

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on 9th January 2020.

20/001. Public Question Time.

None.

20/002. Present.

Parish Councillors: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Walters, Mr. Brooker, Dr. Dawson, Mrs. Brenton, Mr. Pillow. Mrs. Smith-Wells (Parish Clerk). Shropshire Councillor Lezley Picton. 1 member of the public.

20/003. Apologies.

None.

20/004. Resignation of Councillor Lambert.

The Chairman advised that he has received Councillor Lambert's resignation. The Parish Clerk has advertised the vacancy in the parish.

20/005. Declarations of Interest.

None.

20/006. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th December 2019.

Signed as a correct record.

20/007. Monthly Report from Councillor Picton.

- Further encouragement of all parishioners to use "My Shropshire" for the reporting of potholes, broken road signs, flooding etc.
- Haughton Crossroads – see minute 20/011 below.

20/008. 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 December
£27.31	Streetlight electricity
£15.00	Use of school for December meeting
£30.00	Use of village hall for October and November meetings
£60.00	Contribution towards the production of the Church Times

- It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the precept be set at £5151.00, a reduction of £20 on last year. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to submit the bid to Shropshire Council.

- It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the draft budget (prepared by the Parish Clerk) be accepted.

20/009. Current Projects.

- Replacement/repair of village hall boundary fence: Ongoing.
- Asset Register: Councillor Brooker advised that he had carried out the annual inspection of the Parish Council's assets and he was thanked for his time. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to arrange any remedial action required. Councillor Brooker also reported that he has removed the rotten bench from opposite the Haughmond but had left the memorial plaque in place on the tree as he considered it not to be damaging it. It was agreed that other Councillors would also check and offer their opinion at the next meeting. **ACTION:** All Councillors to check the plaque on the tree.
- Smartwater: It was proposed, seconded and resolved (with 1 abstention) that the Parish Council purchases Smartwater kits for 80% of the dwellings in the Parish. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to order the kits.

20/010. Planning.

- 19/02436/FUL: Installation of biomass boilers at Forge Farm, Upton Magna. Decision pending.
- 16/04965/EIA: Poultry units at Forge Farm. Decision pending.
- 19/5329/FUL: Internal alterations and extension at 3 Frank Crosse Drive. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council would not object to this application. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post a comment on Shropshire Council's planning register to that effect.
- 19/05575/FUL: Erection of single dwelling at 11 Pelham Road, Upton Magna. The Parish Clerk reported that an extension to the comment deadline has been granted by Shropshire Council. This application will therefore be discussed at the next meeting.

20/011. General Village Matters.

- Haughton Crossroads: The Parish Clerk reported that Shropshire Council has advised that although this site has been included in the Place Plan, it has not been included in the 2020/21 highways programme. The next stage is for Shropshire Council to look at how this project can now be "prioritised and funded". Councillor Picton advised that she will continue to push for remedial work to be funded through the CIL scheme. Mr. Jordan (Sundorne Castle Estate Manager) is hoping to meet a representative from the Forest Commission in the very near future.
- Pelham Road residents' parking: Severnside Housing has agreed to meet on site with a representative from the Parish Council. **ACTION:** The Chairman is to arrange to meet with Severnside Housing's representative.
- Moving of village sign by de Quincey Fields: Still in its original place at present. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to chase Shropshire Council Highways section.
- HGVs using Pelham Road to reach CJ Wild Bird Food: The Parish Clerk reported that she had emailed Ian Walshaw of Shropshire Council for help and advice, but no reply had been received to date. Mr. Jordan advised that he has met with the CEO of CJ Wild Bird Food who expressed his concern over the continuing problem. They agreed that

clearer, simpler signage is required, and Mr. Jordan will continue to help with providing a solution. The CEO also advised that they are considering using “What 3 Words” to help guide drivers to CJ Wild Bird Food.

20/012. Correspondence.

None.

20/013. Items for Next Agenda.

Smart Water, Haughton Crossroads, parking for occupants of Pelham Road flats, planning application 19/05575/FUL, layby/parking at the Criftins Corner.

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

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 13th of February 2020.

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