

Upton Magna Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 11th September 2025 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

25/42 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies: None

Clerk: Jennifer Turner.

Attending : Huw Williams – Sundorne Estate, Five members of public

25/43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

25/44 PUBLIC SESSION

- a) Haughton Crossroads – Many accidents at this junction including one fatality. Issues include speeding traffic, poor visibility and heavy farm traffic – GT and BM will take forward this issue to try and reach a resolution

25/45 MINUTES – It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th July 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting. Proposed AF, seconded AP.

25/46 REPORT FROM CLLR. Brendan Mallon (SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL) –

Attached

25/47 REPORTS

- a) **West Mercia Police** – Information from Street Check. One violent/sexual crime reported in June – no prosecutions
- b) **SALC** – three councillors attended SALC training
- c) **Footpaths** – Councillors thanked Sundorne Estates for the good condition of pathways in the area, most accessible for twenty-six years
- d) **Village Hall** – Issue with parking at weekends
- e) **Litter Picking** – 32/40 hours pledged completed so far. Daisy Robinson helps with this, with JB guidance. Clerk to send card

25/48 PROGRESS REPORTS

- a) **Street Lights** – Clerk to change request for light to be turned off automatically at 6.30 pm
- b) **Fibre Project** –DC leading on this. Awaiting update on the eleven properties in UM and Withington still awaiting connection

25/49 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) **Pelham Road** – Traffic Calming. Trailer has been removed. Councillors considered setting up a ‘Traffic Calming Working group’ – to be reviewed at the next meeting
- b) **Speeding** – Request data from Traffic Survey if completed. If not completed Clerk to arrange this
- c) **Haughton Crossroads** – see Cty Councillor Report
- d) **Haughmond Hill** – Double yellow lines. To clarify if this is approved for 2025-26

25/50 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- a) Whatsapp Group (Public) – membership has increased by 10% to fifty

25/51 REVIEW OF POLICIES

- a) **Digital Communications Policy** – Reviewed and approved with some minor changes (proposed DC, seconded AP)
- b) **Standing Orders** – to be reviewed at next meeting

25/52 .GOV EMAIL ADDRESS and SCRIBE SOFTWARE – Defer to November budgeting meeting

25/52 PLANNING

25/02630/PA3MA

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to provide two dwellings under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class MA of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015 (as amended)
Issued Advice

25/02676/OHL

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: To uprate approx 1215m of an existing 2 wire 11,000 volt wood pole overhead lines to 3 wires 11,000 volts to upgrade the supplies to surrounding properties at Haughton Crossroads, Upton Magna, Shrewsbury and surrounding farms and businesses. The maximum pole height proposed is 11.5m with a tolerance of 60m.

GT added personal comments to portal, the Parish Council support these comments

25/02473/OHL

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Replacement of 7 spans of High Voltage Overhead line and 6 poles the line will be 3 phase and serve a single demand (import) customer. LOCATION: Land Adj Rea Farm, Withington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire,
No Comment

25/03289/FUL *DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Retrospective application for the installation of an air source heat pump*
LOCATION: Franks Barn, Preston, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, . OS REFERENCE: 352885 – 311819 APPLICANT: Mr G Crow
No Comment

25/53 FINANCE

a) Payments and receipts

It was proposed (JB), seconded (DC) and resolved that the following payments and reconciliation be approved:

Bank Balance £8,900.44

Amount	Payment Details
£300.00	Clerk Salary
£26.00	Clerk WfH
£75.83	Easy Space Web Hosting
£11.99	Hugo Fox
£75.00	HMRC
£6.00	Unity Charges June
£100.00	Lorna Pardoe Audit
£40.00	Village Hall
Amount	Income Details
	None

Closing bank balance following payments £8,265.62

Councillors reviewed expenditure so far for 2025-26 and budget information for 2025 and 2026. Agreed to open second account with interest and transfer £3,600 as reserves.

DC to attend NALC training on additional funding streams

Noted JB Village Hall rental should be at £15, Clerk to query

25/41 Items for next agenda

Standing Orders

Traffic Survey

Dog waste bins – additional cost for emptying

Advert in Community News to include access to Planning Portal

Mower Funding request

The meeting closed at 21.27

Date of the next meeting: 16th October 2025 at 7.30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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County Councillor's Report to Bomere Heath and Fitz Parish Council – 8 Sept 2025

Shropshire Council Financial Emergency

You may by now be aware that Shropshire Council has declared a 'Financial Emergency' as a result of the forecast for Q4 of the current financial year. The shortfall is circa £900,000 and whilst this may not appear to be a huge amount of money, it would put SC in an illegal financial position by end of year. The Declaration facilitates emergency measures to bring us back into a legal financial position by March. This must happen as the result of maintaining this illegal position would be the imposition of a 'Section 114', whereby external administrators come into the council to impose drastic cuts to non-statutory services such as libraries and leisure centres. I shall be attending Cabinet this week to gain greater understanding of the circumstances and potential remedial measures. Rest assured, I will be doing my best to represent the needs of Upton Magna and the other parishes of Tern in the coming months.

600 House Development by Battlefield Roundabout

I have been made aware by my Battlefield colleague of a huge proposal by Manor Oak Homes to build 600 houses by the Battlefield roundabout. Clearly, with the ongoing chronic shortage of critical infrastructure and services around North and East Shrewsbury, this plan should raise concerns for the nearby parishes. This land had originally been earmarked for commercial development, however the applicant is attempting to gain a change of use. I believe an Environmental Impact Assessment has been undertaken with the result being a determination of no impact. We are still waiting for the developer to submit a 'Pre- Application' before we can bring you any more information. As more information becomes available I will of course share it, but in the meantime I would encourage awareness of this among your residents.

Memorandum of Understanding for Town and Parish Councils

You should hopefully be in receipt of this document from Councillor Alex Wagner. Please give it due consideration and I look forward to hearing what you might hope to get out of this proposed realignment in the relationship between the PC and SC so I can best support you in achieving a satisfactory outcome for Upton Magna.

Site Visits

I am reaching out to all of the parishes in Tern to arrange site visits to see for myself the most pressing Highways and Infrastructure concerns. I have a list of Highways concerns from the last meeting such as the Haughmond Hill Double Yellow and the Haughton Crossroads and I would be very grateful if a member of the PC could walk the ground with me at these sites so that I can gain some context and take some photographs.

Uffington and Upton Magna BESS Sites

There has been no word on when these will come before the Northern Planning Committee. My understanding is that the planning period has been extended, pending further detail being submitted by the applicants. As I highlighted previously, neither of these applicants have submitted detailed specifications for the safety- critical battery cell and battery management components. In a Member's question to the last Full Council meeting, I did highlight that there are to date, no British Standards for this equipment so hopefully the Planning Officers are taking this into consideration...

Brendan Mallon

Councillor for Tern