

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on the 8th of November 2018.

18/115. Present.

Parish Councillors: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Walters and Mrs. Brenton. Mrs. Smith-Wells (Parish Clerk). Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton. Mr. Jordan (Sundorne Estate Manager). 2 members of the public.

18/116. Apologies.

Mrs. Lambert, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Brooker and Mr. Pillow.

18/117. Declarations of Interest.

None.

18/118. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th of October 2018.

Signed as a correct record of that meeting.

18/119. Monthly Report from Councillor Picton.

- It is thought that representatives from Shropshire Council Highways have visited Haughton Crossroads. She is still hoping to meet with them at the same time as the police, the Parish Council and concerned residents.
- Shropshire Council cabinet members have approved the draft Local Plan Review to be used as the basis for a consultation exercise for Town and Parish Councils. The consultation will take place between the 29th of November and the 31st of January. Upton Magna has not been identified as a Community Hub and has not been earmarked for housing development.
- The Community Infrastructure Levy process will not be significantly changing at the present time and workshops regarding it will be held by Shropshire Council in the New Year.

18/120. 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 October
£60.00	Contribution towards the production of The Church Times
£80.00	Removal and disposal of waste concrete from school by A. Brooker
£32.50	50% SALC training fee for Parish Clerk
£10.81	Lawnmower petrol from Morrisons (repayable to P. Woods)
£9.99	Strimmer line from Charlies (repayable to P. Woods)

- The Parish Council considered the draft budget for 2019/20 prepared by the Parish Clerk. It was agreed to include it on the next agenda.

18/121. Community Play Equipment.

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

18/122. Planning.

- 16/04965/EIA. Poultry units at the Rea. Decision still pending.
- 18/04306/FUL. Extension and relocation of the garage at The Glebe. Decision still pending.

- 18/05129/TCA. Felling of 1 Scots Pine 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 to that effect on Shropshire Council's Planning Register.

18/123. Current Projects.

- Refurbishment of demountable side: Deferred to the next meeting.
- Repainting the playground games: Deferred to the next meeting.
- Repainting of notice board: Still to be arranged.
- Maintenance of streetlights: A potentially suitable electrical contractor had been identified but it was agreed to leave any communication with them until such time as a streetlight requires repairing.

18/124. General Village Matters.

- Roadside hedge: Colin Blower of Shropshire Council had advised that he is happy with how the hedge had been cut back. It is hoped it will be maintained to this width.
- Parish bench opposite the school: Colin Blower of Shropshire Council had confirmed that the Parish Council is free to cut back the vegetation and generally tidy up around the bench. Councillor Walters agreed to carry out the work and to ask for Councillor Brooker's assistance. **ACTION:** Councillor Walters to carry out the work as soon as possible.
- Temporary Road Closure: The Parish Council had received notification of the closure of the road between the Crifitins and the north of the village. The Parish Clerk advised that she had put the information on the parish website.

At this point, the Chairman opened the floor to the Sundorne Estate Manager, Mr. Jordan. He informed the Parish Council that a) he is waiting for Western Power to deal with trees that are almost touching power lines in the north of the village; b) the Sundorne Estate is to apply to divert footpath 0437/23/1 (emerging onto Pelham Road between numbers 10 and 11) to meet 0437/10/2 (emerging onto Pelham Road to the south of the Haughmond shop).

Also at this point, Councillor Pillow arrived at the meeting.

18/125. Draft Heads of Terms Lease for Village Green.

At the last meeting, the Parish Council agreed to reject the Heads of Terms lease for the village green area at de Quincey Fields, primarily on the grounds that it is not in a financial position to take it on. At his request, the Chairman opened the floor to Mr. Jordan who (amongst other things) suggested ways in which the Parish Council could generate an income from leasing the field which could be used for maintaining it. Councillors thanked Mr. Jordan for his work in putting the draft Heads of Term together and for his suggestions but it was agreed that the reasons for rejecting the lease were still valid and the decision remains unchanged.

18/126. Correspondence.

- The village hall booking secretary had asked for the Parish Council to change its December meeting date back from the 6th to the original date of the 13th, to allow the school to use the hall. This was agreed.
- The Parish Council had received notification from Shropshire Council of its intention to cancel bus route 524 from Rodington to Shrewsbury via Upton Magna. It was agreed that the Parish Council is not aware of it being heavily used and Shropshire Council will no doubt have statistics to show that it is unsustainable. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to advise Shropshire Council that, although it is disappointed that the parish will lose the service, the Parish Council had no realistic objections.

18/127. Items for Next Agenda.

Draft budget; picnic benches; school demountables; playground games.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.55pm.

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 13th of December 2018.

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

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