

Upton Magna Parish Council

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

25/01 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs Phil Roberts (Chair), Jeana Bennion, Adam Kelly, Dan Simms, Andy Pillow

Apologies: Bob Newton, Lezley Picton, Huw Williams

Clerk: Jennifer Turner.

Attending : None

25/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

25/03 PUBLIC SESSION – Several members of the public were in attendance and raised questions relating to planning. How information is gathered regarding residents views on planning applications and if planning responses included population percentages in support/against applications? Also if the PC would canvas for opinion? PR explained the PC responds based upon the best interests of the general community and individuals are encouraged to add their comments personally. Comments are generally added in the days before a planning application closes to ensure all relevant information is considered.

Members of the public also asked how a decision was reached on the recent siting of Tommy figures.

Planning applications were discussed at this stage to enable MOP to listen to the discussion if they did not wish to stay for the entire meeting.

25/04 MINUTES – It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th February 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting. Proposed JB, seconded AK

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

LP was not in attendance, Bill Rowland was introduced as the candidate to replace LP from May. BR introduced himself

25/06 REPORTS

- a) **West Mercia Police** – No update
- b) **SALC** – Local Plan has been rejected and will take thirty months to rewrite. North West Relief Road is on hold until June. A survey in Shrewsbury Town Centre concluded that residents are in favour of an increase in precept to provide local services
- c) **Footpaths** – Meeting confirmed with Sundorne Estates on 31st March at 4.30
- d) **Village hall** – No update
- e) **Litter Picking** – Still ongoing. Hours pledged forty

25/07 PROGRESS REPORTS

- a) **Street Lights** – Councillors would prefer a bigger deflector to be fitted
- b) **Fibre Project** – No update. Installation is planned between now and September 2026

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) **Communications** – Councillors discussed appropriate lines of communication. Information regarding Councillors is being added to the local magazine
- b) **Standing Orders** – PR suggested changing the standing orders to reflect that there is no expectation for future Vice- Chairs to take on the role of Chair – agreed. Councillors will consider how they would like to elect future roles within PC
- c) **Correspondence** – Clerk to respond to resident

25/10 PLANNING

- 25/00531/FUL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Installation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and associated infrastructure. LOCATION: Electricity Sub-station, Uffington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, .OS REFERENCE: 353405 – 312623 APPLICANT: Mr T Main

Councillors discussed this planning application which is based in Uffington with an access from Upton Magna. No objections have been noted from Uffington PC, although two residents have voiced strong objections and the developers have stated they are in talks with residents in general. Shropshire Fire and Rescue have provided detailed information and The Canal Trust have been consulted. The PC considered how this will affect the residents of Upton Magna, there have been no representation from residents to UMPC. All traffic will go through Uffington. Councillors agreed to adopt a neutral stance – proposed DS, seconded AP - Neutral

- 24/00542/LBC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Installation of a charging point for an electric vehicle on side of dwelling LOCATION: Walnut Cottage, Upton Magna, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 4TZ. OS REFERENCE: 355381 – 312540 APPLICANT: Mr Paul Cool - *Approved*

25/11 FINANCE

a) Payments and receipts

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

Bank Balance £5,062.25

Amount	Payment Details
300.00	Clerk's salary and expenses
26.00	
75.00	HMRC

11.99	Hugo Fox
6.00	Unity Charges
20.00	Village Hall
99.02	Mower Repair
46.56	WME - Electricity
65.00	Community News
5.34	JB reimbursement Chain Tommys
Amount	Income Details
	None

25/12 Any Other Business/Correspondence

25/13 – Items for next agenda

Location of Tommys

Co-option – a resident has expressed an interest

The meeting closed at 20.53

Date of the next meeting: 10th April 2025 at 7.30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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