

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on the 1st of August 2019.

19/074. Present.

Parish Councillors: Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Brenton, Mr. Pillow, Mr. Brooker, Mr. Walters. Mrs. Smith-Wells (Parish Clerk). Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton. Mr. Jordan (Sundorne Castle Estate Manager), Miss E. de Quincey.

19/075. Apologies.

Dr. Dawson (holiday).

19/076. Declarations of Interest.

None.

19/077. Minutes of the Meetings held on the 13th of June 2019.

Signed as a correct record.

19/078. Monthly Report from Councillor Picton.

- It is recommended that the Parish Council includes on the Place Plan, any flooding alleviation work required so that it will be addressed by Shropshire Council in the future.
- Statistics provided for Councillor Picton show that traffic incidents at Haughton Crossroads are average in number.

19/079. Accounts.

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

£458.35	Parish Clerk's salary, Working from Home Allowance and mileage for June & July
£154.80	PAYE for first quarter
£45.00	Hire of Upton Magna Memorial Hall
£26.43	Streetlight electricity
£150.00	Repainting of Parish notice board
£26.94	Lawnmower petrol
£21.46	Email hosting
£27.96	Domain name registration

- The Parish Council considered the accounts and bank reconciliation for the first quarter, prepared by the Parish Clerk. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that they be accepted.
- The Parish Clerk recommended a few changes to the Financial Regulations and it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the revised Regulations be adopted.
- The Parish Clerk reported that she had submitted the Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the External Auditors, before the required deadline.

19/080. Shrewsbury Rural North Place Plan.

The current version of the Place Plan was discussed by Councillors and it was agreed that the following entries should be deleted or amended, either due to completion or abandonment: provision of

school/community car park; structural repairs to St. Lucia's church (contribution towards the heating system to be retained); new chairs for the village hall; purchase of new lawnmower; creation of WW1 memorial garden; establishment of walking festival; provision of new footpaths sign; provision of pavement along Pelham Road. It was also agreed to add the following: addressing of drainage/flooding problems on the road to Hunkington and on the Downton road towards Uffington; clearing of laybys along the Downton road. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to advise Mathew Mead of Shropshire Council of these amendments.

19/081. Planning.

- 19/02436/FUL. Installation of biomass boilers (part retrospective) at Forge Farm. It was noted that a more accurate HGV movement statement had been provided by the applicant's agent and added to this application on Shropshire Council's planning register. Some Councillors remained concerned about the additional 16 HGV loads per annum and it was proposed and seconded that the Parish Council submits a second comment to this effect. However, as there were 2 votes for and 3 abstentions, this proposal was not resolved.
- 19/02823/FUL. Erection of detached building (Shoot Room) at Keeper's Cottage. The Chairman opened the floor to Mr. Jordan who gave finer details of the proposed building, namely that it would be built using sustainable wood; would be internally lined with locally produced ash; that that would be zero emissions from heating and hot water production as there would be a wood burner and an air sourced heat pump for these purposes; that there would be a rain water harvesting system; that the roof ridge would be higher than the original proposal; that, although it may be used as a meeting room for the family and the Sundorne Estate Trustees, it would not be available for hired use by anyone else. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council supports the application. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post a comment to that effect on Shropshire Council's planning register.
- 16/04965/EIA. Poultry units at the Rea. Decision still pending.

19/082. Current Projects.

Replacement/repair of village hall boundary fence: Councillor Walters reported that a representative from Shropshire Wildlife Trust had visited the hall and is to provide a quotation for the work required, in time for the next meeting. It was noted that oak will be sourced from a sustainable forest in South Shropshire and that the Trust will use community groups, people experiencing long term unemployment and people with mental health issues to carry out the work. There will also be an opportunity for parishioners to help, if they wish. **ACTION:** Councillor Walters to report back to the next meeting.

19/083. General Village Matters.

- Houghton Crossroads: The Parish Clerk reported that she had reported the fast-growing hedge to Telford and Wrekin Council. Mr. Jordan advised that he is due to meet with a representative from the Forestry Commission and he offered to show him the problem area at the same time. Mr. Jordan was thanked for his offer.
- Footpaths and bridleways: The Parish Council had received an email from a parishioner who advised that several footpaths are currently impassable. Mr. Jordan advised that the Sundorne Castle Estate has recently purchased a trailed mower which will be used to keep the paths and other grassed areas clear. Regarding the recent problems with the footpath/bridleway at Hunkington, Mr. Jordan advised that he had been mistaken in which path/bridleway was involved. He has since found that the correct one is in the wrong location and, following a meeting with Shropshire Council's Rights of Way Team, this footpath/bridleway and a few others will be moved.
- Village appearance: The same email from a parishioner as above, complained about the unkempt appearance of some of the verges and hedges in the village, especially along the road

leading past the school. Councillor Pillow advised that he has already spoken to one homeowner and Councillor Walters agreed that he would visit another to ask that their frontage is tidied up. It was also agreed that the Parish Clerk would ask Shropshire Council to carry out siding out of the main pavement. **ACTION:** Parish Council to report to Shropshire Council.

- Smart Water: **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to contact Uffington Parish Council to ask for costs for their Smartwater kits and also details of who they received extra funding from.
- Defibrillator: The Chairman reported that he had been advised that the Haughmond Shop is in the process of installing a defibrillator on the wall of the shop, with funding being provided by a cycling group and the Shrewsbury Lions Group. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council would provide a grant of £150.00 towards the installation of the defibrillator. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to send a Grant Application form to the Haughmond Shop. Mr. Jordan advised that there is one installed on the entrance wall to the Business Park. It was agreed that signs giving the locations of both should be put on the village notice boards and in the village hall. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to arrange notices once the second defibrillator is in place.
- It was reported that a tractor driver is speeding through the village and using a mobile phone whilst driving. This will be investigated.

19/084. Correspondence.

Polling Station Review: Shropshire Council has asked for the Parish Council's opinion on Upton Magna Memorial Hall suitability as a polling station. It was agreed that the hall is very suitable, and it is not necessary to consider changing to any other venue. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to complete and submit the Polling Station Review form to Electoral Services.

19/085. Items for Next Agenda.

Smart Water, Haughton Crossroads, defibrillator.

The Chairman opened the floor to Mr. Jordan who reported the following to the Parish Council:

- A few weeks ago, there had been multiple break-ins at the Business Park at 6.45 am in the morning. Nothing of value was taken but considerable damage was caused to unit doors. CCTV has now been installed but parishioners should be vigilant as it is suspected that the offenders will return to the village in the near future. Councillors shared Mr. Jordan's disappointment that although it was light at the time of the break-in and many alarms were set off, no neighbouring residents reacted or called the police.
- Motorcycles are being ridden over Haughmond Hill and Mr. Jordan would like to be informed at the time, if anyone sees them.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.10pm.

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 12th of September 2019.

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