

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on the 9th of February, 2017 at 7.30pm.

Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman opened the floor to Councillor Wild who advised the Parish Council that Shropshire Council are carrying out a partial review of the Shropshire Local Plan, including a consultation on issues and strategic options. Councillor Wild advised the Parish Council to respond to the request for involvement and it was agreed that the Parish Clerk would forward the information to all Councillors in preparation for discussion at the next meeting.

17/012. Present.

Parish Councillors: Mr. Roberts, Dr. Dawson, Mrs. Randle, Mr. Pillow, Mrs. Lambert, Mr. Brooker. Parish Clerk: Mrs. Smith-Wells. Councillor Wild. One member of the public.

17/013. Apologies.

Mrs. Brenton (away).

17/014. Declarations of Interest.

Mr. Roberts expressed a personal interest in item 9, "Highway Matters – through traffic on Upton Forge private road". Although the concerns have been expressed by another resident of Upton Forge, Mr. Roberts resides there too.

17/015. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th of January, 2017.

Signed as a correct record of that meeting.

17/016. Accounts.

- Proposed, seconded and resolved that the following amounts be approved for payment: £170.12 – Parish Clerk's salary for January; £273.60 – repaid to Dr. Dawson for purchase of planters for village green from Amberol; £10.99 – repaid to Mrs. Howard for purchase of compost from Roden Nurseries.
- The Parish Clerk reported that Lloyds Bank has finally updated the signatories for Parish Council cheques and that the bank has made a £100.00 goodwill gesture for their errors.
- It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would ascertain whether the internal auditors for Uffington or Atcham would be willing to carry out this year's audit for the Parish Council. **ACTION:** Parish Council to find a new auditor.

17/017. Footpaths.

- Dr. Dawson reported that he has met with Richard Jones-Perrott of Balfours to discuss the new footpath notice board. Balfours has confirmed that it will provide the footpath map for the board and that the new notice board for the Smithy will be erected very soon. **ACTION:** Dr. Dawson to continue to investigate suitable footpath notice boards and to contact Richard Jones-Perrott for examples of the map to be provided.
- Richard Corbet of Balfours has confirmed that the new gate has been installed on the Hunkington Bridleway.

17/018. Current Projects.

- Village green - provision of flower planters around the sign post. The planters have been purchased and installed on the green and they are already full of compost and planted up. The Parish Council formally recorded it's thanks to Dr. Dawson and Mr. Brooker for organising the planters and to Mrs. Howard for planting them up. It was agreed that the plastic cones have still not been removed and are an eyesore. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to ask for them to be removed within one week or they will be removed by the Parish Council.
- New lawnmower for graveyard mowing: Mr. Roberts advised that he has visited several suppliers but, to date, no suitable machine within the Parish Council's budget has been identified. Mrs. Lambert agreed to make enquires with the Honda supplier. **ACTION:** Mr. Roberts to continue to address and Mrs. Lambert to liaise with a contact at Honda. It was also agreed that the Parish Clerk should write to Mr. Woods to confirm that the Parish Council authorises him to pay for petrol and minor repairs in advance in 2017/18 and to then request repayment by the Parish Council. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to write to Mr. Woods.
- School play equipment funding: It was confirmed that the existing play equipment at the school is in good working order. Dr. Dawson has met with the Head teacher and it was thought that some of the money could be used to erect a play shelter near to the Forest School. It was also suggested that funds could be used for a) a climbing wall and b) a separate play area for the youngest pupils. It was agreed that parents should be asked for their views and suggestions via a questionnaire compiled by the Parish Council but distributed by the school. **ACTION:** All Councillors to consider other play options by the next meeting.
- Possible purchase of village hall site: After a long discussion, it was agreed that the viability of this would be investigated at the March meeting between the Chairman, Parish Clerk and the Trustees of the Sundorne Estate.
- Repair of village hall fence: It was suggested that the repair of the fence be further investigated.

17/019. 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 Reprofiling of eastern bund at Haughmond Quarry: Shropshire Council decision pending.

17/020. Highway Matters.

- The hedge between de Quincey Fields and the lane to Grange Farm has finally been cut.
- Through traffic on Upton Forge private road: The National Trust has been advised of the number of people gaining free entry to Attingham via this road. It was agreed that an official private road sign be requested from Shropshire Council. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to contact Shropshire Council.
- Pelham Road from the finger post to Hunkington crossroads is in a poor state of repair. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to report to Shropshire Council.

17/021. Correspondence.

The Chairman and the Parish Clerk have received an invitation from the Trustees of the Sundorne Estate to meet informally on Wednesday, the 8th of March.

17/022. Items for Next Agenda.

- Purchase of new lawnmower.
- School play equipment funding.

- Notice board.
- Outcome of meeting with Trustees, including purchase of village hall footprint.
- Repairs to village hall fence.
- Forthcoming elections.
- Internal Auditor.
- Partial Review of the Shropshire Local Plan (SAMDEV).

..... (Chairman) (Date)

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

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