

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on the 13th of December 2018.

18/128. Present.

Parish Councillors: Mr. Roberts, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Brooker, Mr. Pillow, Mr. Walters, Mrs. Brenton and Mrs. Lambert. Mrs. Smith-Wells (Parish Clerk). Mr. Jordan (Sundorne Estate Manager), Ms. E. de Quincey and Mr. P. Woods.

18/129. Apologies.

Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton.

18/130. Declarations of Interest.

None.

18/131. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th of November 2018.

Signed as a correct record of that meeting.

18/132. Accounts.

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

£234.99	Parish Clerk's salary, Working from Home Allowance and mileage for November
£4.72	Stamps and envelopes (repayable to Parish Clerk)
£13.99	Printer cartridge (repayable to Parish Clerk)

- The discussion on the draft budget for 2019/20 was deferred until the next meeting, to enable the Parish Clerk to prepare a report on ways to achieve revenue savings.
- Shropshire Council's Annual Monitoring form for Neighbourhood Fund expenditure was agreed. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to submit to Shropshire Council.
- Following discussion of quotations, it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the electricity suppliers for the streetlights should be changed from Npower to Eon. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to arrange.

18/133. St. Lucia's Primary School

- Picnic benches – Councillor Brooker had obtained costs for both wooden and plastic benches. It was agreed that wooden benches would be more suitable. **ACTION:** Councillor Brooker to continue to progress.
- Painting of playground games – Councillor Dawson to continue to progress.
- Painting of demountable sides – Councillor Dawson to continue to progress.
- Closer community links – It was agreed that it would be preferable for there always to be a representative of the School Governors at Parish Council meetings.

18/134. St. Lucia's Church Repairs

Mr. Woods updated the Parish Council on progress with obtaining outside funding for the necessary repairs to the church and the order in which work will be carried out, if successful. Replacing the roof will be the largest and most time-consuming task with the church being unavailable for parishioners for the duration (5 months). There are also plans for a kitchen, toilet facilities and improved disabled

access. Mr. Woods impressed upon the Parish Council, the need for the church to be considered as a community asset rather than solely a religious building and community support will be required in the future to raise income for ongoing maintenance to prevent the church falling into disrepair again. One idea would be to host concerts for all to enjoy.

The Parish Council thanked Mr. Woods for his presentation and for the extremely hard work he and Mrs. Woods have carried out over the last few years to raise the funding required to save the church.

18/135. Planning.

- 16/04965/EIA. Poultry units at the Rea. Decision still pending.
- 18/05310/FUL single storey extension at Chimneys, Uffington. 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.
- 18/04306/FUL alteration to planning application at Glebe House, Upton Magna. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council did not object to this application. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post a comment to that effect on Shropshire Council's Planning Register.
- 18/05129/TCA. Felling of 1 Scots Pine at The Glebe. Permission granted.
- 18/05608/TPO. Felling and crown reduction of two trees at The Old Rectory. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that as the Parish Council did not object to this application. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post a comment to that effect on Shropshire Council's Planning Register.
- The Parish Clerk briefly updated Councillors on Shropshire Council's Local Plan Review and advised that she had, so far, attended two meetings regarding it. She advised that there will be a Shropshire Council meeting for Councillors to attend in the New Year, if they wish.

18/136. Current Projects.

- Repainting of notice board: Still to be arranged. Councillor Brenton agreed to obtain a quotation from Mr. Prinold. **ACTION:** Councillor Brenton to obtain a quotation.

18/137. General Village Matters.

- Parish bench opposite the school: Bench: Councillor Walters and his wife were thanked for clearing the vegetation around the bench opposite the school. It was agreed that there is a vast improvement.
- Haughton Crossroads: Shropshire Councillor Picton is still progressing this but it was agreed that the Forestry Commission should be asked if they are willing to replace an obscuring hedge on their land, with a post and rail fence. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to write to the Forestry Commission. It was noted that the flashing speed warning signs at the crossroads are not working. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to report to Telford and Wrekin Council.

18/138. Correspondence.

- It was reported that Shropshire Council's email, advising of its intention to cancel bus route 524 from Rodington to Shrewsbury via Upton Magna, had been misinterpreted. The bus service is remaining but the contract is being renegotiated.

18/139. Items for Next Agenda.

Draft budget; picnic benches; playground games, Haughton Crossroads.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.39pm.

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 10th of January 2019.

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