

Upton Magna Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on

Thursday 11th April 2024 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

24/36 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs Phil Roberts (Chair), Andy Brooker, Julieanne Lloyd, Dan Sims, Andy Pillow, Jeanna Bennion, Michael Dawson

Apologies: None

Clerk: Jennifer Turner.

In attendance : Lezley Picton, Huw Williams

24/37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

24/38 MINUTES – It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st March 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting. An amendment was made and approved to place names in the minutes of 8th February 2024

24/39 REPORT FROM CLLR. LEZLEY PICTON (SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL)

- Green Waste - It was noted that Green Waste was on the PC agenda and it is hoped that this will raise awareness with local residents and encourage completion of the survey and in particular the Household Recycling Centre section (links below for the survey and further information). The full council tax charged to residents does not cover the cost of bin collections. Shropshire is the second biggest generator of waste, however if green waste is removed then the amount of waste is hugely reduced. 58% is recycled. Green waste is taken to Halfway House.
www.Shropshire.gov.uk/Gardenwastebudget2024
[Garden Waste Charging and Household Recycling Centres Consultation Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com)
- Budget - As part of the budget action plan the School Library system will be stopped, most schools will be unaffected as they are Academies and do not utilise this system
- Highways – Shropshire has 6,000 potholes waiting to be repaired, these cannot be fixed in the current weather. Temporary fixes are being carried out.
- Haughmond Hill parking – since the introduction of the app to pay for parking, visitors are parking on the street. This has resulted in emergency service vehicles not being able to gain access. LP suggested that double yellow lines are added.
- Councillors discussed the possibility of switching to gov.uk email addresses, however it is thought the cost of this at approximately £700 may be prohibitive.
- LP left the meeting at 20.05

24/40 REPORTS

- a) **West Mercia Police** – None. Invited but DNA.
- b) **SALC** – Recent discussions included
 - Switching to gov.uk email address
 - Place/Parish Plans – Clerk to add to May agenda for review

- The possibility of a questionnaire asking each Parish what services they can offer to or share with other areas
 - 2025-26 Possible budget savings
 - Environmental and DEFRA grants neither of which are suitable for Upton Magna
- c) **Footpaths** – None other than seasonal issues
- d) **Village hall** – Wifi will be provided free of charge by Cloud9 to the village Hall and Church

24/41 PROGRESS REPORTS

- a) **Defibrillators** – Information has been received that a local resident (recently deceased) had included the maintenance of the Upton Magna defibrillator in their last wishes. PR has updated the family and is awaiting a response. The defibrillator was originally arranged by the Rotary Club of Shrewsbury Darwin and currently needs a new battery. The defibrillator will need replacing in approximately two years. It may be possible to install a plaque commemorating the resident's donation to this cause. JB raised the question of who will take on responsibility for checking the defibrillator is still working on a regular basis. AB will contact family if no response is received by the next meeting date. A commitment in writing for maintenance from the family would be ideal.
- b) **Street Lights** – The light opposite the school is not working. Penguin Electrical are communicating with Western Power regarding a repair, they need the exact location (whatthreewords) – PR to provide. A second light is now not working – Clerk to request annual service contract quotations from local suppliers to look after the nine street lights in the village. An approximate cost has been provided by one supplier.
- c) **Litter Pick** – two more have been completed by JB since the last meeting, minimal amount of rubbish. This scheme will continue
- d) **Superfast Broadband** – Church and Village Hall received free broadband, email from member of the public not endorsing Cloud9

24/42 GENERAL PARISH & HIGHWAY MATTERS

Please note: Most highway and general repair matters are best reported using [fixmystreet.com](https://www.fixmystreet.com). This will usually get the quickest results.

- a) **Flood Water – Grange Farm** following remedial work, flooding problems have been resolved
- b) **Ditches** – no updates
- c) **Potholes** – pothole outside of school JB to report on FixMyStreet
- d) **Haughmond Hill Parking** – It was proposed and seconded that double yellow lines are added to this area, encouraging visitors to park on the carpark. Clerk to email Shropshire County Council (LP) regarding this

24/43 PLANNING

- a) None

24/44 FINANCE

- a) **Payments and receipts**

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

AMOUNT	DETAILS
300.00	Clerk's salary and expenses April
26.00	
75.00	HMRC
220.00	Village Hall
11.99	Hugo Fox
241.00	Zurich
7.00	Jeana (litter sacks)
18.00	Unity Bank Charges
33.09	St Lucia Petrol for mowing

- b) **Payments and receipts** - The above outstanding payments were approved
- c) Clerk to contact auditor to ascertain if they are happy to carry out audit for 2023-24
- d) Approved to contribute one fifth of the cost of clerks training

24/45 Any Other Business/Correspondence

- a) **National Garden Scheme** – email to be forwarded to Sue Woods
- b) **Village Fun day** – Request to donate for advertising to be discussed at next meeting

24/46 – Items for next agenda

Village Fun Day Donation possible donation of £100

Update by LP regarding pool of water near Withington

The meeting closed at 20.43pm.

Date of the next meeting: 9th May 2024 at 7pm (Annual Meeting)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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