

Upton Magna Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 13th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

22/001 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs Phil Roberts (Chair), Jeana Bennion, Andy Brooker, Michael Dawson, Andy Pillow, Steve Walters.

Clerk: Alison Utting

Also: SC Cllr Lezley Picton, 1 member of the public.

22/002 CO-OPTION

Council decided unanimously to co-opt Krystyna Sochacki. (Prop: JB, Sec: MD)

22/003 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION – None.

22/004 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

22/005 MINUTES – It was agreed that the Chairman should sign the minutes of 11th November 2021 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

22/006 REPORT FROM CLLR. LEZLEY PICTON (SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL)

See separate report.

Main points - SC has worked hard alongside the NHS on the vaccine booster rollout, resulting in 83% take up – one of the best in the UK. Continued hand washing, face coverings and proper ventilation are advised to slow the spread of the virus. SC preparing to increase Council Tax by 3.99%, using reserves to balance the budget. North-West Relief Road is expected to go to Planning Committee in Feb/March. SC is investing almost £3m to make third wheelie bin available to residents, for plastic/metal/glass recycling.

AB commented that the new system for trade vehicles using the recycling depot is a great improvement.

22/007 OTHER REPORTS – None.

22/008 PROGRESS REPORT

- a) **SmartWater** – Rollout is proceeding steadily. Quite a few kits were distributed at the Christmas Fair. **ACTION:** AB needs to register some kits online. Clerk to check numbers.
- b) **Broken streetlight** – Insurance claim has been submitted. Response expected after 20th January. The task and finish group (AB, PR and SW) presented several quotes to the Council. Council agreed to go with the cheapest quote and that the repair should be actioned ASAP, not waiting for news from insurer, as it will need to be repaired regardless. **ACTION:** AB to instruct company to do repair. Clerk to inform Council as soon as insurers respond
- c) **UMPC laptop** – Pending.
- d) **Parking by Yew Tree Cottage** – Ongoing problem. Not much that can be done.
- e) **Blocked footpaths (Hunkington)** – No reply or action taken. Clerk to report to SC and inform tenant by post.
- f) **Assets of Community Value** – Both the Village Green (De Quincey Fields) and the Memorial Hall Field have now been registered for 5 years (no appeal).

22/009 GENERAL PARISH & HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Clerk recommended **fixmystreet.com** for reporting all sorts of maintenance issues. The exact location of a problem can be marked on a map, photos can be uploaded (recommended) and comments can be added to items previously reported. There seems to be a fairly swift registration of issues and prompt response from relevant department. **ACTION:** Clerk to publicise on website and Facebook.

22/010 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

Council decided that there was no need to set up a formal 3P group. An informal footpaths group met today. MD is happy to be their liaison with UMPC, to be formalised at the Annual PC Meeting in May.

22/011 PLANNING

a) Planning applications

21/05971/FUL 3 De Quincey Fields, Upton Magna SY4 4US

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension.

21/05994/FUL 7 De Quincey Fields, Upton Magna SY4 4US

Proposal: Erection of a single storey oak framed extension to rear.

The Estate Manager for Sundorne was also asked about application 21/05686/AGR (approval not required) for a fertiliser storage tank. He reassured councillors that there would be minimal smell other than during transfer and that the liquid would be transported in a tractor-pulled tanker.

b) Planning decisions

21/05024/FUL Highway Leading To Shrewsbury 400kv Sub Station, Uffington. Proposal: Laying of an underground cable run linking a solar farm to the final grid connection point (adjacent to existing substation) Decision: Grant Permission

22/012 NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND

Council considered several suggestions from residents. They decided to commit £2500 towards the planting of a woodland area to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, in collaboration with Sundorne Castle Estate.

21/013 FINANCE

a) Payments and receipts

Council noted the following **payments** made in December 2021:

Amount	Details	Power to spend
208.10	Clerk's salary (November)	LGA 1972 s112
35.00	Data Protection Fee (ICO)	Data Protection Act 2018
26.43	Electricity for streetlighting (EOn) 1/11/21 – 30/11/21	Parish Councils Act 1957 s.3 Highways Act 1980, s301
18.00	Banking charges	LGA 1972 s111

Council agreed to make the following **payments**:

Amount	Details	Legal Power
207.90	Clerk's salary (December)	LGA 1972 s112
44.00	Clerk's refundable expenses	LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
103.80	PAYE (months 9 and 10)	LGA 1972 s112
*	Electricity for street lighting (nPower) 1/12/21 – 31/12/21	Parish Councils Act 1957 s.3 Highways Act 1980, s301
33.84	Microsoft365	LGA 1972 s142

* The amount of the electricity bill is currently unconfirmed, pending response from nPower on unexpected increase of 142% (Account was transferred to nPower Business Solutions from EOn without our knowledge).

Council noted the following **receipts**:

Amount	Details	Date received
9.40	Microsoft365 contribution from Hadnall Parish Council	10/11/2021

- b) Council received and approved the **accounts** and **bank reconciliation**.
- c) Council agreed Council agreed the **budget** for 2022-23.
- d) Council agreed to request a **precept** of £5315. This represents an increase of 5% (+£1.63 per year on average Band D). It was agreed to used £1000 of reserves to meet the budget.

22/014 CORRESPONDENCE

SALC – Training programme for 2022. SW to do Chairmanship (2 sessions), KS to do Fundamentals for Cllrs.

City Science - Shropshire's Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

Gwilym Butler – Email regarding SC's budget settlement. Link to consultation on SC budget proposals open until 16th February.

Shropshire Council - Residents can now sign up for recycling wheelie bin.

West Mercia Police – New PC (Jim Nicholson).

Highways

Planned road closures

- B5062 Haughton 7th - 9th February 2022 9.30am till 4pm

Purpose: Drainage investigation to find and fix broken pipe

- Pelham Road End Of To The Parks Farm Junction, Withington
27th February 2022 9.30am till 3.30pm

Purpose: Road Closure - BT, pole testing for poles with traffic management for a safe working area.

22/015 NEXT AGENDA

Village events to mark the Jubilee will be coordinated by the Memorial Hall Committee.

22/016 MEETING DATES 2022

The following dates were agreed: March 10th, May 5th (Annual PC Meeting & Community Meeting), July 14th, September 8th, November 10th.

Following review at the May meeting, it may be decided to go back to monthly meetings, in which case further meeting dates will be added.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

NEXT MEETING – Thursday 13th January, 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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