

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

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

17/023. Present.

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

17/024. Apologies.

Mrs. Randle (unwell).

17/025. 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.

Mr. Brooker expressed a possible pecuniary interest in item 10, "Current Projects – repair of village hall fence" as he may offer to quote for carrying out any work.

17/026. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th of February, 2017.

Signed as a correct record of that meeting.

17/027. Accounts.

- Proposed, seconded and resolved that the following amounts be approved for payment: £170.12 – Parish Clerk's salary for February; £240.00 – website hosting and support by Interactive Information Services: £36.00 – Upton Magna Memorial Hall for use of hall for meetings.
- It was proposed, seconded and resolved that Ms. L. Pardoe be appointed to carry out the internal audit for 2016/17. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to appoint.
- Financial Regulations: the current regulations were reviewed and it was proposed, seconded and resolved that they be adopted, subject to the following amendments: point 1.4 – the review will take place "annually"; and point 4.2 – the annual return will be completed "for as long as the Parish Council is legally obliged to do so". **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to amend.

17/028. Tern LJC Meeting, 23rd February, 2017.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the meeting which and the following were points of interest:

- Youth Clubs: The £3,500 available funding may be used for the provision of youth clubs for 11 to 16 year olds in Bomere Heath and Cross Houses. This is dependent on sufficient CRB checked adults volunteering to assist. The clubs will be run in term time only and children from all the Tern area will be able to attend either venue.
- BT Broadband provision: Phase 2 is progressing slowly.

17/029. Partial Review of the Shropshire Local Plan (SAMDEV).

The Parish Council discussed, at length, the Shropshire Local Plan Review. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the following two options be chosen (with one abstention for the first):

- Housing Requirement Option 1: Moderate Growth – represents a total housing requirement of around 26,250 new dwellings over the plan period of 2016 to 2036, which equates to 1,325 dwellings as an annual average. However, it was felt that the infrastructure would not support even this option.
- Strategic Distribution Option B: Urban Focus – provides greater focus for growth around Shrewsbury and the market towns and key centres, with around 75% of growth to these areas. Whilst the rural area would continue to accommodate some growth, this would be at a level below current policy and past trends. It was felt that these areas do have more infrastructure and facilities to accommodate growth.

In addition, the Parish Council agreed that more information should have been provided by Shropshire Council, maybe including a presentation to each Parish. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to complete and return the survey to Shropshire Council giving the responses.

17/030. Meeting with the Trustees.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Parish Clerk attended an informal meeting with the Trustees of the Sundorne Estate on the 8th of March. It was noted that the Trustees intend to recruit a dedicated Estate Manager and an assistant and they hope to have them in post by the Autumn.

17/031. Footpaths.

- The new notice board for the Smithy has not yet been put up.
- It was agreed to pursue the purchase of a similar notice board to that in Hadnall. **ACTION:** Dr. Dawson and the Parish Clerk to progress with this project.

17/032. Current Projects.

- New lawnmower for graveyard mowing: Mr. Roberts advised that he is continuing to investigate suitable mowers. He is to meet with Mr. Woods shortly. **ACTION:** Mr. Roberts to meet with Mr. Woods.
- School play equipment funding: It was agreed that Councillors should ask to meet with Mr. Ray Parry of Ray Parry Playgrounds to ask for suggestions of what can be provided. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to contact Mr. Parry.
- Possible purchase of village hall site: It was agreed to postpone further discussions on this until the new Estate Manager is in post.
- Repair of village hall fence: It was agreed that no further action should be taken on this.

17/033. 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.

17/034. Highway Matters.

- Village green: The plastic cones have been removed but there is an increase in white stones.

These will also be removed when the granite setts are in place.

- Through traffic on Upton Forge private road: Following a new incident where an HGV mistook this road for a route to the M54 at 5am on a Saturday, causing considerable damage to verges and fences, it was agreed to pursue suitable signage a) to prevent this happening again and b) to dissuade people using the road as an entrance to the Attingham Estate. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to email Colin Blower of Shropshire Council.
- The Parish Council has received a report of dog waste being continually left on the pavement near to the school. It was agreed to try to catch the offender in the act so that it could be reported to the authorities. **ACTION:** All Councillors to monitor.
- Boundary between BT exchange land and the path from de Quincey Fields: The Parish Council was advised by Balfours that the defective fencing would be replaced by hedging plants and that this work would take place last autumn. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to chase.
- De Quincey Fields: **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to contact Shropshire Homes to chase a) the reinstatement of the land where the site office had been located (and strongly advise that the ground is cleared of stones before it is rolled and seeded) and b) the planting of trees to replace those which died last year.

17/035. Elections.

The Parish Clerk distributed nomination packs to those Councillors who intend to stand again.

17/036. Correspondence.

None.

17/037. Items for Next Agenda.

- Signage at Upton Forge.
- Review of Parish Clerk’s hours.
- Purchase of new lawnmower.
- School play equipment funding.
- Notice board.

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 13th of April, 2017.

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