

UPPER ARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Upper Arley Parish Council held on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at Shatterford Village Hall, the meeting commenced at 20.18 p.m. following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Present: Chairman Cllr G Rickhuss, Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley, Cllr Mrs S Rickhuss, Cllr I Latimer, Cllr J Lawley and Cllr A Potter

In Attendance: Mrs A Preece (Clerk) District Cllr J Byng, District Cllr P Harrison and three members of the public.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs L Snodgrass, Cllr H Link, Cllr S McLachlan, County Cllr D Morehead and the Local Policing Team.

2. Declarations of Interest: Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley and Cllr J Lawley declared an interest in agenda item 10 b) planning application 24/0079/FUL Nash End Farm Lion Lane Arley Bewdley - demolition of barn and replacement with 1 No. rural workers dwelling received following the issue of the agenda.

3. Community Policing: Apologies received from the Local Policing Team.

Three members of the public were in attendance for Public Question Time: notes of which are appended to these minutes

4. Dispensations: No dispensation requests received.

5. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th March 2024 at Arley Memorial Hall were approved.

6. District and County Council Matters: Cllr Harrison reported that the public toilet block in Upper Arley Village had been sold by auction. The Clerk read out the report from County Cllr Dan Morehead.

7. Service Reports:

a) Lengthsman: Timesheet circulated. The Clerk advised that the new Lengthsman computer system was now in operation, there had been no issues processing claims. The budget for the current financial year has been increased to £2,600.

8. Highways Issues: Cllr Lawley asked for an update on the issue he reported with the footpath from Nash Elm to the lane at the side of the Housing Estate. Clerk to chase up response.

9. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts:

- a) Members noted the bank balances at the 15th April 2024
- b) Members approved payments as per the schedule.
- c) Members ratified payments as per the list.
- d) Bank reconciliation: The Chairman completed the bank reconciliation for the period ending 31st March 2024.
- e) Payments and Receipts Account: Members noted the payments and receipts account for the period ending 31st March 2024.
- f) Appointment of Internal Auditor: Members appointed Miss J Barker as the Internal Auditor for the 2024-2025 financial year.

10. Planning and Development Control:

a) Planning Applications Received

24/0182/FUL Land At Os 377940 282285 Bridgnorth Road Shatterford
Proposed development of 2no. three bed detached dwellings with associated works.

No objection

24/0187/HOU Coldridge Farm Witnells End Shatterford
Single storey and two storey rear extensions with balcony. Two storey side extension and swimming pool to rear amenity.

Members resolved to ask the District Councillors to 'call in' this application to be heard by the Planning Committee.

Cllr Potter declared an interest in the following agenda item.

24/0183/CLE The Bumbles Upper Birch Road Shatterford
Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of the building as a commercial car workshop (use class B2) for in excess of ten years.

Members believed that the building had been used for a car repair shop for around the last thirty years, though not used so frequently in the last ten years since the occupant who carried out the repairs retired and was subsequently used more for storage.

b) Additional Planning Applications/other Planning Matters Since Close of Agenda

24/0088/HOU Greenfields Romsley Lane Shatterford
Construction of a triple garage.

Members did not support this application.

Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley and Cllr J Lawley left the room for the following agenda item.

24/0079/FUL Nash End Farm Lion Lane Arley Bewdley
Demolition of barn and replacement with 1No. rural workers dwelling.

No objection.

Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley and Cllr J Lawley rejoined the meeting.

c) Planning Decisions Received

23/0683/FUL| High Trees Farm Beacon Lane Shatterford Bewdley. Replacement of a barn with a dwelling and garage and demolition of further existing barn. Approved.

11. Clerk's Report: Clerks report on ongoing items noted.

12. Correspondence for Information: Members noted correspondence received report from the Clerk.

13. Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas: Cllr Mrs Rickhuss asked when the work on the A442 Brich Bank was going to be undertaken – Clerk to contact Kidderminster Foreign Parish Council for an update. She also asked the Clerk to look into obtaining a plaque for the D-Day landing commemoration on the 6th June 2024.

14. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting, which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, will take place on Tuesday 21st May 2024 at Arley Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 21.00 p.m.

Signed

Chairman to Upper Arley Parish Council Cllr G Rickhuss

Notes of Public Question Time

Three members of the public were in attendance. The following issues were raised

- Access to the rear of properties on Arley Housing Estate.
- Planning application in relation to Coldridge Farm Witnells End Shatterford