

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on the 14th of November 2019.

19/109. Present.

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

19/110. Apologies.

Mr. Pillow (work commitment), Mrs. Lambert.

19/111. Declarations of Interest.

None.

19/112. Minutes of the Meetings held on the 10th of October 2019.

Signed as a correct record.

19/113. Monthly Report from Councillor Picton.

- Councillor Picton asked to be copied in to any Highway problems reported to Shropshire Council.
- She advised that Haughton Crossroads safety should be added to the Place Plan. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to advise Mathew Mead of Shropshire Council.

19/114. Accounts.

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

£235.25	Parish Clerk's salary, Working from Home Allowance and mileage for October
£27.31	Streetlight electricity
£200.00	Grant to Village Store for installation of defibrillator

19/115. Current Projects.

Replacement/repair of village hall boundary fence: Councillor Walters reported that there is no further progress with this project at the moment. **ACTION:** Councillor Walters to continue to progress with this project.

Asset Register: Councillor Brooker volunteered to carry out the annual inspection of the Parish Council's assets. **ACTION:** Councillor Brooker to carry out inspection in time for the next meeting.

19/116. Planning.

- 19/03548/FUL: Erection of 2 dwellings at 11 Pelham Road. Application withdrawn.
- 19/02436/FUL: Installation of biomass boilers at Forge Farm, Upton Magna. Decision pending.
- 16/04965/EIA: Poultry units at Forge Farm. Decision pending.

19/117. General Village Matters.

- Bench opposite The Haughmond: Councillor Brooker reported that one leg has rotted at the base and it is thought it is because the bench is situated on wet ground rather than a concrete base. It was agreed that Councillor Roberts would liaise with Mrs. Broome regarding action to be taken. **ACTION:** Councillor Roberts to liaise with Mrs. Broome. It was also noted here that the frame around the memorial tree located in the same area, has become too tight and is damaging the tree.
- Haughton Crossroads: The Forestry Commission has cut back the area around the crossroads that they are responsible for and, although this has improved the situation, there are still visibility problems for motorists. The Sundorne Castle Estate Manager advised that he is to meet with a representative from the Forestry Commission before Christmas and he will discuss then what else could be done.
- Pelham Road residents' parking: The Parish Clerk reported that she had written to Severnside Housing to ask if part of the front garden could be turned into parking spaces to remove the need to leave vehicles on the road.
- Possible faulty streetlight on Pelham Road: It is thought that it is working but Councillors agreed to continue to monitor its performance.
- Request for property map on shop wall: Councillor Roberts reported that he had been asked if the Parish Council would consider providing a street map for Upton Magna and mounting it on the shop wall so that delivery drivers can locate properties themselves rather than asking for directions in the shop. It was agreed that this is not considered to be a matter for the Parish Council. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to advise the shop keeper.
- Moving of village sign by de Quincey Fields: Councillors agreed the preferred new location for the sign. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to advise Ian Walshaw of Shropshire Council Highways section, of the location.
- Path adjacent the BT Exchange: BT has tidied up within the boundaries of their land. Mr. Jordan advised that the path has been sprayed for weeds.
- Hedge at Downton Farm: Mr. Jordan agreed to cut back the roadside hedge on the corner by this farm.
- Parking on corner by the Criftins: Councillors expressed their concerns over people parking outside of the layby on the corner by the Criftins, thereby endangering motorists negotiating the bend. Mr. Jordan and Councillor Picton agreed to look into this problem.
- HGVs using Pelham Road to reach CJ Wild Bird Food: It was noted that there has been an increase in the number of HGVs driving through the village rather than using the concrete road to reach CJ Wild Bird Food. It was thought that many are coming via Haughmond Hill and that the provision of better signage at the Uffington junction would encourage drivers to head to Berwick Wharf, as they should. Mr. Jordan agreed to consider this. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to email CJ Wild Bird Food to remind them of the routing agreement.
- Footpaths and bridleways: Councillor Dawson reported that he had been contacted by a parishioner about a) Bridleway 19, which is still blocked and b) an ancient path from

the village to Bridleway 17. a) Mr. Jordan reiterated that the route of Bridleway 19 is in the process of being changed; b) It was thought that the ancient path may have been extinguished. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to investigate.

- Hedge remedial work: Mr. Jordan advised that work is being currently being carried out to fill in gaps in hedges in the parish so that proper access points are used instead.

19/118. Correspondence.

- VE Day 75: Councillor Roberts reported that Mrs. Woods is to ask the bell ringing group if they will ring the bells on the evening of the 8th of May 2020. Councillor Walters suggested that the Village Hall committee may be interested in organising an event. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to forward the information email to Councillor Walters and Mrs. Woods.
- The Parochial Church Council had written to thank the Parish Council for the donation towards the provision of a heating system in the church.

19/119. Items for Next Agenda.

Smart Water, Haughton Crossroads, parking for occupants of Pelham Road flats.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.38pm.

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 12th of December 2019.

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