

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on the 11th of December 2019.

Before the meeting commenced, the Parish Council received a helpful presentation by Sergeant Ram Aston on Smartwater. It was noted that West Mercia police pay for the provision and erection of signs in the village and that the cost of one pack is £8.90, if purchased by the Parish Council, through the Police and Crime Commissioner. (See minute 19/127 below).

19/120. Public Question Time.

None.

19/121. Present.

Parish Councillors: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Walters, Mr. Brooker, Dr. Dawson, Mrs. Brenton, Mr. Pillow. Mrs. Smith-Wells (Parish Clerk). 1 member of the public.

19/122. Apologies.

Mrs. Lambert (illness).

19/123. Declarations of Interest.

None.

19/124. Minutes of the Meetings held on the 14th of November 2019.

Signed as a correct record.

19/125. Monthly Report from Councillor Picton.

Shropshire Councillor Picton submitted a written report in her absence. The report included:

- Encouraging all residents to use "My Shropshire" for the reporting of potholes, broken road signs, flooding etc.
- Shropshire Council now has a balanced budget for the next financial year. It has meant some difficult decisions and she has no doubt that, if the Adult Social Care situation is not resolved by the incoming government, a balanced budget in 2021/22 will be impossible to achieve. Councillor Picton advised that, to give an idea of the difficulties faced, 3 years ago the Social Care Budget (Adults and Children) was 44% of the net budget. This year it is 62%.

19/126. Accounts.

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

£229.85	Parish Clerk's salary, Working from Home Allowance and mileage for November
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£26.43	Streetlight electricity
£252.00	Village mowing for 2019
£8.40	Postage stamps
£21.02	Printer cartridges

- It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the bank reconciliation and accounting spreadsheet for the 3rd quarter, prepared by the Parish Clerk, be accepted.
- It was agreed that the quotation for village mowing for 2020 in the sum of £294.00 be accepted.
- It was agreed that the donation cheque for the Church Times be prepared for signing at the next Parish Council meeting.

19/127. Current Projects.

- Replacement/repair of village hall boundary fence: Councillor Walters submitted a grant application form from the Village Hall Committee. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council would give a donation of £2500.96 towards the cost of repairing the oak fence. **ACTION:** Councillor Walters to continue to progress with this project.
- Asset Register: Councillor Brooker is to complete the annual inspection of the Parish Council's assets. **ACTION:** Councillor Brooker to carry out inspection in time for the next meeting. It was agreed that, in the meantime, the memorial plaque should be removed from the tree opposite the Haughmond and placed inside the notice board on the Smithy. It was also agreed that, for health and safety reasons, the broken bench (also opposite the Haughmond) be removed as soon as possible. **ACTION:** Councillor Brooker (as a volunteer) to carry out both tasks.
- Smartwater: It was generally thought that the installation of Smartwater in the Parish would be beneficial, but more information is required. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to ask Sergeant Aston a) if we can order in batches, b) is there a minimum number to order and c) must the Parish Council order for every dwelling in the parish?

19/128. Planning.

- 19/02436/FUL: Installation of biomass boilers at Forge Farm, Upton Magna. Decision pending.
- 16/04965/EIA: Poultry units at Forge Farm. Decision pending.
- 19/05002/FUL: 2 storey extension at 1 Haughmond Houses, Somerwood. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council does not object to this application. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post a comment on Shropshire Council's planning register to that effect.
- 19/05329/FUL: Internal alterations and extension at 3 Frank Crosse Drive. The Parish Clerk reported that an extension to the comment deadline has been granted by Shropshire Council. This application will therefore be discussed at the next meeting.

19/129. General Village Matters.

- Haughton Crossroads: The Parish Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had confirmed that this issue had been added to the Place Plan and to the "Highways List" for consideration. Councillor Picton also confirmed this in her written report and expressed hope that it will be included in a safety scheme utilising CIL funding. It is unknown, at

this stage, whether Mr. Jordan (Sundorne Castle Estate Manager) has met with a representative from the Forest Commission. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to a) ask Mathew Mead for more information on the “Highways List” and b) ask Mr. Jordan if he has met with the Forestry Commission and, if so, what was the outcome?

- Pelham Road residents’ parking: Still no response from Severnside Housing. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to chase.
- Footpath 16: Shona Butter of Shropshire Council’s Right of Way section, had confirmed that footpath 16 was extinguished and removed from the draft definitive map in 1957, due to an objection made to the inclusion of footpath 16 under the provisions of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. The Parish Council sitting at the time, were consulted and they decided not to oppose the deletion. For a route to be added to the Definitive Map today, sufficient evidence (either user and/or historic) would be required supporting that this route is public. Ms. Butter advised that, in her opinion, whilst there clearly was a physical route on the ground in the past, this only proves physical existence and does not provide evidence of either public or private status. It was agreed that any pursuit of applying to add footpath 16 to the Definitive Map, must come from the individual and that they must deal directly with Shropshire Council. **ACTION:** Dr. Dawson to pass on this information.
- Moving of village sign by de Quincey Fields: The Parish Clerk advised that she had submitted the location map to Ian Walshaw of Shropshire Council Highways section.
- HGVs using Pelham Road to reach CJ Wild Bird Food: The Manager of CJ Wildbird Food had responded to the Parish Clerk’s email and apologised for any HGVs that were going through the village to their organisation. Mr. Cooke agreed that better signage at Uffington would probably help. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to ask Mr. Jordan if there had been any progress with a sign in an appropriate place in a field and to also email Ian Walshaw, asking for his help and advice.

19/130. Correspondence.

None.

19/131. Items for Next Agenda.

Smart Water, Haughton Crossroads, parking for occupants of Pelham Road flats, planning application 19/05329.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.22pm.

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 9th of January 2020.

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