

# UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held virtually via Zoom on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**20/085 Public Question Time.**

No members of the public present.

**20/086 Present.**

Parish Councillors: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Brooker, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Pillow, Mrs. Board. Mrs. Smith-Wells (Parish Clerk). Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton.

**20/087 New Councillor.**

The Chairman and other Councillors welcomed Mrs. Mel Board onto the Parish Council.

**20/088 Apologies.**

Mr. Walters.

**20/089 Declarations of Interest.**

Councillor Board declared an interest in item 10, "Planning", due to currently having a planning application under consideration by Shropshire Council.

**20/090 Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

Resolved as a correct record and agreed that the Chairman would sign the minutes in person, at a later date.

**20/091 Monthly Report from Councillor Picton.**

Councillors accepted Councillor Picton's general written report circulated prior to the meeting (included on the Parish Council website).

**20/092 Casual Vacancy.**

Councillors voted on whom they wanted to fill the outstanding vacancy on the Parish Council. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the voting result be accepted, and Mrs. Jean Bennion be invited to join the Parish Council. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to carry out the necessary administration and to thank the unsuccessful applicant for their interest.

**20/093 Accounts.**

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

£229.85	Parish Clerk's salary, Working from Home Allowance and mileage for November
£28.25	Printer cartridges
£3.10	Postage stamps
£26.43	Streetlight electricity

- It was agreed that the Chairman and one other signatory would sign the authorisation sheet and cheques in person, at a later date.
- It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the bank reconciliation and accounting spreadsheets for the second quarter, prepared by the Parish Clerk, be accepted.
- It was agreed to defer discussion on the draft budget until the next meeting.

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**Current Projects.**

- Smartwater: Ms. Stock of West Mercia Police, has confirmed that she will keep her offer to assist the Parish Council until the kits can be distributed to parishioners in person.

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**Planning.**

The Parish Clerk provided Shropshire Council’s status updates on planning applications to date:

- 20/03075/FUL single storey extension at The Haughmond village store: pending. (Councillor Board did not take part in this update).
- 16/04965/EIA construction of poultry units at The Rea: pending. It was noted that a new document compiled by the Ecology Officer, has been posted on Shropshire Council’s planning website. The document recommends refusal unless further information is supplied.

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**General Parish and Highway Matters.**

- Shropshire Climate Action Partnership (SCAP): The Parish Clerk advised that both she and Councillor Walters have joined SCAP and will be supplying information in the future.
- Haughton Crossroads: Steve Smith (Shropshire Council’s Assistant Director responsible for Highways etc.,) had sent a lengthy email in which he advised that no safety improvements will take place at the crossroads as *“the accident data that we (they) receive from the police doesn’t support that there have been fatalities nor the fact that there is a serious accident record there”*. Evidently, this is an inaccurate statement. Councillors discussed the possibility of arranging safety improvements without the help of Shropshire Council. This could be in conjunction with a) the Forestry Commission and/or b) the company who will be submitting a planning application for a solar farm close to the crossroads. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to investigate further.
- Verge at Haughmond Hill: Councillors discussed the damaged verge close to the corner by the Criftins, caused by motorists parking there when using the rear (unofficial) entrance to Haughmond Hill. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to email Shropshire Council and the Sundorne Estate to ask for suggestions on how it can be improved.

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**Code of Conduct and Standing Orders**

All Councillors confirmed they had read, understood and accepted the Code of Conduct. It was agreed that the review of the Standing Orders would be deferred to the next meeting.

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**Correspondence.**

None.

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**Items for Future Agenda.**

No new ones.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.04pm.

..... (Chairman) ..... (Date)

**Date of next meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

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