

Upton Magna Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on

Thursday 8th May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

25/01 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs David Carter, Jeana Bennion, Michael Dawson, Ann Fowler, Bob Newton, Gareth Thomas, Andy Pillow

Apologies: Huw Williams (Sundorne Estates), Cty Cllr Brendan Mallon

Clerk: Jennifer Turner.

Attending : Three members of public

A two minute silence was held in honour of VE Day

25/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

25/03 PUBLIC SESSION – MOP thanked outgoing Councillors for their hard work over recent years and offered congratulations to new Councillors

Concrete bollards have been removed, metal gates have been installed in several locations on Sundorne Estate land.

25/04 MINUTES – It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th April 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting. Proposed JB, seconded BN

25/05 REPORT FROM CLLR. LEZLEY PICTON (SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL) –

Double yellow lines on Haughmond Hill have been listed for this financial year. BM to chase this on behalf of UMPC

25/06 REPORTS

- a) **West Mercia Police** – No update. Clerk to make contact and request regular attendance or reports
- b) **SALC** – No update
- c) **Footpaths** – a productive meeting has taken place with Sundorne Estate regarding current and future plans for maintenance of footpaths. To ask HW for update regarding proposed permitted footpath from Lodge to Haughmond Hill. More permitted footpaths will be added in future.
- d) **Village Hall** – Update during Annual Meeting
- e) **Litter Picking** – Hours pledged forty. A local young lady is helping as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award. Kits are available for volunteers to help with this.

25/07 PROGRESS REPORTS

- a) **Street Lights** – Councillors would prefer a bigger deflector to be fitted – no update
- b) **Fibre Project** – Only a few small areas are still awaiting installation. DC leading on this.

25/09 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) **Double Yellow Lines – Haughtmond Hill** – Update in Cty Cllr Report
- b) **Location of Tommys** – The decision to relocate Tommy's cannot be discussed for six months.
- c) Agreed to publish Parish Council Meeting Minutes in Community News (proposed AF, seconded MD)
- d) Horton crossroads to Upton Magna will be resurfaced in 2026. Speed and access are also still an issue here. AF suggested rumble strips – to be addressed with Cty Cllr. A dilapidated shed belonging to the Forestry Commission also needs removing – Clerk to contact Forestry Commission regarding this and hedge trimming. Other local roads with poor surfaces are being resurfaced as a temporary solution.
- e) Communication – DC suggested a Community Whatsapp group to filter PC information to local residents, this could have a pinned post to advise of rules or be closed to responses. Clerk to write advert to go in Community News requesting details to AF of those who would like to join

25/10 PLANNING

- None

25/11 FINANCE

Clerk to check on legality of paying for closed/open churchyard mowing.

a) **Payments and receipts**

It was proposed (JB), seconded (MD) and resolved that the following payments be approved:
Bank Balance £10,801.96

Amount	Payment Details
22.77	PR Woods Mower expenses
240.35	SALC
11.99	Hugo Fox
6.00	Unity Charges
20.00	Village Hall
42.51	WME
241.00	Insurance

Amount	Income Details
7,600.00	Precept

25/12 Any Other Business/Correspondence

25/13 – Items for next agenda

- a) Village Hall Committee Representative
- b) Community Litter pick
- c) Communication – Whatsapp group
- d) Community Meeting
- e) Review of Standing Orders
- f) Communication policy
- g) Frequency of meetings

The meeting closed at 20.50

Date of the next meeting: 12th June 2025 at 7.30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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