

Upton Magna Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on

Thursday 10th July 2025 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

25/29 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies: None

Clerk: Jennifer Turner.

Attending : Three members of public

25/30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

25/31 PUBLIC SESSION

- a) Fly Tipping reported as a growing issue. Incidents should be reported on FixmyStreet, the areas highlighted have been reported several times
- b) Community News 14th July deadline – AF to provide information regarding FixmyStreet and new Whatsapp group
- c) Village Hall Committee AGM 15th July at 7.30pm. AF attending

25/32 MINUTES – It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th June 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting. Proposed DC, seconded AF.

25/33 REPORT FROM CLLR. Brendan Mallon (SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL) –

BM provided an update regarding recent discussions and planned meetings surrounding the current BESS planning application. Discussions are mainly focussed around safety, environmental issues and emergency planning. Shropshire Fire and Rescue have raised grave concerns, but have not added a formal objection as yet. BM to discuss this with them. Information regarding specific equipment is not disclosed in the application and this needs to be defined.

Future focusses for BM will include Village Resilience in the event of an emergency situation

Shropshire Partnership Consultation - Councillors were encouraged to complete this

DC has contacted Attingham Park regarding their Emergency Evacuation Plan as it is felt their view could be helpful in opposing the BESS application, but has not received a response so far

25/34 REPORTS

- a) **West Mercia Police** – Clerk provided a report regarding Shrewsbury Rural East, it is not possible on the police website to drill it down to a more specific area and figures don't really relate to Upton

Magna. Clerk requested a meeting with Police representatives. DC suggested using streetcheck for more specific crime information

- b) **SALC** – MD is representative, Clerk will forward information as received
- c) **Footpaths** – Most pathways are clear, but not green boundaries, BN to contact Sundorne Estates. MD has highlighted a bridlepath which it is felt is on the Longner Estate, Clerk has tried to make contact with the owner
- d) **Village Hall** – Information provided during Public Participation
- e) **Litter Picking** – Ongoing JB has pledged 40 hours and completed 25 so far.

25/35 PROGRESS REPORTS

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

25/36 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 – Haughmond Hill** – BM will chase an update
- b) **Haughton Crossroads** – speed limit at 60mph is too high and vision is obscured. BM will find out if traffic calming measures are possible at this junction
- c) **Highway Signs** – JB has strimmed around all signs except three that are too high and these three have been reported on FixmyStreet. Some signs are missing/damaged and these may need to be funded by the PC
- d) **Roadsweeper** – Clerk to request
- e) **Pelham Road** – Trailer abandoned. Reported on FixmyStreet 23rd May, could be reported to the police. Also to explore traffic calming measures at next meeting
- f) **Traffic Survey** – Suggested by GT, BM to see if this can be arranged

25/37 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- a) **Whatsapp Group (Public)** – Has been set up and information ie agenda started to be added. Forty five subscribers so far. JB suggested all Councillors should be added to this in order to see what information is posted
- b) **Whatsapp Group (Councillors)** – Clerk confirmed this group is for information such as meeting/payment reminders only and PC business should not be discussed through this avenue. Resolved to review Digital Communications Policy.

25/38 COMMUNITY LITTER PICK – Not felt to be needed at this time

25/39 PLANNING

PLANNING REFERENCE - 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 (DC, BN)

Uffington PC Joint Statement – Clerk will send simple one line statement to UPC based upon traffic should both applications be successful

25/40 FINANCE

a) Payments and receipts

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

Bank Balance £9,913.71

Amount	Payment Details
£300.00	Clerk July
£26.00	Clerk July
£300.00	Clerk August
£26.00	Clerk August
£11.99	Hugo Fox July
£11.99	Hugo Fox August
£6.00	Unity Charges June
£6.00	Unity Charges July
£20.00	Village Hall
£85.36	WME
£75	HMRC July
£75	HMRC August
Amount	Income Details
	None

Closing bank balance following payments £8,970.37

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

25/41 Items for next agenda

- a) To prepare for Community Governance Review, the following policies to be reviewed in September.
Standing orders – proposed changes and NALC 2025 SO to be emailed to Councillors
Code of Conduct

Digital Communications Policy

The meeting closed at 20.54

Date of the next meeting: 11th September 2025 at 7.30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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