

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on the 9th of May 2019.

19/050. Present.

Parish Councillors: Mr. Roberts, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Pillow, Mrs. Brenton, Mr. Walters, Mrs. Lambert. Mrs. Smith-Wells (Parish Clerk). Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton. Mr. Jordan (Sundorne Castle Estate Manager), Miss E. de Quincey.

19/051. Apologies.

Mr. Brooker (holiday).

19/052. Declarations of Interest.

None.

19/053. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th of April 2019.

Signed as a correct record of that meeting.

19/054. Monthly Report from Councillor Picton.

- The recent bus service review by Shropshire Council will result in extensive changes and reductions throughout the county, including to the Park and Ride schemes.
- Representatives of the Parish Council will shortly be invited to attend a Place Plan meeting and we are encouraged to attend to ensure Upton Magna is involved.
- The number of Shropshire Council Planning Committees is reducing from 3 to 2 due to a shortage of Councillors available to attend site visits and meetings. It is anticipated that this will make the process more efficient.

19/055. Accounts.

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

£229.59	Parish Clerk's salary, Working from Home Allowance and mileage for March
£45.00	Hire of village hall for January, February and March
£154.60	PAYE for final quarter

- The Parish Council considered the accounts and bank reconciliation for the final quarter, prepared by the Parish Clerk. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that they be accepted.
- Graveyard maintenance donation: It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council donates the sum of £150.00 towards the maintenance of the graveyard, during the 2019/2020 financial year.
- Neighbourhood Fund expenditure: Councillors considered the Neighbourhood Fund expenditure report prepared by the Parish Clerk. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the report be accepted.

19/056. Planning.

- 19/00148/FUL. Preston Cottages. Demolition of existing cottages and replacement with 2 new dwellings. Permission granted.
- 16/04965/EIA. Poultry units at the Rea. Decision still pending.

19/057. Current Projects.

Replacement/repair of village hall boundary fence: Councillor Walters reported that he has so far been unable to identify a suitable company to carry out the work, although he is still waiting to hear from Acton Scott. **ACTION:** Councillor Walters to report back to the next meeting.

19/058. General Village Matters.

- Houghton Crossroads: The Forestry Commission has advised that they are not responsible for the hedge close to the junction and it is part of the New Farm farmland. **ACTION:** Councillor Pillow to informally approach the farmer to see if he will reduce the hedge height.
- Footpaths and bridleways: Councillor Dawson advised that he had received 2 emails. The first reported that the footpath behind the Hunkington stables is blocked. Mr. Jordan, the Sundorne Estate Manager, offered to visit the tenant to ask for it to be unblocked; the second email asked if a "lost footpath" in the north of the Parish could be reinstated. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to research legislation concerning the reinstatement of ancient footpaths. Councillor Dawson also asked why another footpath is currently difficult to cross due to the field being ploughed up. Mr. Jordan advised that ploughing and drainage work has been carried out to reduce the boggy-ness of the path and it will soon be reinstated. Mr. Jordan also reported that bridleway 10 at the rear of Church Farm has been reinstated.
- Picnic bench for school: The issue surrounding the purchase of the picnic bench is now resolved.
- Inspection chamber lid near school: The Chairman reported that he had arranged for Severn Trent to replace their damaged cover and work has already commenced.
- Pavement parking at de Quincey Fields: It is understood a parishioner has complained about inconsiderate parking at de Quincey Fields. It was agreed that this is not a matter for the Parish Council and anyone experiencing problems should contact the police directly.

19/059. Correspondence.

None.

19/060. Items for Next Agenda.

No new items.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.31pm.

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 13th of June 2019.

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