

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held virtually via Zoom on 9th July 2020.

20/048 Public Question Time.

None.

20/049 Present.

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

20/050 Apologies.

Mr. Pillow, Mrs. Morecroft, Mrs. Brenton.

20/051 Declarations of Interest.

None.

20/052 Minutes of the virtual meeting (finance) held on 9th June 2020.

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

20/053 Monthly Report from Councillor Picton.

Councillors accepted the general written report circulated prior to the meeting (included on the Parish Council website). Councillor Picton also highlighted Shropshire Council's decision to fix an accumulated 24% increase in Council Tax over the next 5 years, based on an annual increase of 4.99% each year.

20/054 Accounts.

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

£229.85	Parish Clerk's salary, Working from Home Allowance and mileage for June
£23.99	Laptop battery
£154.80	PAYE for first quarter
£187.02	SALC affiliation fees

- It was agreed that the Chairman and one other signatory would sign the authorisation sheet and cheques in person, at a later date.
- Email account and domain registration: It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the annual fee of £22.29 for the email account be paid by the Parish Clerk by the due date of 25/07/20, and reclaimed. It was also proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Clerk would request that the domain registration renewal fee be for one year instead of two and should then be paid by the due date in September. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to contact Easyspace.

20/055 Current Projects.

- Smartwater – deferred to next meeting due to Covid-19.
- Village Hall fence - deferred to next meeting due to Covid-19.

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Planning.

The Parish Clerk provided Shropshire Council’s status updates on planning applications from early March (last full Parish Council meeting) to date:

- Permission granted for: 19/05575/FUL, dwelling at 11 Pelham Road; 20/00543/FUL, extension at 6 Pelham Road; 20/00558/FUL, extension at 2 Haughmond Houses, Somerwood; 20/01358/CPE, certificate of lawful development at Forge Farm.
- General Permitted Development for: 20/01344, extension at 2 Station Cottages.
- Consent by Right for: 20/01428/TCA, felling of trees at The Gate House, Upton Magna.
- Decision pending for: 16/04965/EIA, construction of Poultry Units at The Rea, Upton Magna.

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General Parish and Highway Matters.

- Councillors discussed an email received from parishioner in which they voiced their concerns about the speed of traffic in the parish. It was agreed that the Parish Council shares the concerns and has, on many occasions, asked Shropshire Council to address the problem, but with no success. It was further agreed that the Parish Clerk should forward the email content to Shropshire Council and to advise the parishioners of this. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to contact Shropshire Council etc.
- The Chairman reported that the Forestry Commission has cut back the high hedge at Haughton Crossroads, under their own volition.

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Items for Future Agenda.

Smartwater, village hall fence.

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

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: 10th September 2020.

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