

UPTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Upton Magna Village Hall on 13th February 2020.

20/014 Public Question Time.

None.

20/015 Present.

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

20/016 Apologies.

Mr. Walters.

20/017 Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Brooker for item 10, planning application 19/05575/FUL.

20/018 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th January 2020.

Signed as a correct record.

20/019 Monthly Report from Councillor Picton.

- Parish Councillors are invited to visit the Veolia site on either 6th or 13th of May at 1.45pm. Anyone interested should let the Parish Clerk know.
- A consultant has been employed by Shropshire Council to reorganise methods of working in the Highways section.
- Shropshire Council is being forced to use funding reserves to balance the budget for 2020/21.
- Haughton Crossroads – see minute 20/023 below.

20/020 Accounts.

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

£235.25	Parish Clerk's salary, Working from Home Allowance and mileage for January
£27.31	Streetlight electricity
£154.80	PAYE for third quarter
£62.82	Lawnmower repairs

- The Parish Clerk confirmed that the precept bid had been submitted to Shropshire Council by the given deadline.

20/021 Current Projects.

- Replacement/repair of village hall boundary fence: Ongoing.
- Smartwater: The Parish Clerk reported that she had completed the application for the grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner and this had been accepted, and the ordering of the kits was underway.

20/022 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. Permission granted.
- 19/05575/FUL: Erection of single dwelling at 11 Pelham Road, Upton Magna. (Councillor Brooker left the room for this item). It was proposed, seconded and resolved (with 1 abstention) that the Parish Council does not object to it. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post a comment to that effect, on Shropshire Council's planning register.
- 20/00543/FUL: Erection of 2-storey dwelling at 6 Pelham Road, Upton Magna. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council does not object to it. However, the application may be reconsidered, should any comments be received by the Parish Council (or posted on this register) by the occupants of neighbouring properties, by the given deadline. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post a comment to that effect, on Shropshire Council's planning register.
- 20/00558/FUL: Erection of single storey extension at 2 Haughmond Houses, Somerwood. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Parish Council does not object to it. However, the application may be reconsidered, should any comments be received by the Parish Council (or posted on this register) by the occupants of neighbouring properties, by the given deadline. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to post a comment to that effect, on Shropshire Council's planning register.

20/023 General Village Matters.

- Haughton Crossroads: As it was still not known if Mr. Jordan (Sundorne Castle Estate Manager) had met with a representative from the Forest Commission, it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to them, reminding them that a permanent solution is urgently required. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to write to the Forestry Commission. Mathew Mead of Shropshire Council had confirmed that the issue at Haughton crossroads has been included in the revision of the Place Plan and the new version of it will be published on Shropshire Council's website in March. He also confirmed that, in terms of prioritisation of highways projects to be delivered in 2020/21, a piece of work is being undertaken at the moment, with their highways team, and a list of priority projects from the Place Plan should be released shortly and shared with Shropshire Councillors.
- Pelham Road residents' parking: The Chairman reported that he had met with a representative from Severnside Housing. Unfortunately, although they appreciated how providing off road parking would be of benefit, Severnside Housing does not have funding available to carry out the work, but residents could apply to them to carry out

the work themselves.

- Moving of village sign by de Quincey Fields: Still in its original place at present. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to chase Ian Walshaw’s replacement.
- 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 was not present to provide an update on signage in the field close to the Uffington junction, so it was agreed to include this on the next agenda.
- Dangerous parking at Criftins Corner: The Parish Clerk reported that she had given details of this to Shropshire Council Highways section. It was noted that Shropshire Council is only responsible for the first 500mm of a roadside verge and anything after that is the responsibility of the landowner. It was agreed that the Parish Council is limited in what it can do to prevent unwanted parking (and therefore access to Haughmond Hill) in this area but it would provide support where it is legally able to do so.
- Flooding on the corner by the entrance to de Quincey Fields: It was agreed that this is a danger to road users. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to ask the Sundorne Estate Manager if he can check verge drainage, and also to report to Shropshire Council.
- Councillor Brenton reported that, although not in the parish of Upton Magna, the National Trust Estate Manager would be happy to visit the Parish Council to discuss planning application 19/05568/FUL, conversion of barns to holiday lets at Berwick New House Farm.

20/024 Correspondence.

It was agreed not to purchase plastic streetlight poppies for the VE celebrations.

20/025 New Items for Next Agenda.

No new items.

20/026 Co-option of Parish Councillor.

Councillors discussed the two applications received and then cast votes for their preferred candidate. Mrs. Yvonne Moorcroft won by 3 votes to 2 and it was proposed, seconded and resolved that she be co-opted onto the Parish Council. **ACTION:** Parish Clerk to carry out the formal process of co-option.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.55pm.

..... (Chairman) (Date)

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 12th of March 2020.

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