

Upton Magna Parish Council

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

25/71 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs David Carter, Michael Dawson, Ann Fowler, Andy Pillow, Jeana Bennion

Apologies: Cllr G Thomas, Cllr B Newton, Cllr B Mallon

Clerk: Jennifer Turner (Apologies)

Attending : Six members of public

25/72 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

25/73 PUBLIC SESSION – Members of the public raised concerns regarding :

- a) Positioning and display duration of the soldier silhouettes (25/62e). With one MOP raising a concern regarding the location and duration of display and five in support of the silhouettes remaining in place. Three other emails regarding this were received and printed for review during the discussion
- b) Police speed monitoring – questioning the decision of a Councillor to release advance notice on UMPC social media of the date/time of a police speed check thus resulting in an inaccurate result
- c) Acknowledgement of emails

25/58 MINUTES – It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Chair should sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th October 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting. Proposed AF, seconded DC.

25/59 REPORT FROM CLLR. Brendan Mallon (SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL) –

No update

25/60 REPORTS

- a) **West Mercia Police** - JB attended the recent “surgery” on Haughmond Hill and provided feedback that police hours are reduced and consequently they are unlikely to attend PC meetings but would like to a reminder of future meetings dates. JB sent up to May 2026 to Lyn Birch
- b) **SALC** – No update
- c) **Footpaths** – BN generally in good condition but becoming muddy
- d) **Village Hall** –Have plans to put in outdoor electric sockets to facilitate a Christmas tree in the car park next year. The Christmas Event will be held on the 12th December from 7pm.
- e) **Litter Picking** – JB has completed 40 hours of litter picking. It was suggested that GT speaks to the school headteacher to address the issue of litter with the children, as the amount of litter is noticeably more around the school in during term time.

25/61 PROGRESS REPORTS

- a) **Street Light** – A timer has been added to limit the number of hours lit, turning off at 10pm and overridden by dusk/dawn times. The timing appears to be erratic and at odds with the other lights, and may need altering to ensure it is inline with the requested timeline. Clerk to review instructions to contractor and feedback
- b) **Fibre Project** – Station Cottages and Upton Forge have made direct contact with the company and it seems likely that they will be connected soon.
- c) **Dog Fouling** - an article has been submitted to the community news by AF covering fouling and noisy dogs

25/62 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) **Speeding** – Still an issue, although the police monitored they gave prior notice and attended at a quiet time so would not have gathered a true reflection of the problem
- b) **SIDS Funding (Speed Indicator Devices Scheme)**– These are expensive and would cost around 4 x £2000 to site one at every entry road of the village. Grant funding would be looked at to help with these costs.
- c) **Parking** – The headteacher is having a meeting with Shropshire council to discuss the problem and we await the report from that meeting. The village hall field had been opened to allow parking by parents delivering children but was locked again due to the arrival of travellers locally.
- d) **Beyond the Precept** – There has been little feedback of suggestions from the parish.
Action: That all parish councillors consider and identify items that could benefit the parish.
- e) **RBL Tommy silhouettes** Following discussion, JB requested a recorded vote. The council agreed to
 - a) Relocate the Tommy silhouettes to the Lychgate Village Green (unanimous) , b) Display them from mid-October to New Year (JB voted against this), c) Pursue a permanent stone war memorial at a site to be agreed.Actions: DC to ask Haughmond Quarry for a suitable monolith, MD to seek help with removal, storage and re-erection of silhouettes.

25/65 REVIEW OF POLICIES

- a) Financial Regulations - To be reviewed in December 2025

25/67 PLANNING

None

BESS – No update

25/69 FINANCE

a) **Payments and receipts**

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

Bank Balance £8,189.15

Amount	Payment Details
£300.00	Clerk Salary
£26.00	Clerk WfH
£12.01	Phil Woods (Fuel)
£11.99	Hugo Fox
£75.00	HMRC
£6.00	Unity Charges
£15.00	Village Hall
Amount	Income Details

Closing bank balance following payments £7,479.16

Outstanding Potters Electrical £276.00

25/70 Items for next agenda

Financial Regulations

The meeting closed at 21.05

Date of the next meeting 11th December 2025 at 7.30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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