

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on the 12th of September 2019.

Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman opened the floor to the public for questions. There were none.

19/086. Present.

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

19/087. Apologies.

None.

19/088. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Brooker declared an interest in item 12, planning application for 11 Pelham Road.

19/089. Minutes of the Meetings held on the 1st of August 2019.

Signed as a correct record.

19/090. Monthly Report from Councillor Picton.

- The planning application for the Rea poultry units is expected to go before Shropshire Council's Planning Committee on the 15th of October.
- Shropshire Council has received a funding settlement from central government, and this has assisted slightly with the provision of adult care.

19/091. Accounts.

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

£229.85	Parish Clerk's salary, Working from Home Allowance and mileage for August
£54.62	Streetlight electricity
£11.49	Printer cartridge

- Parish Councillors discussed the renewed grant application from St. Lucia's church for £2,350.00 towards the installation of new central heating in the church. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the application be approved and £2,350.00 be awarded to the church. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to raise a cheque for signing at the next meeting.

19/092. Current Projects.

Replacement/repair of village hall boundary fence: Councillor Walters reported that a representative from Shropshire Wildlife Trust has supplied a quotation in the sum of £3,720.00 plus VAT. If accepted, the oak required will be felled this winter and dried out in time for installation in the summer of 2020. **ACTION:** Councillor Walters to continue to progress with this project.

19/093. Diversion of Bridleway 18 (part).

Councillors discussed the Order provided by Shropshire Council and it was proposed, seconded and resolved that there is no objection to the amendment to this bridleway route. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to advise Shropshire Council.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Jordan informed Councillors that several other footpath/bridleway amendments are in the offing.

19/094. General Village Matters.

- Haughton Crossroads: Mr. Jordan's meeting with a representative from the Forestry Commission has been rescheduled for a date in week beginning the 16th of September.
- Village appearance: i) The overgrown hedges and verges discussed at the last meeting have now been cut and strimmed and look excellent. However, Shropshire Council has refused to carry out the requested siding out work required on the pavement running north from the Haughtmond. It is thought that the Parish Council could organise a working party to do the work instead; ii) It was agreed that the flower container on the grass triangle has looked beautiful all year and thanks should be extended to Mrs. Howard for carrying out this work voluntarily. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to write to Mrs. Howard to thank her.
- Smart Water: There is no further progress with this at the moment, as requested information has not been received.
- Defibrillator: Grant application forms have been sent to the shop manager. It was reaffirmed that the Parish Council will (upon receipt of a grant application) contribute towards the cost of mounting the defibrillator on the shop wall and will have no other responsibility for it. E.g. maintenance or training for use etc.
- Path adjacent the BT Exchange: A parishioner has been forced to cut back weeds and briars growing through the fence from the BT Exchange to allow pedestrians through. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to write to BT to remind them of their responsibilities regarding maintenance of the Exchange land.

19/095. Correspondence.

None.

19/096. Items for Next Agenda.

Smart Water, Haughton Crossroads, defibrillator, parking for occupants of Pelham Road flats.

At this point, Councillor Brooker left the meeting due to his declaration of interest.

19/097. Planning.

- 19/03548/FUL: Erection of 2 dwellings at 11 Pelham Road. It was proposed, seconded and resolved (with 1 abstention) that the Parish Council does not have any objection to this application, although there are concerns about extra cars parking on the highway and the safety of traffic emerging onto Pelham Road. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post a comment to that effect on Shropshire Council’s Planning Register.
- 19/02436/FUL: Installation of biomass boilers at Forge Farm, Upton Magna. Decision still pending.
- 19/02823/FUL: Erection of detached building to be used as a shoot room at Keeper’s Cottage, Haughmond. Permission granted.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.17pm.

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 10th of October 2019.

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