

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on the 13th of June 2019.

19/061. Present.

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

19/062. Apologies.

Mrs. Brenton (holiday).

19/063. Declarations of Interest.

None.

19/064. Minutes of the Meetings held on the 9th of May 2019.

Signed as correct records of the Annual Meeting and the ordinary meeting.

19/065. Monthly Report from Councillor Picton.

- Some proposed changes to the bus services by Shropshire Council are no longer planned. However, alterations to the operation of the Park and Ride schemes will go ahead.
- It is advisable for the Parish Council to keep reviewing the Place Plan. It was agreed that it should be included on the next agenda. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to include on the next agenda.
- The recent rejection of an application for a poultry farm near Bridgnorth will have some impact on future similar applications.

19/066. Accounts.

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

£233.90	Parish Clerk's salary, Working from Home Allowance and mileage for May
£150.00	Grant for maintenance of graveyard
£50.00	Internal audit fee
£27.31	Street light electricity
- The Parish Clerk reported that the 2018/19 accounts have been successfully internally audited. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Internal Auditor's report be accepted.
- It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the 2019 Annual Governance and Accountability Return, the Accounting Statements and Certificate of Exemption be approved and signed by the Chairman, and the Certificate of Exemption submitted to the appointed External Auditors. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to submit the AGAR Certificate of Exemption to the External Auditors by the required deadline.

19/067. July Meeting Date.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the date of the next meeting be changed from the 11th of July to the 1st of August 2019.

19/068. Shrewsbury Rural North Place Plan.

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting on 15th of May 2019 and that, unfortunately, much of the information contained in the Place Plan required updating. He also observed that the meeting was dominated by one parish council. It was agreed that the future meetings need to be managed so that all parish councils have a fair say, with one representative from each being responsible for putting the views forward. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to pass this opinion on to Mathew Mead of Shropshire Council.

19/069. Planning.

- 19/02436/FUL. Installation of biomass boilers (part retrospective) at Forge Farm. This application was discussed, and it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the following comment be posted on Shropshire Council's Planning Register: "We question the statement in the application that there will be no additional HGV movements (traffic). The stated increase in fuel deliveries will surely result in an increase in the movements and the Parish Council therefore requests that this statement is revised to show the anticipated increase in HGV movements relating to deliveries of biomass against previously approved deliveries of fuel, before the application is considered". **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post the comment on the Planning Register.
- 16/04965/EIA. Poultry units at the Rea. Decision still pending.

19/070. Current Projects.

Replacement/repair of village hall boundary fence: Councillor Walters reported that Shropshire Wildlife Trust are keen to be involved in this project as part of their "Live Well with Nature" work. Councillor Walters is to meet with their representative on the 24th of June to assess the work required. **ACTION:** Councillor Walters to report back to the next meeting.

19/071. General Village Matters.

- Haughton Crossroads: Councillor Pillow reported that he had spoken to the farmer who owns the land (and therefore the hedge) by the crossroads and the farmer quickly cut back the overgrown section to improve motorist visibility. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to write to thank the landowner for his actions.
- Footpaths and bridleways: Councillor Dawson reported that he is continuing to communicate with a parishioner about footpath 0437/19/1 and bridleway 0437/19B/2 which are obstructed by tapes and loose horses. The Chairman advised that he and Councillor Dawson had visited the path and bridleway before the meeting and had photographed the tapes. **ACTION:** Councillor Dawson to send the photographs to the Sundorne Castle Estate manager and to continue to monitor.
- Junction at Sandy Lane: The Parish Clerk reported that she had received an email from Withington Parish Council in which they advise that they wish to suggest to Shropshire Council that the Sandy Lane junction by Laburnum Cottage should be made wider to accommodate HGVs that are wrongly travelling from the top of Haughmond Hill to CJ Wild Bird Foods. It was agreed that the Parish Council is not in favour of this suggestion as HGVs should not be travelling that route in the first place. Altering the junction will make the route an official alternative to the designated one via the concrete road on the other side of Upton Magna. This will then force the HGVs back along Pelham Road as they aim for the concrete road and this would be detrimental to the centre of the village. It was further agreed that the problem should be solved by improving the signage at the top of Haughmond Hill and that it should be enforced. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to advise Withington Parish Council of this and to also write to

CJ Wild Bird Food.

- Smart Water: Councillor Pillow gave some background to the past provision of Smart Water kits in Upton Magna. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to present costs to the next meeting.

19/072. Correspondence.

None.

19/073. Items for Next Agenda.

Place Plan, Smart Water.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.10pm.

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 1st of August 2019.

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