

UPPER ARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of Upper Arley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29th April 2025 at Shatterford Village Hall. The meeting immediately followed the Annual Parish Meeting which commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Cllr G Rickhuss, Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley, Cllr Mrs S Rickhuss, Cllr Mrs L Snodgrass, Cllr I Latimer JP, Cllr J Lawley, Cllr H Link and Cllr A Potter.

In Attendance: Mrs A Preece (Clerk), District Cllr J Byng, District Cllr P Harrison and District/County Cllr D Morehead.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from the Local Policing Team.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Community Policing: No report provided.

No members of the public in attendance for Public Question Time.
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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 25th March 2025 at Arley Memorial Hall were approved.

6. District and County Council Matters: Cllr Morehead wished to acknowledge his lack of attendance at Parish Council meetings but unfortunately the meetings often clash with District Council meetings, he does, however, always send his apologies and a report if there are any updates on casework. Cllr Latimer raised some concerns with Cllr Morehead regarding potholes on the Bewdley to Button Oak Road which had been reported at the previous meeting. Cllr Morehead confirmed that the area of concern was covered by Shropshire Council and that he had been in touch with Shropshire Councillors regarding the issue, repairs should be done in the next two to three weeks. Cllr Byng added that to put some context on this matter, he had been in Worcestershire and Staffordshire over the last few days and the roads in those Counties were much worse, by comparison he believes that Worcestershire County Council does a good job.

7. Service Reports:

a) Lengthsman: Timesheets circulated, the Clerk confirmed that Annual Agreement had been signed for the new financial year.

8. Highways Issues: Covered in agenda item 6.

9. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts:

- a) Members noted the bank balances at the 16th April 2025.
- 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 2025.
- e) Payments and Receipts Account: Members noted the payments and receipts account for the period ending 31st March 2025.
- f) Appointment of Internal Auditor: It was resolved that Miss J Barker be appointed as the Internal Auditor for the 2025-2026 financial year.

10. Planning and Development Control:

a) Planning Applications Received

None.

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

None.

c) Planning Decisions Received

25/0090/S73 Land At Os 377940 282285 Bridgnorth Road Shatterford. Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) attached to planning approval ref: 24/0182/FUL. Approved.

25/0087/HOU Severn View Button Oak To Arley Road Arley Bewdley. Erection of Garden Building. Approved.

25/0213/CR Land At Goods Green Farm Arley Lane Shatterford. Discharge of conditions 3 (Materials) and 4 (Bin Store) of Planning Permission 23/0801/FUL. Approved.

25/0124/PNR Barn Adjacent High Lea Button Oak To Arley Road Pound Green. Conversion of Agricultural Building to Residential Dwelling. Prior approval given.

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 Mrs Snodgrass asked if road signage could be improved on the entrance to Upper Arley Village as two HGV vehicles had recently entered the village and got stuck on the bridge unaware that it was a dead end and unsuitable for large vehicles. Cllr Latimer gave an update on the recent meeting he had been invited to attend at Pound Green and Button Oak Community Hall. The Committee is keen to see the Parish Council resume meetings at the Hall. The Chairman noted that the memorial trees planted in the car park opposite Arley Memorial

Hall needed some attention. One of the original trees has not survived, an inspection of the trees is needed to assess the work to be done.

14. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at Arley Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30 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

No members of the public in attendance.