

# Upton Magna Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

### 24/59 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**Present:** Cllrs Phil Roberts (Chair), Andy Brooker, Dan Sims, Andy Pillow, Julianne Lloyd, Michael Dawson, Lezley Picton

**Apologies:** Jeanna Bennion, Huw Williams

**Clerk:** Jennifer Turner.

### 24/60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

**24/61 MINUTES** – It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**24/62 REPORT FROM CLLR. LEZLEY PICTON (SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL)** – There is a lot of work taking place on decisions regarding local services such as recycling and libraries. The preferred option is to keep these services active but with reduced hours rather than close them completely as it is then difficult to re-open services later. There will be a charge for green waste, but free weekly food collections will continue. Financial budgeting is currently very difficult due to the spike in numbers of ‘Looked after Children’. Councillors discussed the viability of making Upton Magna a 20mph zone with particular reference to the area outside of the school which currently has an Advisory speed limit of 20mph. It is not possible to make this a ‘no access/parking’ zone and it is felt that parked cars do have the effect of slowing traffic. Police would not support a 20mph limit through Upton Magna. Speed bumps are very unpopular and therefore not feasible. A Community Speedwatch could be considered; however speeding is worse in the evenings.

Lezley is pushing for the double yellow lines on Haughmond Hill.

### 24/63 REPORTS

- a) **West Mercia Police** – No Update. PR contacted Lynn Birch regarding a speed trap, this was carried out on 4<sup>th</sup> May and there were no offenders.
- b) **SALC** – None.
- c) **Footpaths** – JB is in the process of getting an up to date definitive map and will use this to walk the paths. To replace the current map displayed outside of the shop would cost approximately £80. Both footpaths towards Downton are blocked by hedges. PR to check who is the owner of this land.
- d) **Village hall** – In the process of installing Cloud9 wifi.

### 24/64 PROGRESS REPORTS

- a) **Defibrillators** PR to contact relative again.

- b) **Street Lights** – The light opposite the school is not working. Penguin Electrical have contacted Western Power who have provided a quote for repairing the light, whilst they are willing to be in attendance for the repair, they are not willing to meet the cost. Clerk to contact insurer to check if this can be claimed for through them. Awaiting quotations for service contract from local suppliers to look after the nine street lights in the village
- c) **Litter Pick** – JB has completed a further litter pick and there was very little litter

**24/65 GENERAL PARISH & HIGHWAY MATTERS**

*Please note: Most highway and general repair matters are best reported using **fixmystreet.com**. This will usually get the quickest results.*

- a) **Haughmond Hill Parking** – no update other than that provided by LP. To keep on the agenda for review.
- b) **Potholes** – four outside of school have had a temporary repair, permanent repair to be completed soon. The verge at Haughton Crossroads has been cut. Issues at Uffington roundabout are constantly being reported.

**24/66 PLANNING**

- a) None

**24/67 FINANCE**

a) **Payments and receipts**

It was proposed (PR), seconded (AP) and resolved that the following payments be approved:

Amount	Payment Details
300.00	Clerk’s salary and expenses May
26.00	
75.00	HMRC
11.99	Hugo Fox
90.00	Lorna Pardoe Audit
46.12	West Mercia Energy
218.82	SALC
Amount	Income Details
	None

**24/68 Any Other Business/Correspondence**

- a) Solar Farm Planning Application has been refused
- b) Clerk to open savings account with Unity
- c) Councillors discussed the Forest Plan Consultation
- d) Place Plan – reviewed and updated. Councillors discussed purchasing a Tommy (male and female). It is thought the cost of this would be approximately £50 each.

e) Asset Register – reviewed and approved. School bench needs a repaint. Foliage is obscuring the light outside Grange Cottages. AB to contact and arrange pruning. There are nine lights in the village, but two are currently not working.

**24/69 – Items for next agenda**

Review of new financial regulations

The meeting closed at 20.40pm.

Date of the next meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.30pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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