

Upton Magna Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on

Thursday 13th November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

25/71 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs David Carter, Michael Dawson (acting chair), Ann Fowler, Andy Pillow, Jeana Bennion.

Apologies: Cllrs Bob Newton, Gareth Thomas

Clerk: Apologies from Jennifer Turner

Attending : 6 members of public

25/72 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

25/73 PUBLIC SESSION – Concerns were raised about

- i) the positioning of the soldier silhouettes (for and against),
- ii) the length of time they are displayed (for and against),
- iii) the police speed monitoring at an inappropriate time,
- iv) that emails had not been acknowledged by the clerk or shared with the councillors.

25/74 MINUTES – It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the chair should sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th October 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting. Proposed AF, seconded DC.

25/75 REPORT FROM WARD CLL. none

25/76 REPORTS

West Mercia Police JB reported from the recent “surgery” on Haughmond Hill that police hours are cut. Consequently they are unlikely to attend but would like another reminder of the dates of future PC meetings.

SALC – No update this month.

Footpaths – BN sent a comment that the footpaths are generally in good condition but becoming muddy

Village Hall – Have plans to put in outdoor electric sockets to facilitate a Christmas tree in the car park next year. The Christmas Event will be held on the 12th December from 7pm.

Litter Picking – JB has completed 40 hours of litter picking. It was suggested that GT speak to the school headteacher to address the issue of litter with the children as the amount of litter is noticeably more around the school in during term time.

25/77 PROGRESS REPORTS ON ONGOING MATTERS

Street Light glare – A timer has been added to limit the number of hours it is lit. The intention was a turn off at 10pm, overridden by dawn/dusk times. However, the timing is erratic and at odds with other street lights. The clerk to review the instructions given to the contractor (Potters Electrical) prior to corrective measures.

Fibre Project –Station Cottages and Upton Forge have made direct contact with the company and it seems likely that they will connected soon.

Dog Fouling - an article has been submitted to the community news (by AF) covering fouling and noisy dogs.

25/78 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) **Speeding** – Still an issue, and although the police monitored there was prior notice and came at a quiet time so would not have gathered a true reflection of the problem.

b) **SIDs Funding (Speed Indicator Devices)**– These are expensive and would cost around 4 x £2000 to site one at every entry road of the village. Grant funding would be looked at to help with these costs.

c) **Parking** – The headteacher is meeting with Shropshire council to discuss the problem and we await the report from that meeting. The village hall field had been opened to allow parking by parents delivering children but was locked again due to the arrival of travellers locally.

25/79 BEYOND THE PRECEPT – There has been little feedback of suggestions from the parish. Action: That all parish councillors consider and identify items that could benefit the parish.

25/80 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL ENERGY SCHEME. No information from the clerk

25/81 WEBSITE REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT. Council agreed to form a sub-committee to review updates and additions to the website with the clerk. DC & JB were nominated and approved unanimously

25/82 RBL TOMMY SILHOUETTES After debate the council agreed to

- i) Relocate the Tommy silhouettes to the Lychgate Village Green (unanimous),
 - ii) Display them from mid-October to the end of the year (DC, MD, AF, AP for, JB against),
 - iii) Pursue a permanent stone war memorial at a site to be agreed (unanimous).
- Actions: DC to ask Haughmond Quarry for a suitable monolith, MD to seek help with removal, storage and re-erection of silhouettes.

25/83 REVIEW OF POLICIES

a) Financial Regulations: - To be reviewed in December 2025

25/84 PLANNING None

25/85 FINANCE Payments and receipts. It was proposed by AF, DC to approve the Authorised payments with the exception of Street Light until the issue has been fixed.

Amount	Payment Details
£300.00	Clerk (salary)
£26.00	Clerk (working from home allowance)
£12.01	Philip Woods (Churchyard Maintenance - fuel).
£11.99	Hugo Fox (website)
£75.00	HMRC
£6.00	Unity Bank charge
£15.00	UM Memorial Hall (room hire)

Closing bank balance after payments: £7696.16

Outstanding: Potters Electrical: £276.00

25/86 Items for the next agenda

Review of policies - Financial Regulations

The meeting closed at 21:05

Date of next meeting 11th December 7:30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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