

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on the 10th of October 2019.

Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman opened the floor to Sergeant Thomas of West Mercia Police, and, amongst other items, she ran through recent crime statistics for the parish. It was noted that the high number of road traffic incidents is due to the A5 passing through part of the parish.

The floor was then opened to the public for questions but there were none.

19/098. Present.

Parish Councillors: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Brooker, Mr. Walters, Dr. Dawson, Mrs. Lambert. Mrs. Smith-Wells (Parish Clerk). Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton. Miss E. de Quincey.

19/099. Apologies.

Mrs. Brenton (illness), Mr. Pillow (illness).

19/100. Declarations of Interest.

None.

19/101. Minutes of the Meetings held on the 12th of September 2019.

Signed as a correct record.

19/102. Monthly Report from Councillor Picton.

- Planning application 16/04965/EIA (poultry units at the Rea) is not going before Shropshire Council's Planning Committee on the 15th of October, as anticipated. The reason why is not known.
- Everyone is encouraged to take part in Shropshire Council's current strategy consultation on the library service in Shropshire.
- The speed limit planned for the new north west relief road has been increased from 50mph to 60mph.
- Shropshire Council may introduce a new permit system for disposing of waste in the New Year. At present, only those wishing to dispose of trade waste must purchase a permit, but this may be extended to householders too. There will not, however, be any cost to householders.

19/103. Accounts.

- It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the following amounts be approved for payment:

£229.85	Parish Clerk's salary, Working from Home Allowance and mileage for September
£26.43	Streetlight electricity

£154.80	PAYE for second quarter
£30.00	Hire of village hall for meetings
£2350.00	Grant towards new central heating system in St. Lucia's church
£6.99	Oil for mower
£42.43	Petrol for mower

- Parish Councillors considered the accounts spreadsheets and bank reconciliation for the second quarter, prepared by the Parish Clerk. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that they be accepted.
- The Parish Clerk reported that the external audit of the 2018/19 accounts had been completed without issue.
- Parish Councillors discussed the grant application from the Haughmond shop for £200.00 towards the mounting of a defibrillator on the shop wall. It was noted that the original estimate approved was £150.00 but it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the amount awarded be increased to £200.00. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to raise a cheque for signing at the next meeting.

19/104. Current Projects.

Replacement/repair of village hall boundary fence: Councillor Walters reported that there is no further progress with this project at the moment. **ACTION:** Councillor Walters to continue to progress with this project.

19/105. Planning.

- 19/03548/FUL: Erection of 2 dwellings at 11 Pelham Road. Decision pending.
- 19/02436/FUL: Installation of biomass boilers at Forge Farm, Upton Magna. Decision pending.

19/106. General Village Matters.

- Haughton Crossroads: As the Sundorne Castle Estate Manager was not present at the meeting, it is not known if he has been able to meet with the Forestry Commission yet. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to find out and, if not, to contact the Forestry Commission without further delay.
- Smart Water: Tim Williams (We Don't Buy Crime Officer for West Mercia police) is to attend the Parish Council meeting scheduled for the 12th of December, to give a presentation on Smartwater.
- Path adjacent the BT Exchange: The Parish Clerk confirmed that she has emailed BT to request maintenance of the perimeter weeds. Concern was expressed about the weeds on the opposite side and about the accumulated moss on the path surface. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to chase to BT and to write to the Sundorne Castle Estate Manager to request that the path is cleared of moss and the weeds on the side.
- Parking for Pelham Road flats residents: **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to write to Severnside Housing to ask if part of the front garden could be turned into parking spaces to remove the need to leave vehicles on the road.
- Possible faulty streetlight on Pelham Road: The Parish Clerk has acquired a quotation for the repair (if it is required) but it was agreed at this stage, to monitor the light to check that it is definitely not working.

- Bench opposite the Haughmond: It is thought that this may require some attention.
ACTION: Councillors to check and report back.
- Village sign: The sign is still on the wrong side of the entrance to de Quincey Fields.
ACTION: Parish Clerk to email location map to Councillors.
- Haughmond Quarry: **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to check permitted HGV movement times.

19/107. Correspondence.

A card had been received from Mrs. Howard confirming that she is happy to continue maintaining the planter on the village triangle.

19/108. Items for Next Agenda.

Smart Water, Haughton Crossroads, path from de Quincey Fields, parking for occupants of Pelham Road flats.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.45pm.

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 14th of November 2019.

MRS. K.M. SMITH-WELLS, CLERK TO UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL