

Upton Magna Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 13th February 2025 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

25/01 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs Phil Roberts (Chair), Jeana Bennion, Bob Newton, Adam Kelly, Lezley Picton, Dan Simms

Apologies: JulieAnne Lloyd, Andy Pillow

Clerk: Jennifer Turner.

Attending : None

25/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

25/03 PUBLIC SESSION - None

25/04 MINUTES – It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd January 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

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

The draft financial statement has been received and shows a shortfall of approximately £28m, Shropshire is the third worst funded council in England. Savings may need to be made in the form of less frequent waste collections.

The booking system at recycling centres has been terminated.

Councillors discussed the variance between council tax amounts and service costs, this income does not cover the cost of services.

25/06 REPORTS

- a) **West Mercia Police** – No update
- b) **SALC** – No update
- c) **Footpaths** – Meeting to be arranged with Sundorne Estates. Councillors reviewed the list of footpath issues
- d) **Village hall** – No update
- e) **Litter Picking** – Still ongoing. It was reported that a leading fast food chain are adding vehicle registration numbers to their bags which may assist with littering

25/07 PROGRESS REPORTS

- a) **Street Lights** – Deflector fitted to second light, Councillors to check as the deflector does not seem to be resolving the problem of bright light shining into nearby properties
- b) **Fibre Project** – No update

25/08 Policies

Councillors re-adopted the current standing orders and financial regulations

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) Major breakdown of road surface by The Hollows, reported several times. This was reported by PR and closed the same day without a permanent repair

25/10 PLANNING

None

25/11 FINANCE

a) Payments and receipts

It was proposed (PR), seconded (BN) and resolved that the following payments be approved:

Bank Balance £5,537.80

Amount	Payment Details
300.00	Clerk's salary and expenses
26.00	
75.00	HMRC
11.99	Hugo Fox
6.00	Unity Charges
10.00	Village Hall
Amount	Income Details
	None

25/12 Any Other Business/Correspondence

- a) Agreed to site Tommys at the Fingerpost
- b) Resignation of JL – Councillors agreed to advertise the vacancy

25/13 – Items for next agenda

The meeting closed at 20.37

Date of the next meeting: 13th March 2025 at 7.30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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