

# UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**20/027 Public Question Time.**

None.

**20/028 Present.**

Parish Councillors: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Walters, Mr. Brooker, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Pillow, Mrs. Morecroft. Mrs. Smith-Wells (Parish Clerk). Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton. 2 members of the public.

**20/029 Apologies.**

Mrs. Brenton.

**20/030 Declarations of Interest.**

None.

**20/031 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

Signed as a correct record.

**20/032 Monthly Report from Councillor Picton.**

- Glen Smith of Shropshire Council Highways Section has confirmed he will shortly replace and relocate the long awaited sign past the entrance to de Quincey; that Pelham Road is now included in the gritting programme and that he will arrange a meeting with this Parish Council, Withington Parish Council and the Sundorne Castle Estate to discuss a solution to the HGVs visiting CJ Wild Bird Food, straying from the agreed route and into the village centres.
- Shropshire Council has recommenced a programme of gulley and ditch clearing to help alleviate the flooding problems experienced since the winter.
- Everyone is encouraged to take part in the current consultations on the North West Relief Road and the proposed temporary site for travellers at Battlefield.

**20/033 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 February
£25.55	Streetlight electricity
£3.40	Good Councillors Guide
£1058.64	Smartwater kits
£9.75	Lawnmower petrol

- It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the bank reconciliation and accounting spreadsheets for the final quarter, prepared by the Parish Clerk, be approved.
- It was proposed, seconded and resolved that Mrs. L. Pardoe be appointed as the Internal Auditor for the 2019/20 Parish Council accounts. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to advise Mrs. Pardoe.

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**Current Projects.**

- Smartwater: The Parish Clerk reported that the kits have been received. It was agreed that parishioners should be invited to an event to collect their free kits (possibly the next family social night in the village hall at the end of March). **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to organise.
- Replacement/repair of village hall boundary fence: Councillor Walters reported that the builders' progress has been affected by the recent storms. They will provide a progress report at the end of March.

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**Planning.**

- 19/02436/FUL: Installation of biomass boilers at Forge Farm, Upton Magna. Decision pending.
- 16/04965/EIA: Poultry units at The Rea. Decision pending.
- 19/05575/FUL: Erection of single dwelling at 11 Pelham Road, Upton Magna. Decision pending.
- 20/00543/FUL: Erection of 2-storey dwelling at 6 Pelham Road, Upton Magna. Decision pending.
- 20/00558/FUL: Erection of single storey extension at 2 Haughmond Houses, Somerwood. Decision pending.

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**General Village Matters.**

- Haughton Crossroads: It was noted that the hedge close to the crossroads has been cut well back since the last meeting. Although this has improved visibility considerably now, this will soon be restricted again during the growing season, when it cannot be cut due to nesting birds. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to a) email the Forestry Commission to stress the continued need for a permanent solution and b) to advise Glen Smith of Shropshire Council's Highways Section that we would like this discussed at the forthcoming meeting with him.
- Place Plan entries: No new entries were suggested.
- Moving of village sign by de Quincey Fields: See minute 20/032 above.
- HGVs using Pelham Road to reach CJ Wild Bird Food: See minute 20/032 above.
- Flooding in the Parish: The flooded areas close to the entrance to de Quincey Fields and the road to Hunkington Cottages have been reported to Shropshire Council. The Sundorne Castle Estate Manager was thanked for arranging for the clearing of the ditches on the roads near to the Criftins and to Hunkington Hollow. An email from Withington Parish Council concerning flooding was discussed and the Sundorne Castle Estate Manager agreed to respond.
- Coronavirus: Councillors agreed that the elderly and vulnerable of the Parish need to be cared for during this crisis. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that an information notice containing Councillors' telephone numbers be designed and put on the noticeboards and website. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to design the notice for approval by Councillors.
- Accident in the village centre: It was reported that there had recently been a car accident close to the school, due to black ice. The Sundorne Castle Estate Manager asked if the Parish Council would consider replacing the missing grit bin at the location. It was agreed to obtain a cost for doing so. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to obtain a cost.

**20/037**      **Correspondence.**  
None.

**20/038**      **New Items for Next Agenda.**  
No new items.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.30pm.

..... (Chairman) ..... (Date)

**Date of next meeting: To be confirmed.**

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