

# Upton Magna Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

### 21/112 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**Present:** Cllrs Phil Roberts (Chair), Jeana Bennion, Andy Brooker, Michael Dawson, Andy Pillow (left at 8.50pm after item 21/120) , Steve Walters.

**Clerk:** Alison Utting

**Also:** SC Cllr Lezley Picton, 5 members of the public.

### 21/113 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Some issues were raised regarding **public footpaths and bridleways** within the parish. Some discussion took place around issues of maintenance; connectivity of paths; conflicts of interest between landowners and footpath users; and use of permissive paths. **ACTION:** Some specific maintenance issues to be reported. Possibility of setting up a Parish Paths Partnership to be put on the agenda for January.

**21/114 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllrs Brooker and Walters declared an interest in planning application 21/04873/COU. They left the room for the duration of this item.

**21/115 MINUTES** – It was agreed that the Chairman should sign the minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

### 21/116 REPORT FROM CLLR. LEZLEY PICTON (SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL)

There has been a good response to the recent survey about bus services. SC are applying for funds from 'Bus Back Better' to help improve services.

The Boundary Review (regarding town and parish council areas) has had to be put on hold because they now need to complete a Divisional Boundary Review. Both reviews must be completed by 2025.

The Shropshire Local service is now a regular part of the mobile library service. This means that residents can access Shropshire Council services (e.g. applying for a blue parking badge) on their doorstep. **ACTION:** Clerk to share details on website and social media to increase awareness of this service.

Clerk and SW reported that the online Planning Tracker (part of our website) is not working properly.

**21/117 OTHER REPORTS** – None.

## **21/118 PLANNING**

a) Applications:

**21/05024/FUL** Highway Leading To Shrewsbury 400kv Sub Station, Uffington SY4 4SY  
*Proposal: Laying of an underground cable run linking a solar farm to the final grid connection point.*

Council agreed to support this application.

**TPO 2021 (Ref: SC/00477/21)** The Old Parsonage, Upton Magna.

*Proposal: Tree Preservation Order (oak tree)*

Council agreed to support this application

**21/04873/COU** Shoot Room South Of Keepers Cottage, Upton Magna

*Proposal: Change of use of a shoot lodge (sui generis use) to a meeting and community space (F2 use).*

Council decided to make no comment on this application.

b) No further planning applications were received in advance of this meeting.

c) No planning decisions were published in advance of this meeting.

## **21/119 PROGRESS REPORT**

a) **SmartWater** – Rollout is proceeding steadily. Kits will be available at the Christmas Supper on 4th December.

b) **Broken streetlight** – Connection will cost nearly £1000, plus new bracket and any other necessary parts. **ACTION:** Council agreed to set up a task and finish group (AB, PR and SW) to get the repair completed. Firstly, the Clerk will enquire with our insurers to see whether we can claim on our policy.

c) **UMPC laptop** – MD reported that the laptop had been repaired. (However, following the meeting it was discovered that it is still not working properly. MD to follow up.)

d) **Parking by Yew Tree Cottage** – PCSO to be asked to monitor as parked vehicles still causing a hazard.

e) **Grass mowing on the triangle** – Phil Woods has kindly offered to take this over.

- f) **CIL money requests** – To be considered in New Year, once cost of streetlight repair is known.

## 21/120 ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE

Council agreed that the map sent with the current application for the Village Hall Field is correct. The Village Hall itself is still registered as an asset until March 2023, so that application has been returned. The Village Green (De Quincey Fields) application has been registered.

## 21/121 GENERAL PARISH & HIGHWAY MATTERS

*N.B. Residents can report problems at any time using [fixmystreet.com](http://fixmystreet.com)*

The following Rights of Way are in need of clearance:

Bridleway 0437/20/1 blocked at Southern end near Pelham Rd/Hunkington Lane junction.

Footpath 0437/19/2 also blocked at Southern end as it reaches Pelham Road.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact Hunkington Farm. If no action taken, Clerk to report to SC Footpaths Officer.

## 21/122 FINANCE

### a) Payments and receipts

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

Amount	Details	Legal Power
415.80	Clerk's salary (September, October)	LGA 1972 s112
44.00	Clerk's refundable expenses	LGA (financial provisions) 1963 s5.
104.00	PAYE (months 7 and 8)	LGA 1972 s112
53.74	Electricity for street lighting (Sept, Oct)	Parish Councils Act 1957 s.3 Highways Act 1980, s301
33.84	Microsoft365	LGA 1972 s142
20.10	Petrol for mower (Phil Woods)	LGA 1972, s214(6)
18.00	Banking charges	LGA 1972 s111

Council noted the following **receipts**:

Amount	Details	Date received
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9.40	Microsoft365 contribution from Hadnall Parish Council	21/09/2021
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- b) Council received and approved the **accounts** and **bank reconciliation**.
- c) Council agreed to set up a **Direct Debit for payment of E-On invoices** (electricity for street lighting).

## 21/123 CORRESPONDENCE

### a) **Highways** - Planned road closures

6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> December Archery Club, Hunkington Lane (to connect new electricity supply)

6<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December Atcham to Cross Houses (Cronkhill jnc to A458 jnc), road closed 9.30am-4pm daily (Construction of gabion wall to retain edge of road).

20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> December Berwick Farm SY4 4VA (to connect new water supply).

- b) **Justin Klekot** - 10km race planned for 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Upton Magna to Shrewsbury Quarry. Details forwarded to Cllrs.
- c) **HM Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire, Mrs Anna Turner JP** – Invitation to nominate individuals to be invited to the 2022 Garden Party. Deadline 31st March.
- d) **Neighbourhood Watch** - Crime and community survey, available to complete online until 16<sup>th</sup> November.
- e) **Shropshire Council** – Residents urged to remain cautious following Avian Influenza in the Chirk area.

## 21/124 NEXT AGENDA

As there is a resident interested in co-option to the Parish Council, this will be put on the January agenda at the start of business.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## NEXT MEETING – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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