

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on the 10th of January 2019.

19/001. Present.

Parish Councillors: Mr. Roberts, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Brooker, Mr. Pillow, Mr. Walters, and Mrs. Lambert. Mrs. Smith-Wells (Parish Clerk). Mr. Jordan (Sundorne Castle Estate Manager) and Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton.

19/002. Apologies.

Mrs. Brenton.

19/003. Declarations of Interest.

None.

19/004. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th of December 2018.

Signed as a correct record of that meeting.

19/005 Monthly Report from Councillor Picton

- Local plan review – a meeting for the Shrewsbury area is to be held on the 24th of January and Councillors are invited to attend. The consultation deadline for receipt of responses has been extended to the 8th of February. Councillor Picton is continuing to pursue changes to the exceptions policy. It was noted that 3 large developments (e.g. 1500 approved houses at Buildwas) in the area the plan covers have not been included in Shropshire Council's number of houses required between now and 2036.
- A consultation exercise on Shropshire Council's 2019/20 budget has opened and everyone is encouraged to respond.
- A new Community Enablement team comprised of 6 Place Plan Officers has been formed.

19/006. Accounts.

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

£229.59	Parish Clerk's salary, Working from Home Allowance and mileage for December
£154.60	HMRC PAYE 3 rd Quarter (repayable to Parish Clerk)
£45.00	Hire of Upton Magna Memorial Hall
£252.00	Village mowing for 2018

- It was proposed, seconded and resolved that Mr. Roberts quotation for village mowing in 2019 be accepted.
- The savings report prepared by the Parish Clerk was discussed and the savings identified agreed. As a result, it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Clerk's contracted hours of 24 per month be reduced to 23 hours per month, from the 1st of April 2019. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to prepare a new contract letter. Subject to the savings outlined, it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the draft budget for 2019/20 be approved.
- It was proposed, seconded and resolved that a new website be constructed, using Hugofox. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to arrange.
- It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the precept for 2019/20 be set at £5,171.00 which is a 0% increase for the Parish Council. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to submit the request to

19/007. St. Lucia's Primary School

- Picnic bench – **ACTION:** Councillor Brooker to order one heavy duty timber picnic bench from Woodland Timber (on behalf of the school) and store until the weather improves to allow installation.
- Painting of playground games – The budget for this project is dependent upon the amount remaining in the funding held by the school, once the picnic bench is purchased. **ACTION:** Councillor Brooker to advise Councillor Dawson of the cost of the bench, once it is purchased. It is thought that the work will probably be done during the Easter holidays. **ACTION:** Councillor Dawson to continue to progress.
- Painting of demountable sides – Councillor Dawson is continuing to progress. It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider any grant application submitted by the school, for the required materials.

19/008. Planning.

- 16/04965/EIA. Poultry units at the Rea. Decision still pending. Councillor Picton and Mr. Jordan were in a disagreement as to the reasons for the continuing delay.
- 18/05310/FUL. Single storey extension at Chimneys, Uffington. Decision still pending.
- 18/04306/FUL. Alteration to planning application at Glebe House, Upton Magna. Decision still pending.
- 18/05608/TPO. Felling and crown reduction of two trees at The Old Rectory. Permission granted.
- 18/05736/FUL. Extensions at 2 de Quincey Fields. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that, as the Parish Council had not received any comments from the occupants of neighbouring properties, it would rely on Shropshire Council planning officials to make the correct judgement on this application. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post a comment to that effect on Shropshire Council's planning register.
- 18/05680/FUL. Seating area at Haughmond Hill Café. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council supports this application. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post a comment to that effect on Shropshire Council's planning register.
- Mr. Jordan reported that the previously approved planning application for a new Shooting Lodge at Keeper's Cottage is to be amended and resubmitted.

19/009. Current Projects.

- Repainting of notice board: Mr. Prinold has been asked to provide a quotation for carrying out the work.

19/010. General Village Matters.

- Houghton Crossroads: The Forestry Commission had advised that they will consider replacing an obscuring hedge on their land, with a post and rail fence. In the meantime, they have recently trimmed back the hedge. It was noted that the faulty flashing speed warning signs at the crossroads have been reported to Telford and Wrekin Council.
- Local Plan Review: See minute 19/005 above. In addition, the Parish Clerk had attended two meetings on the subject but, as Upton Magna has not been proposed as a Community Hub, no development has been proposed for the near future.

19/011. Correspondence.

- Councillor Brooker had been asked if the village name sign could be relocated beyond the entrance to de Quincey Fields. The Parish Clerk reported that Shropshire Council Highways had been approached regarding this in April 2016 but that no further action had been taken. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to email Shropshire Council Highways Section.
- Councillor Roberts reported that he had been advised that the bridleway that runs from Church Farm to opposite the pumping station on Pelham Road is now double gated and, therefore, blocked. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to ask Shropshire Council when the requested new bridleway gates will be provided for the Sundorne Castle Estate to install. At this point, Mr. Jordan reported that previously reported proposed changes to some rights of ways have been agreed and work is in hand.
- Mr. Jordan advised that the Sundorne Castle Estate are hoping to hold an Open Day Sunday event at Sundorne Castle, later in the year.

19/012. Items for Next Agenda.

Change to April meeting date; picnic bench; playground games, demountable mural, Haughton Crossroads.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.55pm.

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 14th of February 2019.

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