

Upton Magna Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on

Thursday 11th July 24 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, Julianne Lloyd (arrived 19.56), Lezley Picton, Jeana Bennion

Apologies: Andy Pillow

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 13th June 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

24/62 REPORT FROM CLLR. LEZLEY PICTON (SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL) – A written report will be forward to all Councillors. A Police speed check has been carried out in the village including the area surrounding St Lucias School. There were no speeding offences, however there were a lot of cars parked inappropriately. Police will therefore not support a 20mph speed zone.

With regards to restructuring at Shropshire County Council, no vacant positions will be filled and there will be a reduction in full time positions of 540. There will eventually be compulsory redundancies.

Green waste will be charged at £56 per annum and subscribers will opt in to this service. No recycling Centres will close, instead they will be shut for one day per week, probably Thursday as this is the quietest day. There will also be a booking system to use this service. Libraries will remain on reduced hours, however Leisure Centres are in danger of closure.

Despite press coverage CCTV will not be cut, but will instead be utilised in a different way. Shrewsbury is one of the few towns monitored 24/7 and in six months data not one event has been picked up live, although Police have accessed the system on several occasions.

Cost of housing the homeless is approximately £19,000 per night, causes of homelessness include no fault evictions and those fleeing domestic abuse. New systems will be much more cost effective and will enable better support and communication.

JB asked if the dissemination of illegal Immigrants at Nesscliffe have any effect? This is happening already

DS raised concerns regarding highways issues at the Atcham roundabout where a motorcyclist was recently killed. LP advised that this area does need looking at but a review is not helped by drivers under the influence of drinks and drugs or those speeding.

24/63 REPORTS

a) **West Mercia Police** – No Update.

- b) **SALC** – None.
- c) **Footpaths** – JB provided information on blocked pathways and has cleared some verges. It is not possible to get across the Potato Field at present, however this will be cleared in August/September. JB will liaise with Sundorne Estate regarding keeping public footpaths open.
- d) **Village hall** – no update
- e) **SALC** – no update

24/64 PROGRESS REPORTS

- a) **Defibrillators** - advised Shrewsbury Rotary Club have enough funds to maintain two defibrillators for an infinite amount of time. Guardianship will be transferred to them. An email has been received accepting responsibility.
- b) **Street Lights** – The light opposite the school is covered under our insurance policy. Clerk to make claim and chase quotes for annual maintenance contracts.

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) **Resignation** from Cllr Michael Dawson has been received. JB and JL remarked that MD appeared “disgruntled” and suggested his contribution should be marked by the Parish Council. AB commented that he felt Cllr was disheartened following the AGM. A discussion ensued between PR and AB regarding the role of the Chair and other Councillors, and how the meetings/discussions in the Parish Council meetings are managed. AB left the meeting. A notice of co-option will be submitted to fill the vacant Councillor role.
- b) **Footpath** – a resident has recently fallen and sprained their ankle on an unadopted footpath. PR to forward email and Clerk to request Shropshire Council for a copy of the index plan of footpaths. Clerk to contact Shona Butler regarding the footpath surface, this is in Lytchgate Lane beside the Church.

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
32.02	Phillip Wood Fuel for grasscutting

Amount	Income Details
13.44	WME refund

24/68 Any Other Business/Correspondence

a) PR asked if anyone would like to return to Bi-monthly meetings, Councillors response was negative

24/69 – Items for next agenda

Review of new financial regulations

Co-option of new Councillor

The meeting closed at 21.02.

Date of the next meeting: 12th September 2024 at 7.30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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