liaise with Mr. Woods.
- As HMRC are no longer accept PAYE payments by cheque, it was agreed that all future payments will be made personally by the Parish Clerk and she will be reimbursed by the Parish Council.

17/006. Footpaths.

Nothing to report.

17/007. Place Plan.

The following Place Plan items were discussed:

- New noticeboard for footpath map: Dr. Dawson is to meet with Richard Jones-Perrott of Balfours next week. **ACTION:** Dr. Dawson to report back to the Parish Council on the outcome of the meeting.
- Village green - provision of flower planters around the sign post. A style of planters was chosen. **ACTION:** Dr. Dawson is to advise Mrs. Howard and order the planters.

- It was suggested that the Parish Clerk enquires whether it would be possible for the Parish Council to purchase the land that the memorial hall is located on. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to write to the Sundorne Estate.
- School play equipment funding: It was noted that this money is currently with Shropshire Council and is ring-fenced for use by the St. Lucia's. **ACTION:** Dr. Dawson to meet with the Head teacher and report back to the next meeting.

17/008. Planning.

- 16/04965/EIA Proposed poultry units at The Rea: Shropshire Council decision pending.
- 16/04964/FUL Extensions at Chimneys, Uffington: Shropshire Council decision pending.
- 17/00061/VAR Reprofilng of eastern bund at Haughmond Quarry: It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council has no objection to this application. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post a comment to that effect on Shropshire Council's Planning Register.

17/009. Highway Matters.

- Dog waste on path from de Quincey Fields: No further action.
- Mrs. Lambert advised the Parish Council that the hedge between de Quincey Fields and the lane to Grange Farm has still not been cut. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to chase.
- Potholes and fly tipping: Mrs. Randle gave the location of three fly tipped tyres and two potholes and also reported degradation of the road at Holly Coppice crossroads. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to report all to Shropshire Council.
- It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should write to a) Mouchel thanking them for their courtesy and professionalism during the resurfacing of a section of Pelham Road; and b) Haughmond Quarry for their assistance with mud on the road. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to write the necessary letters.
- Briars and brambles have grown over one of the grit bins. **ACTION:** Mrs. Randle offered to cut them back.

17/010. Correspondence.

The Parish Clerk had received details of a training course on the forthcoming elections. It was agreed that she could attend if she wished and that the Parish Council would pay the training fee.

17/011. Items for Next Agenda.

- Purchase of new lawnmower.
- School play equipment funding.
- Notice board.
- Through traffic on Upton Forge private road.

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 9th of February, 2017.

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