

UPPER ARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of Upper Arley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2025 at Shatterford Village Hall. The meeting commenced at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Cllr G Rickhuss, Cllr Mrs S Rickhuss, Cllr Mrs L Snodgrass, Cllr I Latimer JP and Cllr H Link.

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

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley, Cllr J Lawley, Cllr S McLachlan and Cllr A Potter

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Community Policing: PCSO Marc Ginder gave the Police report. No issues to report in the Parish but he advised that there had been a spate of mowers being stolen in the surrounding areas so everyone should be vigilant. He recommended the use of ipad or android air tags to enable property to be traced in the event of theft.

The Clerk advised that a representative from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office will be joining the March meeting to listen to Members concerns regarding Policing matters.

One member of the public in attendance for Public Question Time: Notes of which are appended to these minutes.

The meeting was reconvened to conduct the following items of business:

4. Dispensations: No dispensation requests received.

5. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 2024 at Arley Memorial Hall were approved.

6. District and County Council Matters: District Cllr P Harrison gave an update on discussions for the County's two-tier Councils to be replaced with a single, unitary authority. District Cllr J Byng advised of road disruptions in the Bewdley area that may affect residents during the month of February 2025, including a road closure from the 25th to the 26th February on Habberley Road and roadworks on Kidderminster Road, Bewdley from the 24th February 2025 lasting for four weeks.

7. Service Reports:

a) Lengthsman: Lengthsman timesheets were circulated for Members perusal.

8. Highways Issues: The Chairman reported a fallen tree which was partially blocking the road on Upper Birch Lane, this had been reported to the County Council. Cllr Mrs Snodgrass confirmed that she had reported online the potholes outside Lane Farm, Arley Lane on more than one occasion. Cllr Link advised that the 'parking' sign on the A442 layby at the bottom of Birch Bank needed replacing.

9. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts:

- a) Members noted the bank balances at the 19th January 2025.
- b) Members approved payments as per the schedule.
- c) Members ratified payments as per the list.
- d) Bank Reconciliation: The Chairman approved the bank reconciliation for the period ending 31st December 2024.
- e) Precept: Members resolved to set the Parish Precept for the 2025-2026 financial year at £19,547.55, example 4 on the sample precept modelling document.

10. Planning and Development Control:

a) Planning Applications Received

None

b) Planning Application Consultations Since Last Meeting

24/0822/FUL Greenfields Romsley Lane Shatterford

Removal of existing septic tank serving dwelling and replacement with wastewater treatment plant in adjacent field. No objection.

c) Additional Planning Applications or other Planning Matters since close of Agenda

24/0645/HOU 22 Arley Lane Goods Green Shatterford

Single storey front and rear extensions with two storey side extension. No objection.

24/0513/FUL Oak Tree Farm Button Oak To Arley Road Pound Green Bewdley

Erection of 1no. dwelling following demolition of barn.

d) Planning Decisions Received

24/0731/NMA|Non-Material Amendment related to Planning Reference
22/0559/HOU: Rangemore Trimpley Lane Shatterford Worcestershire.
Change of roof material and extension wall to run alongside site boundary.
Approved.

24/0605/HOU Greendale Cottage Bridgnorth Road Shatterford
Install of a Mitsubishi PUZ-WM50VHA 5KW Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) to the rear of the property. Approved.

e) Wyre Forest District Council - Scoping Consultation on the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document: Members considered a response to the above consultation.

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

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

13. Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas: Cllr Latimer advised that Pound Green and Button Oak Community Hall has now returned to management by the original Committee.

14. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th February 2025 at Arley Memorial Hall commencing at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed

Chairman to Upper Arley Parish Council Cllr G Rickhuss

Notes of Public Question Time

One member of the public in attendance. No issues were raised.