

# UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall  
on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 at 7.30pm.

Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman opened the floor to Frances Steer (Balfours) who advised that the long hedge by de Quincey Fields has been cut.

**18/001. Present.**

Parish Councillors: Mr. Roberts, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Walters, Mr. Pillow, Mr. Brooker and Mrs. Brenton. Mrs. Smith-Wells (Parish Clerk). Councillor Lezley Picton. Ms. Frances Steer (Balfours).

**18/002. Apologies.**

Mrs. Lambert.

**18/003. Declarations of Interest.**

Councillor Walters – item 7, proposed lease of land at de Quincey Fields (resident). Councillor Brooker – item 12, fence at the Haughmond.

**18/004. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2017.**

Signed as a correct record of that meeting.

**18/005. 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 December
£36.00	Hire of village hall for meetings in October, November and December
£66.00	Grass cutting by Shrewsbury Town Council
£41.90	Supply of electricity for street lights, by Npower
£154.60	Third quarter of PAYE to HMRC (repayable to Parish Clerk)

- Councillors discussed the draft budget amended by the Parish Clerk. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that, following two further amendments, the 2018/19 budget be accepted. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to make the amendments.
- It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the precept for 2018/19 be £5,106.00. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to submit the bid to Shropshire Council.
- Councillors considered the accounts and bank reconciliation for the third quarter, prepared by the Parish Clerk. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that they be accepted.

**18/006. Monthly Report from Councillor Picton.**

- "Airband" is being launched in June for those people who do not have Broadband. Further details are available from her on request.
- Shropshire Council are establishing a Dog Fouling Enforcement Scheme whereby it will employ enforcers and Parish Councils will be able to buy into the scheme when it commences.
- Councillor Picton advised Parish Councillors (and therefore parishioners) to be wary of misleading reports on Shropshire Council projects and that she is happy to provide accurate details at any time.

**18/007. Proposed Lease of Land at de Quincey Fields.**

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should continue to seek further information by contacting Shropshire Council. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to email Shropshire Council.

**18/008. Community Play Equipment.**

- Dr. Dawson advised that the quotation from Ray Parry for equipment is within budget and the Head of St. Lucia's is preparing the application form for the reserved funding currently held by Shropshire Council. If receipt of the funding is not delayed, it is anticipated that the equipment will be installed by Easter. Mr. Brooker confirmed that he will provide a trailer for the removal of uncontaminated top soil. It was agreed that £1,000.00 be included in the budget for the removal of some of the old play equipment. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to add to budget.
- One of the Trustees of the Sundorne Estate has advised the Parish Council not to assume that permission would be refused for the provision of picnic benches and/or an outdoor table tennis table on the village hall field or land at de Quincey Fields.

**18/009. Planning.**

- 17/04609/EIA Extension to Forge Farm Poultry Unit to include two poultry buildings and associated infrastructure. Decision still pending. Councillor Picton advised that Shropshire Council is considering this application at the same time as that for the poultry units at The Rea.
- 17/05145/FUL Erection of single storey extension at Cruck Cottage, Upton Magna. Decision still pending. It was noted that Shropshire Council's Historic Environment section has asked for an archaeological excavation to be carried out before any work commences.
- 17/06108/AGR Proposed Irrigation Reservoir SE of Downton Farm, Upton Magna. Having been withdrawn prior to Christmas, this application has been resubmitted. The Parish Council are still not permitted to comment on it.
- (Moved from item 12 on the agenda). 17/05629/FUL Application under section 73A of the Town and Country planning Act 1990 for the erection of a fence & hedge at The Haughmond, Upton Magna. Based on complaints received by the Parish Council from parishioners, it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council must object to the application with the following comment: "The Parish Council received objections to the height of this fence and its proximity to the highway at the time it was erected. The Parish Council agrees with the Highway Advice Notes of the 9<sup>th</sup> of January which recommends that the fence should be set back from the highway to provide a visibility splay for emerging vehicles. However, the Parish Council believes the fence should also be reduced in height to one metre (as per the conservation advice given by Mr. Tim Sneddon to the Parish Council earlier in 2017) or replaced with a hedge". **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post the comment on Shropshire Council's Planning Register.

**18/010. Community Asset Registration.**

The Parish Clerk reported that the application is ready to submit to Shropshire Council. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to send the application to Shropshire Council.

**18/011. Current Projects.**

- Footpath map: Parish Councillors discussed advice from Helen Beresford of Shropshire Council (Rights of Way) regarding permissive paths. It was agreed that the footpath notice board should match the definitive map given on Shropshire Council's website and, therefore, not show any permissive paths. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to order the printing of the map.

**18/012. General Village Matters.**

- Parish Councillors discussed a complaint from a parishioner about “Trade Team” lorries traversing the centre of the village to deliver goods to the Haughmond. It was decided not to take any action as the lorries in questions are under the legal weight limit allowed through the village.
- The Chairman described a serious road traffic accident which occurred during adverse weather conditions on Pelham Road (Berwick Wharf end). It was agreed that the smooth road surface is dangerous in icy conditions and requires top dressing to make it safer. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to email Chris Edwards of Shropshire Council to make the request.
- Potholes have appeared prior to the Criftins corner and in Berwick Wharf. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to report to Shropshire Council.

**18/013. Correspondence.**

Invitation to Buckingham Palace Garden Party: The Chairman is unable to attend.

**18/014. Items for Next Agenda.**

Proposed lease of land at de Quincey Fields; Community play equipment; footpath map; fence at the Haughmond; church restoration progress.

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**Date of next meeting: Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2018.**

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