

Upton Magna Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on

Thursday 8th February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

24/12 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies: Michael Dawson

Clerk: Jennifer Turner.

In attendance : Lezley Picton, Huw Williams

24/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION – None.

24/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

24/15 MINUTES – It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

24/16 REPORT FROM CLLR. LEZLEY PICTON (SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL)

- Launch of public consultation on Movement Strategy
- Northwest Relief Road – approval sought on this project
- Ongoing work to make significant savings during 2023-24, this work is to continue into 2024-25 with a target set of saving £50m. Council savings will not have impacted residents during 2023-24, however in order to manage savings during 2024-25 there will be reductions in public services which may impact residents.

AB suggested that a robust PR system is instigated to explain the necessity of these savings to the public. There will be a public information pamphlet distributed in the near future. Parish Council thanked LP for her frankness. LP left the meeting at 19.53

24/17 REPORTS

- a) **West Mercia Police** – None. Invited but DNA.
- b) **SALC** – None.
- c) **Footpaths** – No issues
- d) **Village hall** – AP explained that in order for the Village Hall to order WiFi they need a registered address, as the Village Hall does not have post delivered this is creating a problem. AP to update at next meeting

24/18 PROGRESS REPORTS

- a) **Defibrillators** – MD has registered the defibrillator to the Parish Council and provided a report with maintenance and costs for the upkeep. Councillors are concerned that some associated costs have not been included in the budget set for 2024-25. Battery expires 28/4/24. Clerk to source new pads. Clerk to contact Lions who installed the device and ask for guidance on maintenance and guardianship. Discussion regarding guardianship, this was originally the shop owner at installation,

however this is no longer the case. It may be possible for the shop to ask visitors to contribute to costs via fundraising or for Haughmond Pub to take on guardianship and associated costs. The Village Hall would not wish to take on responsibility for this. Also suggested that money raised at Village Fun Day on 14th July could possibly help towards the costs. To review further at next meeting. Clerk to find minutes relating to original installation. There is a defibrillator located within the school (guardianship of school) and one at Sundorne Estate (guardianship of Sundorne Estates)

- b) **Street Lights** – The light opposite the school is not working. Penguin Electrical to visit this week, meet PR and possibly facilitate a repair.
- c) **Smartwater** – No updates. **Action** – AB arranging replacements.
- d) **Whatsapp Group** – Clerk to set up asap

24/19 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) **Flood Water** – Flooding at Grange Farm. This has recently happened twice, although once was due to a burst underground pipe. Water mostly drains from Haughmond Hill, a gravity fed reservoir has already been created by Sundorne Estate, but once full water drains into ditches. Parish Council to monitor.
- b) **Ditches** – no updates
- c) **Potholes** – no updates
- d) **Haughmond Hill Parking** – AB reported serious concerns regarding parking at this location. It is felt that the land is no longer being used for the purpose sited in its 999 year lease signed in 1959, mainly timber production. Sundorne Estates are willing to work together with the Parish Council to resolve this issue, suggestions include complaining to Shrewsbury Council and providing photographic evidence, installation of large rocks sourced from the quarry to prevent parking. Parish Council will keep this issue under review.
- e) **Litter Pick** – Councillors thanked JB for organising a Litter Pick on 18th February and sourcing equipment. Parish Councillor to supply black bags

24/20 PLANNING

- a) No **planning applications** were received in advance of this meeting.
- b) No **planning decisions** were published in advance of this meeting.

24/21 FINANCE

a) **Payments and receipts**

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

| AMOUNT | DETAILS | POWER TO SPEND |
|-----------------|--|--|
| 513.60 52.00 | Clerk's salary and expenses Jan and Feb | LGA 1972 s112 |
| 65.00 | Church Times | LGA 1972 s112 |
| 47.90 | Electricity for street lighting (October) West Mercia Energy | Parish Councils Act 1957 s.3 Highways Act 1980, s301 |

- b) **Payments and receipts** - The above outstanding payments will be paid once access to the bank has been resolved.
- c) **Payroll** - The payroll has been recreated
- d) **Reconciliation** – Clerk to report once access to the bank and finance records has been established
- e) **Bank** – Clerk to chase Unity to facilitate access

24/22 Any Other Business/Correspondence

- a) **Superfast Broadband** - It is possible for superfast broadband to be available in the wider village, this would be of benefit particularly to the large number of residents who work from home. However there are concerns regarding the number of people who would benefit and how the costs would be met. Clerk contacted Openreach twice, but no response. **Action** – Clerk to contact resident who is keen for the installation to ascertain if they would be happy to carry out some canvassing of support for this project in the village.
- b) **Telephone call from Chair of Withington PC** – regarding new houses at Rodington. Councillors discussed the viability of new housing estates with increase to local services

24/23 – Items for next agenda

Parking at the school – declaration of interest declared regarding proposed dropkerb

The meeting closed at 21.05pm.

Date of the next meeting: 21st March 2024 at 7.30

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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